The government has withdrawn the recommendation that clinically extremely vulnerable patients should shield. This is a response to falling infection and hospitalisation rates and the falling death rate from COVID-19. The ABN has therefore withdrawn its guidance identifying those at greatest risk from complications of COVID-19.

We would still recommend that people at greatest risk from complications of COVID-19 continue to follow general recommendations on hand washing and face covering to minimise the risk of contracting the virus.

If circumstances change, the ABN will issue new guidance.

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