



Health and Safety Policy - First Aid Addendum June 2020

Any first aiders who are unable to maintain social distancing measure of 2m when attending a first aid incident should follow Government guidelines on usage of PPE:

When on duty they should ensure that they have immediate access to the minimum PPE – face mask, disposable gloves and plastic apron.

Please see guidance on Donning and Doffing PPE:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877658/Quick_guide_to_donning_doffing_standard_PPE_health_and_social_care_poster_.pdf

This is in addition to the normal First Aid equipment outlined in the School's First Aid Policy.

First Aiders should make themselves familiar with the guidance below in order to protect both themselves and others they are in contact with.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders/interim-guidance-for-first-responders-and-others-in-close-contact-with-symptomatic-people-with-potential-2019-ncov>

What to do if you are required to come into close contact with someone as part of your first aider duties

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

Where it is not possible to maintain a 2 metre or more distance away from an individual, disposable gloves and a disposable plastic apron are recommended.

Disposable gloves should be worn if physical contact is likely to be made with potentially contaminated areas or items.

The use of a fluid repellent surgical face mask is recommended and additional use of disposable eye protection (such as face visor or goggles) should be risk assessed when there is an anticipated risk of contamination with splashes, droplets of blood or body fluids.

Clean your hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol sanitiser before putting on and after taking off PPE.

In all circumstances where some form of PPE is used, the safe removal of the PPE is a critical consideration to avoid self-contamination.

Use and dispose of all PPE according to the instructions

Providing assistance to unwell individuals

If you need to provide assistance to an individual who is symptomatic and may have COVID19, wherever possible, place the person in a place away from others. If there is no physically separate room, ask others who are not involved in providing assistance to stay at least 2 metres away from the individual. If barriers or screens are available, these may be used.

Cleaning the area where assistance was provided

Cleaning will depend on where assistance was provided. It should follow the advice for cleaning in non-healthcare settings.

Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time in (such as corridors) but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be cleaned in the usual way.

However, all surfaces that a symptomatic individual has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected.

If there has been a blood or body-fluid spill

Keep people away from the area.

Cover the spill with paper towels immediately.

If appropriate use the bodily fluid clean-up kit, available in the first aid area to clean up the spillage, alternatively notify the site manager.

Ensure any contaminated paper towels are disposed of and double-bagged, ensuring gloves, plastic apron and face mask is worn.

Use signage to indicate the floor is wet and ensure people continue to stay away from the area.