



SAFE WORK PRACTICE SHEET #28

National Ambulance Service

Task: Decontamination of RRV's utilised in COVID Home Assessments.

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In addition to the correct use, handling, donning and doffing of PPE in common with all NAS vehicles it will be necessary to conduct in between patient cleaning of the RRV and equipment used in this service provision. In order for this to be successful please plan in advance and bring the minimum equipment possible into the call location. Be mindful of good IPC practice. This is not intended to be a therapeutic service.

The coronavirus is a lipid enveloped virus which is susceptible to all the cleaning products in the NAS supply chain. Please take the following steps after each patient engagement; this is a brief but comprehensive sanitisation completable in a few minutes.

- Prior to accessing RRV or returning equipment Doff PPE and double bag in clinical waste bag, store in the cargo area of the RRV disposing off at next available location with suitable clinical waste disposal facilities. Do not store in RRV until end of shift.
- After the final step of hand decontamination put on new gloves and decontaminate all utilised assessment equipment.
 - Blood pressure cuff and tubing is thoroughly wiped with Clinell universal wipes.
 - Chest leads / trunk cable wipes thoroughly with Clinell universal wipes
 - Spo2 lead and sensor wiped thoroughly with Clinell universal wipes
 - All buttons/ screen/handle and exterior case wiped thoroughly with Clinell universal wipes.
 - Thermometer / Glucometer / stethoscope thoroughly wiped with Clinell universal wipes.

Use a separate wipe for each individual item, do not cross contaminate, Clinell requires a 60 second contact time, do not wipe off. Dispose of wipes as normal clinical waste.



Vehicle decontamination.

Remove Gloves after equipment decontamination, clean hands, don clean gloves.

Focus on key contact points – Steering Wheel, Hand brake, Indicator / wiper stalks, gear shift, vehicle and communications radio controls, door handles including external.

Remember to decontaminate pens, phones etc. which were touched in assessment process or prior to doffing PPE.

Use a separate wipe for each individual item, do not cross contaminate, change wipe sooner if visible soiling present.

