

## **Novel Coronavirus (2019 nCov) –Guidance for Ports and Airports**

### **Section 1 Guidance on the management of self-presenters at ports and airports**

In the event of an individual identifying themselves to a member of staff in the port/ airport; the following steps should be taken by staff;

- 1.1 Isolate the person (and their belongings) in a room with the door closed, equipment in the room should be kept to a minimum
- 1.2 Do not physically examine the person
- 1.3 Member of staff should leave room and wash their hands
- 1.4 Seek specialist advice from the PHA Health Protection Service

#### **PHA contact Details – in hours- 9am-5pm Monday to Friday**

Tel: 0300 555 0119 – and speak to the Duty Room Co-ordinator who will deal with your enquiry and escalate as necessary.

E-mail: [pha.dutyroom@hscni.net](mailto:pha.dutyroom@hscni.net) – (9am-5pm Monday to Friday only)

#### **PHA contact details -out of hours- 5pm-9am (Mon- Fri) 9am-9am - stat days and holidays**

Tel: NI Ambulance Service number (028 90404045). Ask for the Public Health doctor on -call. Leave your contact details and PH on – call will contact you directly.

- 1.5 In the event of an emergency, contact NIAS via 999.

### **Section 2 Environmental cleaning following a possible case**

Once a possible case has been transferred from the premises, the room where the person was placed should not be used, the room door should remain shut, with windows opened and the air conditioning switched off, until it has been cleaned with detergent and disinfectant. Once this process has been completed, the room can be put back in use immediately.

#### **2.1 Preparation**

The responsible person undertaking the cleaning with detergent and disinfectant should be familiar with these processes and procedures:

- collect all cleaning equipment and clinical waste bags before entering the room
- any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of as single use items
- before entering the room, perform hand hygiene then put on a full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); this will include a waterproof long sleeved gown and disposable apron, long cuffed gloves, a disposable hat, a face visor and an FFP3 respirator mask

## **2.2 On entering the room**

- keep the door closed with windows open to improve airflow and ventilation whilst using detergent and disinfection products
- bag all items that have been used for the care of the patient as clinical waste (Category B)
- remove any fabric curtains or screens and bag as infectious linen
- close any sharps containers wiping the surfaces with either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1000 parts per million (ppm) available chlorine (av.cl.) or a neutral purpose detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.)

## **2.3 Cleaning process**

Use disposable cloths/paper roll/disposable mop heads, to clean and disinfect all hard surfaces/floor/chairs/door handles/reusable non-invasive care equipment/sanitary fittings in the room, following one of the 2 options below:

- use either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1000 parts per million (ppm) available chlorine (av.cl.)
- or a neutral purpose detergent followed by disinfection solution (1000 ppm av.cl.)
- follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants
- any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of as single use items

## **2.4 Cleaning and disinfection of reusable equipment**

- clean and disinfect any reusable equipment that is in the room prior to their removal
- clean all reusable equipment systematically from the top or furthest away point

## **2.5 Carpeted flooring and soft furnishings**

- If carpeted floors/item cannot withstand chlorine-releasing agents, consult the manufacturer's instructions or employ steam cleaning

## **2.6 On leaving the room**

- discard detergent/disinfectant solutions safely at disposal point
- all waste from suspected contaminated areas should be removed from the room and disposed of as clinical waste

- clean, disinfect, dry and store re-usable parts of cleaning equipment, such as mop handles
- safely remove and discard PPE as clinical waste
- perform hand hygiene

## **2.7 Cleaning of communal areas**

If a suspected case spent time in a communal area, for example, a waiting area or toilet facilities, this should be cleaned using the process outlined above. Once cleaning and disinfection have been completed, the area can be put back in use.

For more information on 2019-nCoV please go to the PHA website:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/advice-2019-ncov-novel-coronavirus>