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| RPE Awareness Training for Surgical, P2 and P3 masks. |
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**Overview**

The RPE Awareness Training package is to be delivered by staff who have completed face fit test training. Where required these staff are able to cascade the RPE Awareness Training package to other Health & Safety colleagues for local delivery within establishments to end users of disposable RPE.

In order to meet operational needs, it may be necessary for other identified staff to be trained in the delivery of the Awareness Training package. Such staff must be trained by Health and Safety teams to ensure competency of delivery.

Suggested training session (30 minutes)

Identified training room to provide sufficient space to allow social distancing to be observed by those attending the session.

A signing in sheet should be completed for each session with a log held of those who have completed the awareness training.

**Aims**

To provide the user with information on the difference between masks available

To enable users to don and doff masks correctly

To enable users to perform a self face fit check.

To raise awareness to SOPs and PPE requirements and additional resources available

**Resources required**

Trainer to hold and retain a surgical mask, P2 and P3 mask for purpose of demonstration and must not be shared.

Due to the limited supplies of PPE it is unlikely attendees will have access to masks for training purposes.

If attendees are provided masks for training they are able to practice fitting and completing the self face fit check. It is important to remind staff they will need to look after the mask until required for use to complete an identified task requiring the mask.

Trainers to be familiar with the Safe Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued for escorts and bed watches’ and ‘Involving contact with suspected, confirmed cases and other’ and attached guidance. It is also suggested where possible you watch the YouTube clips within the resource pack attached which can be accessed through a personal mobile or personal computer/laptop before running a course.

**Delivery of training**

1. Discuss the different types of masks. It is important to inform attendees there are a number of different styles.

* Some P2 and P3 masks may have ear loops or adjustable straps or elastic straps
* Some masks may have valves some may not
* Some masks may be flat others in the shape of a moulded cup
* Although the design of a mask may vary they must perform to a specified performance standard for the level of protection given i.e. surgical, P2 or P3.

1. Discuss the current instructions on when P2/3 masks and associated PPE need to be used. Ensure they understand the current guidance pointing out the hierarchy of removing PPE with a mask being the last item to be removed.

The attached provides a quick reference guide to what PPE is required when.



Current SOP for escorts and operational tasks where suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 below.

 

*Note; Read and understand the current SOP guidance on ‘escorts and bed watches’ and ‘Involving contact with suspected, confirmed cases and other’ before running a course.*

1. Discuss the reason for using P3/P2 masks in some identified tasks and how the mask achieves this e.g. by their close fit and filtering out the particulate / moisture etc as it passes through the material. Note that current PHE guidance is that either type of mask may be used for close contact work such as vehicle escorts and hospital bed-watches etc.
2. Highlight for a mask to provide the user with the required protection it must be fitted correctly.

See attached guidance which provides a step by step guide to donning and doffing Surgical, P2 and P3 Masks which should be made available to attendees.



1. Cover how to check a mask before use to make sure it is ok e.g. check type of mask (P2 or P3) and use by date on the packaging, following hand hygiene before removing the mask from package, checking condition of the mask and associated straps.
2. Demonstrate

* How to put on each mask
* How to perform the self-face fit check which must be performed every time a P2 /P3 mask is fitted, advise what to do if the user does not get the required seal
* Explain clearing the direct check for a valved and non valved mask
* The correct process to remove and dispose of the mask in the clinical waste

1. Highlight there may be a need to tie back long hair and consider removing jewellery if necessary.
2. Discuss facial hair, pointing out some styles of beards, goatees, moustaches impact on the seal of a (P2 or P3) mask and the face. Highlight for the mask to provide the level of protection required the skin should be clean shaven where the mask seal meets the face.

See attached guidance chart which should be made available to attendees.



Be familiar with the attached HMPPS Communication issued 26th April COVID-19: Advice on beards, stubble and facial hair when fitting PPE which has been shared with establishment Governors.



1. Discuss the use of glasses and associated PPE (goggles and full face masks etc) being mindful these do not interfere with the mask fit.
2. Note they must familiarise themselves with the instructions on the packing as PPE may vary in style depending on supplies available to ensure they are fitting it correctly also taking in to account the guidance you are giving them.
3. Raise awareness masks should be removed e.g. max 4hours or if compromised.
4. Share the attached leaflet which provides information to YouTube links which show how to don and doff a surgical mask, P2 and P3 mask.

