

Measures to Keep Staff Safe from COVID-19 in Haemodialysis Units



Staff are at risk from patients, staff and home contacts

Strong, supportive leadership



Clear communication



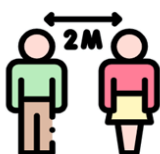
SYMPTOMS-STAY AT HOME

Symptomatic staff stay at home
PCR test same day



PPE – KEEP TRAINING UP TO DATE

Mask, visor, gloves, gown/apron
Dispose of or clean your visor
Don't touch your mask



SOCIAL DISTANCING

In clinical areas and staff rooms
Between computers / desks
In meetings and handovers
Stagger break times



HAND HYGIENE

In clinical areas
In staff rooms
In meeting rooms
Audit compliance



MAXIMISE FRESH AIR

Understand ventilation system
Increase intake of fresh air
Keep windows open



DECLUTTER AND CLEAN

Appoint a tidy champion
Clean workstations at least 4 times daily (keyboards, surfaces, computer mice, phones, etc.)



MEETINGS & HANDOVERS

Avoid face-to-face meetings
Virtual meetings if possible
Maintain social distancing
Define max. no. people / room



COVID-19 TESTING

Patients – PCR test weekly where community infection is high
Staff – regular lateral flow or PCR
Measure staff sickness



COVID-SAFE STAFF ROOMS

Use own cup, don't share food
Hand gel on entry and exit
Keep mask on
Increase cleaning



VACCINATION

Ensure all offered vaccine
Discuss vaccine hesitancy
Answer questions/ concerns
Re-offer vaccine



INDIVIDUAL RISK AND MENTAL HEALTH

Identify those struggling or at risk
It's OK not to be OK - discuss concerns, signpost to support
Agree solutions



RECOGNISE COVID OUTBREAKS

2 or more linked people in 10 days
Test all staff & patients
Report to local IPC team
Perform root cause analysis