

# DSH CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION PRECAUTIONS FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS



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1. If a Cardio-Pulmonary event requiring resuscitation occurs for a COVID-19 patient or a Patient Under Investigation (PUI), there are specific precautions that need to be taken to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Follow latest accredited resuscitation guidelines (CPR/ACLS).
- The number of HCP responding to the medical emergency should be limited to the least number necessary to perform adequate resuscitation.
- All HCP responding must wear all recommended PPE to assure maximal protection including N95 respirator or higher protection, face shield or goggles, gowns, gloves and shoe coverings as indicated.
- Replacement PPE must be available immediately if needed.
- One assigned HCP assures that all responders are wearing the required PPE.
- Extreme precautions must be followed for aerosol-generating procedures such as intubation, tracheal suctioning and AMBU bag ventilation.
- Single-use AMBU Bags with HEPA filter are recommended when available.

2. After a patient is transferred to the 911 emergency response team:

- Dispose of, or clean, all equipment (including PPE) used during resuscitation following the manufacturer's recommendations and local guidelines.
- All work surfaces and bedding that were involved during the resuscitation will also need to be cleaned according to local guidelines.