

Identification of Isolation Room for patient (Case/Suspected Case of COVID-19)

Identifying isolation room

1. Dental and Orthodontic Clinics should identify a potential isolation room for use if required, bearing in mind that the patient will be unsupervised in this space. Ensure that appropriate hand-hygiene facilities and supplies are available within the room.
2. Give consideration to toilet facilities when identifying the isolation room.

Setting up isolation room

3. Post a sign (Appendix 1) on the door indicating that the space is an isolation area when in use as an isolation room and staff should not enter. The sign should include the time isolation room was vacated.
4. Remove all non-essential furniture/curtains/consumables/leaflets/books/bins and ensure that the remaining furniture is easy to clean and disinfect, and does not conceal or retain dirt or moisture within or around it.
5. Stock the sink area (if applicable) with adequate supplies for handwashing,
6. Stock alcohol-based hand rub and tissues near the point of care and at the room door. Display the HSE Hand Hygiene poster.
7. Ensure adequate room ventilation, preferably not air conditioning.
8. Ensure all staff members know that this is the designated isolation area.
9. Assign a responsible member of staff for the isolation case and ensure that staff consult the health care worker in charge (who is also responsible for keeping a visitor record) before being allowed into the isolation areas.
10. Stock the PPE supply outside the isolation room or area (e.g. in the change room).
11. Place healthcare risk waste bags in a bin. If possible, use a touch-free bin. Ensure that used (i.e. dirty) bins remain inside the isolation rooms.
12. Identify a telephone or other method of communication in the isolation room or area to enable patients, family members or visitors to communicate with health-care workers. Plan to reduce the number of times the workers need to don PPE to enter the room or area.
13. Keep a record of all staff working in the isolation area when in use, for possible outbreak investigation and contact tracing.

Video Resource: Suspected COVID-19 patient comes to reception
<https://youtu.be/rXQHxEhSGeo>



Isolation Room

Please do not enter

Time isolation room vacated:

Leave the room closed and unoccupied for a minimum of one hour prior to environmental decontamination.

Do not enter this room while this notice is in place