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

Staff are at risk from patients, staff and home contacts

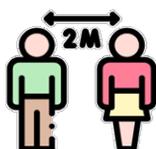## Strong, supportive leadership   Clear communication

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 & 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 14 days
- Test all staff and patients
- Report to local IPC team
- Perform root cause analysis

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