

## **Delivering first aid training during the CoVid19 breakout – advice to employers**

In addition to the requirements laid down by the HSE in ‘Selecting a first-aid training provider A guide for employers’ – GEIS3, we as the industry leaders in workplace first aid training recommend that employers consider the following aspects as part of their due diligence when choosing a first aid training provider during the CoVid19 outbreak.

- A training provider should risk assess their training delivery and mitigate all risks of possible spread of CoVid19.
- A training provider should design lessons to ensure that a distance of 2m is maintained between students and between the students and trainers unless close contact is absolutely necessary for teaching or assessment purposes. Sensible adaptations to training and assessment activities should be introduced to achieve this.
- A training provider should provide appropriate handwashing facilities and / or alcohol hand sanitiser as students enter and exit the training room and throughout their time in the classroom.
- Where close contact is absolutely necessary and it is teaching and assessment related to a situation where a first aider would be expected to wear PPE, PPE must be used.
- A training provider should have in place a process to discourage those with symptoms of a cold or flu attending training and preventing those who attend with either a fever or cough from entering the classroom. They should also have in place a process to manage instances of people who develop symptoms of CoVid19 during the delivery of any training
- All equipment that is used by students should be thoroughly cleaned before use by an individual student.
- The first aid taught should include protocols that ensure the safe performance of first aid during the current CoVid19 outbreak backed up by a body of medical opinion and Resuscitation Council UK. This must still include the teaching of rescue breaths.