

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine

Safety Flash

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Buddy System



Pairing with another colleague (Your BUDDY) can improve the safety of you, your buddy and the patient. Your buddy will:

- Assist with the correct order of donning and doffing PPE, ideally using a checklist
- Receive bloods and samples outside the cubicle door
- Pass any equipment to you
- Remind you about regular hand hygiene

"IT TAKES TWO"

PPE Guidance from PHE

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-foraerosol-generating-procedures

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe

For other RCEM issued Safety Alerts and Safety Newsflashes see: www.rcem.ac.uk/safetyalerts