



Update on Infection Control for Clinical and Practical Teaching Areas

Following recent changes, we have updated risk assessments related to infection control and Health and Safety Law for the clinical space and when carrying out practical teaching work.

The following mitigations remain in place to comply with our duty of care to all users.

- The wearing of face masks provided by the College remains for all staff and students.
- Masks can be removed for eating and drinking.
- Students who have current exemptions from mask wearing approved by the College, can continue to work as agreed.
- Students who wish to discuss a current or new exemption, must contact Lisa Nelson at l.nelson@collegeofosteopaths.ac.uk so it can be formally initiated and recorded.

Additional PPE

- The clinics hold a supply of visors for patients that cannot wear masks and students that may need them.
- Non-latex gloves are available to use.
- Disposable aprons are available if needed.

All PPE will continue to be supplied by the College.

Spaces

- All areas are to be well ventilated.
- Please keep all windows/doors open whilst the areas are being used.
- In areas with HEPA filters, please ensure they are on throughout the session.
- Please try to maintain social distance whilst in clinical or teaching spaces.

In other spaces, including non-practical teaching spaces at our partner institutions, we will follow their guidance and requirements for infection control.

In addition, students and staff are welcome to wear facemasks at other times outside of the clinical and practical teaching spaces.

Following the above will allow us to bring our clinics safely back to maximum capacity and ensure that we have the staff and students to resource the spaces.

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