

To: NORS Clinical Leads  
NORS Management Leads

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Dear Colleagues,

Re: **Transport of NORS Teams During Covid19 Outbreak**

We are aware that some teams will have concerns regarding Covid19 infection and maintaining the recommended social distancing advice whilst travelling in a NORS team vehicle to and from donor hospitals.

NHSBT's national transport provider, Amvale Medical Transport, have produced a contingency plan to help reduce the risk of Covid19 infection covering all operational requirements for their business. With regards to NORS team transport, the vehicle will be cleaned by the driver following normal infection and prevention control measures before and after each team mobilisation to minimise the risk of any cross contamination. Amvale drivers have access to gloves, hand gel and sterile wipes for use both for themselves and their passengers. If a risk of Covid19 infection has been identified, Amvale have access to decontamination equipment to ensure vehicles can be deep cleaned as necessary.

In addition to the above measures in place for NORS team transport, NHSBT will support transporting the team in two separate vehicles to reduce the risk of exposure when travelling to and from donor hospitals.

Public Health England have produced guidance for healthcare workers on when to use face masks at the following link  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/874411/When\\_to\\_use\\_face\\_mask\\_or\\_FFP3.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874411/When_to_use_face_mask_or_FFP3.pdf) which teams may find useful.

For those teams who are not on the National Transport Framework, we suggest that you contact your own transport provider for details of their contingency plans.

Yours sincerely,



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