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**Delivering first aid during the continuing pandemic**

**Update – April 2022**

As the UK and devolved governments have announced the relaxation and removal of most CoVid19 restrictions, the FAQP recommends that employers, in addition to the points listed in GEIS3 ‘Selecting a first-aid training provider A guide for employers’ consider the following points in relation to the ongoing pandemic:

* That they comply with general Coronavirus guidance based on their geographical location:
* [Northern Ireland](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nidirect.gov.uk%2Farticles%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-regulations-and-guidance-what-they-mean-you&data=04%7C01%7CAndrew.New%40sja.org.uk%7C1f4e67863fc744f8566908d948667939%7C91d037fb47144fe8b08468c083b8193f%7C0%7C0%7C637620427228638699%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2eB0QwWr7Kft73perA3qhz7kBE6uOVpM8lWIGZPFF0A%3D&reserved=0)
* [Scotland](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.scot%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19%2F&data=04%7C01%7CAndrew.New%40sja.org.uk%7C1f4e67863fc744f8566908d948667939%7C91d037fb47144fe8b08468c083b8193f%7C0%7C0%7C637620427228638699%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=o7ZTZLhndHsUYTQwsJdv%2FH1tGqEEuK5YNJQDe8Hi8%2Bg%3D&reserved=0)
* [Wales](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fcoronavirus&data=04%7C01%7CAndrew.New%40sja.org.uk%7C1f4e67863fc744f8566908d948667939%7C91d037fb47144fe8b08468c083b8193f%7C0%7C0%7C637620427228648653%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wFVNuyV%2F2k5S1DOZhyfJ%2FE2YddmfKRGT1QDxd0H5l0Q%3D&reserved=0)
* [England](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fcovid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do&data=04%7C01%7CAndrew.New%40sja.org.uk%7C1f4e67863fc744f8566908d948667939%7C91d037fb47144fe8b08468c083b8193f%7C0%7C0%7C637620427228648653%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BNFP%2FISK42OGbES0WRw9xjoqJf6sFnGjFUUp0OUNjpg%3D&reserved=0)
* That your first aid training provider has a risk assessment in place that is regularly reviewed in light of the changing prevalence of CoVid19 and continuing pandemic
* That they have adequate ventilation in line with HSE guidance
* The training includes protocols for PPE and adaptations to CPR if a casualty has a known or suspected Covid infection *(as advised by Resuscitation Council UK)*

Delegates are strongly encouraged to:

* if available, take a lateral flow test 24 hours prior to attending a training course
* not attend if they have symptoms related to Covid as described by the relevant Department for Health
* wear a face covering when attending training venues *(unless medically exempt)*, particularly when moving around the venue or undertaking close practical work with other learners *(e.g. bandaging or placing someone into the recovery position)*.