

Harm reduction worker safety during the COVID-19 global pandemic

NATIONAL RAPID GUIDANCE RECOMMENDATIONS - RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE

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VERSION 1 GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Always take COVID-19 precautions when responding to an overdose.

AGMP



Identify and train staff responsible for performing AGMP. They should be mask fitted for N-95 masks.



Staff providing care to clients should wear an N-95 mask, a gown, goggles and non-latex gloves.



All non-essential personnel should evacuate the room.

Non-AGMP



Staff should wear a medical mask, goggles and non-latex gloves.

*AGMP: Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures.

Note: Nasal naloxone is not an AGMP procedure and evidence suggests that CPR face shields do not provide sufficient protection.