

CPR – Adaptations for COVID-19

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Check for further danger and wear your PPE if available.



Check for response by gently shaking the shoulders at arms length, and shout loudly.



Check for normal breathing for no longer than 10 seconds. Do this at arms length. You can place your hand on the belly, bellow the ribs to check for movement. DO NOT place your face near to the casualty's mouth.



Call 999 and send for a defibrillator if available.



Unresponsive and not breathing normally? Place some material over the casualty's mouth and nose (e.g. tea towel), then give continuous chest compressions (see below).



As soon as a defibrillator arrives, switch it on and follow the instructions. This is completely safe to use even with COVID-19.



 Continuous chest compressions should be at a rate of about 2 per second and 5-6cm deep – press 'hard and fast'.

