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Occupational health and safety promotion - Health professionals

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Category	Protection of workers at the workplace – Occupational health and safety
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Background information

Within the scope of the infection by the new Coronavirus (2019-nCoV or nCoV), and in order to minimise the risks of transmission of this infection, the Guidelines 002/2020 of 25 January, updated on 10 February 2020, and 003/2020 of 30 January were issued by the General-Directorate of Health.

These are addressed to health professionals, notably aiming at promoting their occupational health and safety.

These guidelines may be updated at any time and complementary specific orientations will be issued. The situations not foreseen in these guidelines should be assessed case by case.

Content of measure

In order to minimise the risks of transmission of infection, the General-Directorate of Health issued guidelines addressed to health professionals, notably aiming at promoting their occupational health and safety.

These guidelines define procedures in this domain regarding:

- how to deal with a case suspect of infection;
- how to implement measures of prevention and control of infection when dealing with patients with a confirmation of infection;

- how to prevent and control infection in health services, hospitals in particular;
- the type and characteristics of individual protective equipment to be used according to the level of care to be provided;
- the disinfection of materials and equipments;
- environment control;
- safe clothes handling;
- safe waste collection.

Use of measure

Not available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Particular professions	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Not applicable
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Not available

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific (only private sector).

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
Q - Human Health And Social Work Activities	Q86 Human health activities

This case is occupation-specific.

Occupation (ISCO level 2)
Health associate professionals
Health professionals

Sources

- 25 January 2020: Orientação nº 002/2020 - Direção-Geral da Saúde (covid19.min-saude.pt)
- 30 January 2020: Orientação nº 003/2020 - Direção-Geral da Saúde (covid19.min-saude.pt)