



# EEAST Vehicle Between Patient Decontamination Process

## Identification:

Crew conveyed a patient  
-Where equipment is used on-scene for assessing/ treating patients, which are not conveyed, the equipment can be decontaminated using Trust disinfectant wipes without the need to return to station for decontamination

Crew have attended a patient and vehicle has been used to treat or convey  
*\*Crews are reminded not to wear PPE whilst travelling in the vehicle cab, other than a surgical mask.*

## Info from crew:

Were any aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) performed e.g. intubation, suction (for list of AGP's, refer to Guidance for Ambulance Trusts)  
*Vehicle should be adequately ventilated during patient conveyance and during decontamination, (extractors used where possible, windows open and doors open when decontaminating)*

YES

NO

## Further Info from Crew:

Were any compartments within the saloon opened since patient entered the vehicle\*

YES

NO

## Decontamination:

What PPE is to be worn

Following risk assessment and as a minimum:  

- Gloves & Apron
- when using Actichlor solution then:
- Fluid repellent surgical mask
- Eye protection-Full face shield

## Decontamination:

What vehicle areas & equipment must be decontaminated as a minimum

**AGP's Performed**  
 All surfaces within saloon, including floor  
 Any exposed equipment  
 Inside any compartments which have been opened\*  
 Vehicle cab surfaces and touch points.  
 Vehicle may be decontaminated at hospital, if facilities are in place, but will likely be required to return to station for MRO support

**No AGP's performed**  
 Between patient clean should occur following every conveyance  
**Surfaces/touch points in the saloon and vehicle cab**  
**Any exposed equipment**  
 Inside any compartments which have been opened\*  
 Vehicle is **NOT** usually required to return to station

## Decontamination:

What cleaning solutions to use.

Ensure that either wipe residue or chlorine solution are left to air dry. This should take a minimum of 2 mins from application. If the area dries too quickly, reapply the disinfectant.

Universal detergent followed by Actichlor solution (1,000ppm) or (Trust Disinfectant Wipes for equipment is acceptable)

Trust Disinfectant Wipes  
 OR, Universal detergent followed by Actichlor  
 Floor cleaned with detergent (End of shift, or more frequently where possible or if required)

\*If any compartments have been opened after the patient has entered the vehicle then the compartment & contents will require decontamination. If the items are not able to be decontaminated, they may require disposal. If the compartment has remained closed throughout then just the exterior of the compartment requires decontamination. Please refer to the COVID-19 Guidance on east24 for more details and further instruction regarding cleaning process can be found in the Trust decontamination manual. This document covers standard practices in relation to all patients currently as a minimum, if the infectious status of the patient is known to require further measures and/or large bodily fluid spills are present, please decontaminate and manage in the appropriate way as per the safe practice guidelines and decontamination manual.

**(Please note that contact parts (of ALL Trust vehicles), including door handles, steering wheels, gear sticks, hand brakes and comms equipment should be cleaned with disinfectant wipes at the beginning and end of shift)**