



Laboratory Infection Control Policy Updated to Include COVID-19 Contamination Control

1. Laboratory staff should be immunised against blood-borne viruses as identified by infection control risk assessment, and in accordance with available industry guidance. Immunisations should be retained.
2. The laboratory provides appropriate protective clothing, gloves, eyewear and masks that must be worn by technicians during all production procedures. Protective clothing must not be worn outside the laboratory premises.
3. Before donning gloves, hands must be washed using an antibacterial hand wash and/or disinfected with alcohol gel.
4. Impressions will be disinfected using Disifin (disinfectant).
5. All working areas will be kept to a minimum, clearly identified, and after session, cleaned with Cif antibacterial multipurpose cleaner (detergent), and disinfected using Dettol disinfection spray.
6. In the event of an inoculation injury, the wound should be, if possible, made/ allowed to bleed freely, then washed thoroughly under running water and covered with a waterproof dressing. The incident should be recorded in the incident book and be immediately discussed with Mr Ben Mason to assess whether further action is needed.
7. All clinical waste must be placed in the appropriate container provided in each area. When no more than three quarters full the containers must be securely fastened and stored in the waste room (designated area).
8. All dental impressions not marked disinfected must be rinsed until visibly clean and disinfected with Disifin and marked disinfected before being sent to the production area. Appliances and work being returned to the dental practise should be disinfected.
9. Any accidental spillages involving a potentially hazardous substance will be reported to Mr Ben Mason.
10. Anyone developing a reaction to any substance, compound or chemical must inform Mr Ben Mason immediately.
11. Eating, drinking and smoking is strictly prohibited in any production area.
12. Any manufacturing procedure that creates an aerosol affect must be undertaken by staff wearing full protective gear; gloves, mask, visor and apron.
13. Any visitors to the laboratory must use sanitising alcohol-based hand gel and wear a facial covering upon arrival. All visitors must sign a log book to aid in tracing and tracking efforts. No visitors are to congregate inside the lab.
14. Staff or visitors showing any symptoms of illness will not be permitted entry to the laboratory.