

**Consider treatment escalation and
resuscitation decisions for all inpatients****1**

Recognise cardiac arrest. Do not put your face near the patient's face to listen/feel for breath. Call 999, state the risk of COVID-19

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Attach defibrillator if available – shock if indicated. Early restoration of circulation may negate the need for chest compressions and ventilations

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If no PPE is available, the individual must decide the course of action. As a bare minimum, cover the patient's nose and mouth with a cloth if chest compressions are carried out in the home/public space. Ideally don at least non-AGP PPE (eye protection, gloves, disposable plastic apron and fluid resistant face mask) before commencing chest compressions.

Ventilations and further ALS measures should only begin when assistance has arrived wearing AGP PPE (eye protection, disposable gloves, coverall/gown, FFP3 mask). If not wearing AGP PPE, withdraw to a distance of at least 2 metres.