



SCHOOL OF VETERINARY NURSING

Infection Control Policy

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Definitions

LSVN	means Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing.
Responsible Persons	means Heads of School

Policy Intent and Implementation

LSVN is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all learners, staff, and visitors. Our priorities lie in ensuring that all work undertaken within our facilities, are delivered in a safe manner that complies fully not just with government guidance but with best practice to prevent the future spread of pathogens.

Learners and staff are in close contact as sessions provided are individual and personal, learners are also sharing equipment and interacting with one another within these. These situations allow the spread by direct contact, respiratory means, contact with infected items, blood borne passed during first aid or gastrointestinal spread due to contamination of food or drink.

The Guidance and procedures contained in this policy are designed to ensure that everyone remains healthy. While we accept that there will be infectious illnesses that affect learners, staff and visitors, this policy is designed to ensure that the effects of any outbreak of illness are minimised to reduce the spread. The aims of this policy are to ensure that:

- No learner suffers an illness because of attending LSVN facilities.
- Appropriate risk assessments, systems, checks and work practice in line with legal guidance and best practice are in place to prevent the spread of infection to learners, staff, visitors, contractors or volunteers.
- Any individuals suffering from an illness are treated appropriately and sympathetically to aid their recovery and to minimise the spread of infection to others.

Methods and Key principles of a return to visiting Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing

At all times we will be following the Department for Education, RCVS and Awarding Body guidelines for advice and protocols and a return will be communicated to learners as required by the Heads of School.



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Attending LSVN and Exclusion

LSVN reserves the right to ask any staff member, learner, or visitor to leave the premises and return home if the Heads of School feel they are at risk or at risk of spreading diseases.

Enhanced Infection Control Measures Hand washing:

Hand washing is one of the most important and effective ways of controlling the spread of any infection, especially diarrhoea and vomiting and respiratory diseases such as COVID-19.

Hand washing advice is displayed in all toilets, taught on infection control training both in theory and in clinical settings. Liquid soap and warm water with paper towels for drying are recommended, communal towels will not be provided at this time to limit the spread of infection.

Staff and learners will be expected to wash their hands frequently throughout the day, everyone should wash their hands after using the toilet, before and after eating or handling food and throughout the day.

Environment:

LSVN will impose Government advised guidelines if required such as, social distancing measures throughout the premises, please be respectful of these as there is a need to protect yourself and others.

Windows and doors will be used to ensure good ventilation throughout rooms, so please **dress appropriately to avoid getting cold.**

All surfaces at touch points will be wiped down at the end of the day and more often if required with an effective disinfectant.

Learners are required to bring in their own stationary, laptops/tablets etc.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Facemasks/face coverings may be required when attending LSVN, the team at LSVN will advise all learners / visitors and staff if this is a requirement.

During an outbreak of any infectious disease / virus, practical tasks may be limited and if any activities were to be carried out, facemasks and gloves will be provided and must be worn.

Food and drink:

During an outbreak of any infectious disease / virus and due to the risk posed to staff and learners, LSVN will be unable to provide cutlery, crockery or cups and the kitchen will be off limits to learners



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and visitors. There will be no onsite or use of the kitchen facilities at LSVN (This includes fridge, microwave and kettle)

You are welcome to have drinks and food in the classrooms, however, please can we ask that these are either in sealed containers or those with lids. Food may only be consumed in the classroom or outside areas.

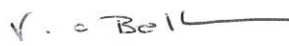
We encourage you to walk outside and get fresh air during break times.

Coughs, and Sneezing:

Coughs and Sneezes spread diseases. Staff and learners should be encouraged to cover both nose and mouth with a disposable tissue and wash their hands when they have disposed of the tissue. Tissues should be flushed down the toilet after use not put in the bin.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Reviewed/Updated Date	Initials	Job Role
September 2021 (Review)	LT	Quality Manger
09.03.2023 (Review)	ET	Quality and Data Manager
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