BESA FACT SHEET DISPOSAL OF WASTE & COVID-19

• Waste from any persons who may be infected, and the cleaning of areas at work where cases/suspected cases have been, must be put in a plastic rubbish bag and securely tied.
• The waste bag must then be double bagged, and the top tied securely.
• The bag must be stored in a suitable place for 72 hours, or until any individual suspected of having the virus, gets the results of any tests or confirmation from NHS 101.
• The rubbish must not be put in any communal waste areas until negative test results are known, or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours.
• If storage for 72 hours is not appropriate, arrange for collection as Category B infectious waste either by your local waste collection authority if they currently collect your waste or otherwise by a specialist clinical waste contractor.
• The contractor will supply you with orange clinical waste bags for you to place your bags into so the waste can be sent for appropriate treatment.
• Ensure that the storage areas for this type of waste are cleaned on a regular basis with a suitable disinfectant or chlorine solution.
• Ensure that appropriate PPE and RPE, if required, and gloves are issued to cleaning crews.
• Disposable PPE and RPE used by cleaning crews must be disposed as outlined above.
• Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning.
• Any cloths used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined above.
• Consider toolbox talks for cleaning crews to explain any new cleaning procedures.
• Use signage to denote a specific area for the storage of this type of waste.