

Lightning Learning: Filters for Bag Valve Masks

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STOP!

Manual ventilation using a bag valve mask (BVM) device is an **aerosol-generating procedure** and requires full AGP PPE.

To reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 virus through exhaled air, a viral filter must be added in between mask and bag.

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Correctly-sized viral filters must be added to the bags containing the BVMs when stocking up.

These need to be attached manually before use (*as shown below*).

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For information on other changes to basic life support due to COVID, see these links from **Resus Council UK**:

Adult ALS: <https://bit.ly/3hhJxnB>

Paeds ALS: <https://bit.ly/3cOQLfz>

For ADULT (1925mls) BVMs use... **round yellow filter**

For INFANT (300mls) & CHILD (550mls) BVMs use... **round blue filter**

