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RISK ASSESSMENT OF:	38. COVID 19
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DEPARTMENT: ALL DEPARTMENTS

STAFF INVOLVED: All STAFF, CLIENTS, CONTRACTOR, ANYBODY

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION:

Covid-19 is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

This risk assessment identifies the hazards, risks and control measures associated with Coronavirus. It is written following consideration of guidance issued by the Government and Public Health England. The assessment will be reviewed on a regular basis and always where revised guidance has been issued and controls need amending.

HAZARD INVOLVED:

- Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus.



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- Inhalation of airborne viral particles through proximity to someone with Coronavirus symptoms.
- Contact with surfaces / objects previously contaminated with Coronavirus.
- Inadequately equipped welfare facilities.
- Poor hygiene practices adopted.

PEOPLE AFFECTED

Staff, visitors to your premises, cleaners, contractors, drivers, vulnerable groups – elderly, pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions.

- Anyone else who physically comes into contact with you in relation to your business.

EXISTING CONTROLS

HAND WASHING

- Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place.
- Stringent hand washing taking place for at least 20 seconds.
- See hand washing guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>



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- Drying of hands with disposable paper towels.

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/>

- Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available.

CLEANING

- Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Ensuring sufficient rest breaks for staff.
- All higher education students will be able to access in-person teaching.
- There will no longer be a legal restriction or permitted reason required to travel internationally. There will be a traffic light system for international travel, and you must follow the rules when returning to England depending on whether you return from a red, amber or green list country.
- You should follow the guidance on how to stop the spread of coronavirus at all times, including if you have been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- You should follow this guidance in full to limit spreading COVID-19. It is underpinned by law.
- The vaccines have been shown to reduce the likelihood of severe illness in most people. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, so those who have received the vaccine should continue to take recommended precautions to avoid infection.



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- We do not know by how much the vaccine stops COVID-19 from spreading. Even if you have been vaccinated, you could still spread COVID-19 to others.
- Asymptomatic testing.
- Rapid lateral flow testing is available free to anybody without symptoms. You can get your tests from pharmacies, testing sites, employers, schools, colleges and universities.
- If you have symptoms you should continue to get a PCR test.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature in the workplace they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance.
- Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.
- If advised that a member of staff or public has developed Covid-19 and were recently on our premises (including where a member of staff has visited other work place premises such as domestic premises), the management team of the workplace will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.
<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>

CLEANING AND WASTE DISPOSAL



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- Cleaning and disinfection will be increased throughout service regularly, ensuring staff are including all frequently touched areas such as counters, switches, door handles, chip and pin machines, kitchen work tops, tables, toilet doors, toilet flush handles, keyboards, delivery tablets, tills, all contact surfaces and kitchen utensils.
- Chemical in use is effective against envelope viruses (BS14476) and staff are adhering to the correct contact time. At the end of the shift staff will clean all hand touch surfaces one more time before closing.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support necessary.

SEVERITY: MINOR NUMBERS AFFECTED: ONE RISK FACTOR: HIGH		
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