

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

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JOB/TASK: Construction Sites & Outdoors Work

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Risk Assessment Matrix

X	5	4	3	2	1
5	25	20	15	10	5
4	20	16	12	8	4
3	15	12	9	6	3
2	10	8	6	4	2
1	5	4	3	2	1

Low 1-6 Medium 8-12 High 15-25

Hazard	Risk (S)	Who	S	L	R	Controls	S	L	R
<p>Symptoms of Covid-19</p> <p>e.g. A fever, new continuous cough, loss of taste and smell</p>	<p>Spread infection</p> <p>Serious ill health.</p>	<p>Employees & Contractors</p> <p>Clients</p> <p>Site Colleagues</p>	5	3	15	<p>If you have symptoms</p> <p>If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you must self-isolate for 10 days and alert the company immediately, DO NOT GO TO YOUR WORKPLACE</p> <p>After 10 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if you do not have a high temperature, you can stop self-isolating if you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal <p>You do not need to keep self-isolating if you just have a cough after 10 days. A cough can last for weeks after the infection has gone.</p> <p>If you live with someone who has symptoms</p> <p>If you live with someone who has symptoms, self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started and alert the company immediately, DO NOT GO TO YOUR WORKPLACE</p> <p>This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.</p> <p>If more than 1 person at home has symptoms, self-isolate for 14 days from the day the first person started having symptoms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you get symptoms while self-isolating – you should self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if it means you're self-isolating for longer than 14 days. 	5	2	10

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you do not get symptoms while self-isolating – you can stop self-isolating after 14 days. <p>Construction workers can now apply to be tested, complete the online process through https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test</p> <p>If you are contacted by the NHS test and trace team, stay at home, and contact you contracts manager or a company director without delay. Do not go to site or the company office and follow the governments guidance on the link below. Stay in regular contact with you line manager, you will be supported whilst doing so.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works</p>			
Travelling to and from work	Contracting Covid-19 on public transport networks. Spread infection on Public transport networks	Employees & Contractors Public	5	3	15	<p>When using public transport to journey to work, take the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid rush hours and busy times if you can. Wear a face covering. Limit the use i.e. walk some of the way or use the Santander bikes. Where possible, keep 2m from others. If you choose to, wear a mask or face covering. Wash your hands prior to starting your journey and immediately upon arriving to site. Use soap and water for washing hands and wash for at least 20 seconds. Whilst traveling, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser regularly. <p>Do not use public transport if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have symptoms of coronavirus – a new, continuous cough or a high temperature You or any of your household are self-isolating <p>Car journeys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you decide to share a car journey, please do so with the same people to and from site, keep the vehicle clean, tidy and wash your hands or sanitise before you start you journey. Identify local car parks and circulate locations to colleagues and staff. 	5	1	5
Entering and leaving site.	Spread infection	Employees & Contractors	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow staggered start times, if there are none, then implement them immediately. Do not enter overcrowded sites until safe to do so at 2m distancing. Remove or do not use biometric entry systems or touch surfaces by site entrances and exits. 	5	1	5

	Fail to socially distance.	Clients Site Colleagues	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon entering site, wash your hands for no less than 20 seconds with soap and water. • Managers and supervisors to triage and assess staff's health and fitness to work. • Repeat hand washing each time you re-enter site, throughout the day and use hand sanitisation stations • Follow social distancing guidance and stand 2m from others when queuing or waiting to enter site. DO NOT stand in groups outside of site. • Follow site one-way routes and signage and allow people to pass at a safe distance. • Wait on stair landings and be patient. • Report and raise any concerns you have with such procedures. • Wear a face covering when entering shops and restaurants to get lunch, wash your hands upon returning. 	5	1	5
Working on site & Social Distancing.	Spread of infection Contract the virus.	Employees & Contractors Clients Site Colleagues	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce labour levels to the lowest numbers possible. • Follow or establish site specific socially distancing measures and where possible stay 2m from others. • Where you cannot complete a task with 2m social distance you, must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work side by side or back to back. • Limit time spent within 2m • Cohort or work in the same pairs/small teams, DO NOT ROTATE PAIRS OR GROUPS. • Increase handwashing and sanitising. • If you have a reusable rubber half mask, face fit tested to you then use it (see PPE). • Face coverings are at the operative's discretion. • Communicate and coordinate work areas / zones amongst trades and sub-contractors. • Do not proceed with a task or to work if you feel unsafe or are concerned about social distancing. • Report or respond to unhygienic practices, areas or use of tools and equipment. • Clean and wipe down shared tools and equipment e.g. step ladders, towers, podiums. • Display, then follow and brief on instructional signage in support of all the above. 	5	1	5
Use of welfare provisions & common areas	Spread of infection Contract the virus.	Employees & Contractors Clients Site Colleagues	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare facilities must be arranged to achieve 2 meters social distancing. • Do not alter or re-arrange facilities without good reason. • Numbers to canteens, changing rooms, drying rooms and toilets to be limited and achieve 2m SD. • Break times to be staggered and followed. • Welfare facilities and the equipment within them, must be cleaned and wiped down regularly and after every seating. 	5	1	5

			5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operatives must wash their hands before and after using the facilities. Hand sanitiser should be placed in the canteen, signed and its use encouraged. Door handles and other heavily touched surfaces should be cleaned and wiped down. Clean site offices and meeting rooms daily, arrange them to achieve 2m SD and mark where necessary. Avoid congestion in offices and prevent entry to large numbers of operatives. Report and act on poor standards of cleanliness, hygiene, and adherence to 2m SD measures. 	5	1	5
Site meetings & briefings	<p>Spread of infection</p> <p>Contract the virus.</p>	<p>Employees & Contractors</p> <p>Clients</p> <p>Site Colleagues</p>	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid all face to face meetings. Use online platforms, conference calling and any other remote working tool. Complete toolbox talks in wide open space and maintain 2m SD Where this cannot be avoided, do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold the meeting outside Create 2m SD between all attendees Provide hand sanitiser in the room or areas and ask all attendees wash their hands before. Clean the room, surfaces, and any equipment before and after the meeting. Do not share pens, documents, or equipment. Send out meeting instructions before attendees arrive, setting out the above. Organise the room or area well in advance and use signage. 	5	1	5
Cleaning, cleanliness, and personal hygiene.	<p>Spread of infection</p> <p>Contract the virus.</p>	<p>Employees & Contractors</p> <p>Clients</p> <p>Site Colleagues</p>	5	3	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintaining high levels of personal hygiene through regular hand washing, hand sanitisation and avoiding the touching of the face, specifically the mouth, eyes, and nose. Implement or follow a robust cleaning regime in all areas of the site, welfare facilities and site offices. Display, then follow and brief on instructional signage re: cleanliness and personal hygiene. Clean high touch areas, such as door handles, lift buttons, desks, and shared equipment. If possible, keep doors open and increase levels of natural ventilation to rooms, offices, and the site. Provide and use additional hand washing or hand sensitisation facilities. Report and act on poor standards of cleanliness, hygiene, and adherence to 2m SD measures. Ensure or monitor that, liftings, hoists, and shared plant e.g. forklifts, are cleaned regularly and between use. Clean shared plant and tools between use and at the end or start of each day. 	5	1	5

<p>PPE</p>	<p>Spread of infection.</p> <p>Contract the virus</p> <p>Reduce availability for clinical settings</p>	<p>Employees & Contractors</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>Currently the UK Government advice, detailed in section 6 of the working safely during construction guidance states as follows:</p> <p><i>When managing the risk of COVID-19, additional PPE beyond what you usually wear is not beneficial. This is because COVID-19 is a different type of risk to the risks you normally face in a workplace, and needs to be managed through social distancing, hygiene and fixed teams or partnering, not through the use of PPE.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face covering and the wearing of surgical masks on site is a personal choice, they do not protect from general construction hazards e.g. silica dust. • Operatives are permitted to wear face fit tested reusable rubber half masks if they have them and choose to or the task typically dictates, they should. • Reusable masks should be cleaned after each use • FFP2/3 disposable mask are in short supply and will only be used where they protect from other health hazards such as silica, wood dust or asbestos (to name a few). • It would advisable to use sanitiser or alcohol gel to clean protective gloves. • Hands must still be washed multiple times a day, when first entering site, at each break time and after using welfare facilities – Protective gloves are not waterproof. 	<p>5</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>5</p>
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