Risk Assessment: 051 Covid 19

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| Consequence | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Likelihood | | | | | |

Unacceptable – Stop activity

Adequate – Monitor for continual compliance

Acceptable – No further action / monitor

**Location: All Locations**

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| Likelihood | 1 = Very unlikely | 2 = Unlikely | 3 = Fairly likely | 4 = Likely | 5 = Very likely |
| Consequence | 1 = Insignificant | 2 = Minor | 3 = Moderate | 4 = Major | 5 = Catastrophic |

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| Hazard | Who can be harmed & how | Control measures / Recommendations |
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| Inadvertently exposing a person classified in the vulnerable group to Covid-19 | All persons. It has been confirmed that individuals with underlying health conditions and those over the age of 60 are more vulnerable to Covid-19. The majority of fatalities have occurred with people that fall into this group | The vulnerable group of people are those who meet the following criteria:   * Are 60 years of age or over * Have a long-term medical condition e.g. heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, cancer (in remission and / or recent chemotherapy) or high blood pressure * Have a weakened immune system (immunosuppressed) e.g. rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, HIV, or have recently undergone an organ or bone marrow transplant * Are pregnant   People that fall into this category are shielded from exposure as much as possible. As a result, under no circumstances can these people interact with anyone potentially affected until Public Health England or government guidance changes. |
| Travel to work | Employees and others. A risk exists for anyone within 2m of an infected person or in a position where they touch a contaminated surface and then their face to contract Covid-19 | Wherever possible workers should travel to their work location alone using their own transport.  If workers have no option but to share transport:   * Journeys should be shared with the same individuals and with the minimum number of people at any one time   Good ventilation (i.e. keeping the windows open) and facing away from each other may help to reduce the risk of transmission   * The vehicle should be cleaned regularly using gloves and standard cleaning products, with particular emphasis on handles and other areas where passengers may touch surfaces   before entering and after getting out of the vehicle |
| Travel between work locations | Employees and others. A risk exists for anyone within 2m of an infected person or in a position where they touch a contaminated surface and then their face to contract Covid-19 | When travelling at work or between site locations, workers should travel alone. If workers have no option but to share a vehicle, then they should:   * Share with the same individuals and with the minimum number of people at any one time * Wherever possible maintain a distance of two metres and avoid touching their faces * Maintain good ventilation (i.e. keeping the windows open) and face away from each other during the journey * Wash their hands for 20 seconds using soap and water or hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available before entering and after getting out of the vehicle   Regularly clean the vehicle using gloves and standard cleaning products, with particular emphasis on handles and other surfaces which may be touched during the journey |
| Exposing an employee to the Covid-19 virus in a property known to be a potential risk | Employees and others. A risk exists for anyone within 2m of an infected person or in a position where they touch a contaminated surface and then their face to contract Covid-19 | Robust use of PPE and good hygiene by the workforce as well as cleaning down surfaces where work will and has taken place will shield operatives and others and will remove any residual infection. On completion of the works / shift, removal and disposal of single use PPE and cleaning of any other equipment will prevent contact contamination occurring.   * All personnel are advised to wear gloves when undertaking works. * Hand sanitiser is always to be available for use * Signage in place to encourage distancing is maintained to a minimum of 2 meters * All touched points e.g. door handles, lift buttons, handrails, taps etc. to be cleaned/sanitised more regularly * The Government is now advising that people should aim to wear a face-covering in enclosed spaces where social distancing is not always possible |
| Inadvertently picking up the Covid-19 virus and spreading it to other people both employees and the public | All persons. An individual could pick up the Covid-19 virus from a location and spread it to other locations contributing to the pandemic and in conflict with the current UK government aims | Correct management of PPE and cleaning equipment / tools will prevent cross contamination from any items used in a work location. All single use PPE and used cleaning towels / wipes will be disposed of as biological waste, placed in waste bag which will then again be placed into a yellow biological waste bag for disposal at an agreed location.  To ensure operatives do not transfer the virus to another location, they must sanitize their hands after every visit, wash their hands and drop off waste before attending another job.   * Hand sanitiser is always to be available for use * Adequate handwashing facilities available * Signage / barriers in place to encourage distancing is maintained to a minimum of 2 meters * Use of face coverings is advised but not mandatory * Upon completion of shift, personnel to sanitise any shared equipment i.e. headphones, keyboards, desktops and telephones * All personnel to be trained in the management of social distancing and control measures outlined * All touched points e.g. door handles, lift buttons, handrails, taps etc. to be cleaned/sanitised more regularly |

**This information is being updated on a regular basis. Always follow Public Health England and Government advice.**