



COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT



Department: Technical offices

Documents Reference 8

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	COVID-19 control measures	Risk rating			Implemented by who and when?
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Technical team staff visiting the shop floor including the loading bays and cold stores without wearing a face covering	Technical staff All colleagues	Face coverings and visors are now included as standard mandatory PPE when staff are on the loading bays/ shop floor. Visors are optional for staff who wear glasses and experience them steaming up whilst carrying out their duties	2	2	4	Covid-19 team (June)
Maintaining social distance during break times	Office staff	Staff are allowed to eat their lunch at their workstation to maintain social distancing.	2	2	4	Health & safety (May)
Inadequate hygiene standards to combat Covid-19	Office staff Visitors to the office	Additional hand sanitiser units installed at all entrances to the premises COVID-19 information communicated out to all members of staff using all possible media available i.e. Canteen TV's, team talks, flyers, posters, including a hand wash video.	2	2	4	Hygiene team (may)
Using office I.T equipment	All office staff	Only designated staff to work at work stations. Staff are to refrain from desk swapping. Office equipment, door handles and hand rails are periodically wiped down by hygiene staff using virucidal disinfectant	2	2	4	Office staff Office cleaners (May)
Furloughed staff returning to work	Furloughed Staff All staff	Furloughed staff returning to work are interviewed by phone conversation with HR. When staff return to work, they must remain in their vehicle or isolate themselves until they have completed the return to work form with a member of management, prior to being allowed entry to the building.	2	2	4	Departmental management Human resource (May)
People of higher risk from Covid-19 returning to work	Staff with underlying issues All staff	Staff categorised by the NHS as of high or moderate risk from Covid-19 are currently on or have been on furlough. Refer to coronavirus risk groups listed below	2	2	4	Departmental management Human resource (May)

Employing temporary staff	All staff	Refer to temporary working control measures below	2	2	4	HR/ Executive committee (August)
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Risk Assessment Evaluation Matrix 5X5:	Likely hood	Consequence/Risk	Action levels
	1) Very Unlikely 2) Unlikely 3) Fairly Likely 4) Likely 5) Very Likely	1) Insignificant 2) Minor 3) Moderate 4) Major 5) Death	1 – 5: Acceptable, No further action 5 – 9: Adequate Look to improve at next review 10 – 16: Tolerable: look to improve in specified time 17 – 25 Unacceptable: take immediate action
Action levels calculator: Multiply the Likely hood, Consequence & risk = Action Level			
Assessors comments:			
The coronavirus is responsible for many day to day changes in society and our working environments, which will continue for the unforeseeable future, therefore this assessment, will be reviewed on regular intervals or upon any major changes introduced by government/ governing bodies.			

Important:
The list below may not include everyone who`s at higher risk from coronavirus and may be subject to change as we learn more about the virus.

Coronavirus risk groups:

- High risk (Clinically extremely vulnerable)
- Moderate risk (Clinically vulnerable)

People at high risk from Covid-19 include people who:

Had an organ transplant.
Receiving chemotherapy or antibody treatment for cancer, including immunotherapy.
Are having intense course of radiotherapy (Radical Radiotherapy) for lung cancer.
Are having targeted cancer treatments that can affect the immune system (Such as protein kinas inhibitors or PARP inhibitors)
Have blood or bone marrow cancer (Such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma)
Have had a bone marrow or stem cell transplant in the last 6 months, or are still taking immunosuppressant medicine.
Have been told by a doctor they have a severe lung condition (Such as cystic fibrosis, severe asthma or severe COPD)
Have a condition that means they have a very high risk of getting infections (Such as SCID or sickle cell)

What to do if you`re at high risk:
If you`re at high risk from Coronavirus, you`re advised to take extra steps to protect yourself.
This is called shielding:

See what to do if you're at high risk from coronavirus;

(Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/advice-for-people-at-high-risk/)

People at moderate risk (Clinically vulnerable)

People at moderate risk from Covid-19 include people who:

Are 70 years old or older

Have a lung condition that's not severe (Such as asthma, COPD, emphysema or bronchitis)

Have a heart condition (Such as heart failure)

Have diabetes

Have chronic kidney disease

Have liver disease (Such as hepatitis)

Have a condition affecting the brain or nerves (such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis or cerebral palsy)

Have a condition that means that they have a high risk of getting infections.

Are taking medicine that can affect the immune system (Such as low doses of steroids)

Are very obese (a BMI of 40 or above)

Are pregnant- further advice on pregnancy and Covid-19 available on the NHS website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/pregnancy-and-coronavirus/)

What to do if you're at moderate risk:

You can go to work (If you cannot work from home) and for getting things like food or exercising, but you should try to stay at home as much as possible.

General advice on social distancing.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/social-distancing/what-you-need-to-do/)

Other things that can affect your risk:

Your age – your risk increases as you get older

Being male

Where you live in the country, the risk is higher in poorer areas

Being from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background

Born outside of the UK or Ireland

Living in a care home

Having certain jobs, such as nursing, taxi driver and security guard.

(It is not clear why these might make you more likely to get seriously ill from coronavirus)

If you have any symptoms of coronavirus use the 111online coronavirus service. (Link: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>)

Temporary staff:

To ensure the safety of our factory, products and especially our people we have put the following measures in place.

Single Source Agency – So that we are not using staff from several different agencies we are solely using KPI Recruiting for the supply of agency workers. KPI have supplied agency workers to us for several years, they know our factory and our expectations and have an excellent record with regard to standards.

Enhanced Checks – KPI have supplied over 300 temporary workers each day during the pandemic to companies such as ASDA and AO. All agency workers are required to complete a Covid-19 Health Questionnaire when they register and a Covid-19 Screening questionnaire 24 hours before arriving on site. Each Friday a 'health check' call is made to agency workers to check on that they are free from Covid-19 symptoms (this call also includes a check on the agency workers family's health).

Holidays – when an agency worker books a holiday the destination is noted so that any quarantine period can be imposed.

Covid-19 Symptoms – any agency worker reporting symptoms of Covid-19 is immediately sent home and cannot return to work until they have provided a negative test result. To date all KPI's agency workers have tested negative.

Bubble - Many of the agency workers that we have used before were furloughed by KPI and are keen to resume working for us. We will work with KPI to ensure, as far as is practically possible, to use the same agency workers each week in effect creating a 'bubble' of agency workers.

KPI Staff – as we start to use agency workers again a member of the KPI Team will be on site at the start of shifts to check that all measure are being adhered to.

Induction – all agency workers will be required to complete our induction (which includes our new Health and Safety video) prior to attending site.

Covid-19 Marshall – agency workers will be monitored by our Covid -19 Marshall to ensure that they are adhering to our rules particularly those around hand washing and face masks.

Date of Risk Assessment: 27/08/2020

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Position: Health & Safety Manager