RISK ASSESSMENT

Office Based Activities



Assessed by:	Date:	Title of Assessment
Tim Sear		COVID-19: Working within the Office Environment & Associated Areas RA – 001a
H&S Manager	28.04.2022	
Date to be reviewed	On-going - reviewed following Gov updates	Reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID-19, in the workplace(UK) https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/offices-factories-and-labs
Date of last review	10.12.2021 24.02.2021 11.08.2020	Good practice guidance for continuing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (ROI) https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/22829a-return-to-work-safely-
Reviewed by	T Sear	protocol/#:~:text=The%20Return%20to%20Work%20Safely,phase%20of%20the%20current%20pandemic.

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Coming to Work and Leaving Work	Office Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	2	5	10	Medium	2.	If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If you have been within close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 i.e. family member, limit close contact with people outside of your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces — consider working from home. Ensure your line manager is informed if you are showing symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19.	1.	Continue to have hand sanitiser available at entry / exit points to the office.	1	5	5	Low

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Large numbers of staff in the office – social distancing	Office Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors	3	5	15	High	1.	Managers are to continue to monitor staff numbers in the office and to address and resolve any staff concerns with regard to their working environment.	Managers to continue to review current control measures on a regular basis	2	5	10	Medium
		Public					2.	To continue hybrid working (home & office) to maintain reduced numbers in the office.					
							3.	Work areas are well ventilated (none fire doors and windows opened) to allow fresh air circulation of the work area.					
Staff member showing signs of coronavirus symptoms whilst at work.	Office Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	2	5	10	Medium	1.	and return home following Government advice. UK https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coro navirus-covid-19/ IRE https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3	Managers are to ensure the staff member returns home safely. (i.e., family member informed)	1	5	5	Low
							2.	361b-public-health-updates/ Cleaning contractors ¹ are to ensure the workstation area of the individual is thoroughly cleaned.					
Workstations	Office Stores	Staff	3	5	15	High	1.	Cleaning contractors are to ensure that all workstations are thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis.	Managers are to monitor the levels of cleaning within the office / workstations etc to ensure high standards are continually maintained.	2	5	10	Medium
	Workshops								·				

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¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings

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Meetings in the office.	Office Stores	Staff Client	3	5	15	High	1.	When meetings are held then consideration should be given to the maximum numbers attending for the room size available.	1.	Meeting rooms must be well ventilated. Where possible open windows to allow fresh air to circulate.	1	5	5	Low
	Workshops	Contractors Public					2.	Food stuffs should not be shared/passed around during meetings.						
							3.	Hand sanitiser to be available.						
Common Areas: Shared Areas	Office Stores	Staff Client	3	5	15	High	1.	Managers to engage with other business in the same building to ensure a safe environment can be maintained in the common areas of	1.	Continue to follow any COVID-19 safety guidance that is in place within the building. – Landlord controlled common areas of the	2	5	10	Medium
(other businesses on site)	Workshops	Contractors Public						the building. (Shared welfare facilities, entrance lobbies, lifts etc)		building.				
							2.	Signage used at the entrance to the office / building covering site rules. (COVID-19) for staff, clients, contractors, and members of the public.						
Accidents and other Incidents	Office	Workers	2	5	10	Medium	1.	Emergency services to be called when / if required.	1.	Consider wearing additional PPE using a face mask covering nose and	1	5	5	Low
	Stores	Client					2.	Company first aid facilities in place.		mouth				
	Workshops	Contractors					3.	First aiders to ensure the following.	2.	Dispose of clinical waste safely				
	Survey	Public						 Wash hands before and after treating any casualty. 						
	Sites							 Do not cough or sneeze over a casualty during treatment. 						
								 Be aware of other cross contamination that could occur that is not related to COVID-19. 						
								Wear gloves or cover hands when dealing with open wounds.						

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Management of: - Clients - Visitors - Contractors - Public	Office Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	3	5	15	High	1.	All visitors need to confirm that they are not aware that they have or are exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19 prior to any visit.	1.	Clear guidelines for visitors on the company risk controls and expected behaviours on site to be provided before any visit.	2	5	10	Medium
Manual Handling - Social distancing at work	Office Stores Workshops	Staff Contractors	2	5	10	Med	1.	Staff to ensure regular hand washing / sanitising following delivery of any parcels or post to the workplace. Where a package / parcel / item requires more than one person to lift then the lift is to be completed by either. • Where possible splitting down the load to a manageable one-person lift. • Lifting the load by standing side by side rather than face to face	3.	Where lifting requires staff to work within close proximity of each other then additional PPE needs to be considered. (Face mask covering nose & mouth)	1	5	5	Low
Hygiene: Contact with unclean contaminated surfaces. - Handwash - Sanitation Facilities - Toilets	Offices Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	3	5	15	High	 2. 3. 	Surface cleaning wipes to be available for staff to help maintain cleanliness within the office environment. (Wipe down surface areas after use) Surfaces to be cleaned thoroughly by contract cleaners. Wash or sanitise hands before and after using the workplace W/C facilities.	1. 2. 3.	Hand sanitiser available throughout the workplace. Managers to ensure that contract office cleaners have a suitable SSOW If waste is contaminated with the Covid-19 virus place into a waste plastic bag ensuring that no contaminate is spread onto other surfaces. Government guidance to be followed.	2	5	10	Medium

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Cross contamination from food and drink within staff kitchen / rest areas.	Offices Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	3	5	15	High	1.	Perishable food (staff lunches etc) to be stored in an airtight container safely in the fridge. i.e., Tupperware box Consider staggering lunch periods to prevent staff congregating in the kitchen / rest room area. All food/drink rubbish to be bagged and removed from site for disposal.	 2. 4. 	available in the rest / kitchen area. Cleaning wipes available to wipe down surfaces after use.	2	5	10	Medium
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Offices Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	2	5	10	Medium		Office staff will not normally require PPE items during the course of their work. PPE will be provided free of charge if required.	1.	 Where office workers do require PPE PPE must not be shared. PPE must fit properly. Reusable PPE should be sanitised after use. 	1	5	5	Low
Face Coverings	Offices Stores Workshops	Staff Client Contractors Public	1	5	5	Low	1.	The use of face coverings inside the office space are optional for staff, however one can still be worn if preferred.	1.	If face masks are used by staff, they must be disposed of responsibly and safely.	1	5	5	Low

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Workforce Management: Work Related Travel	Offices Stores	Staff	2	5	10	Medium	1.	When travel is required, and public transport is used staff must ensure they abide by any COVID-19 safety measures in place.	1.	Any Covid-19 secure measures in place at any hotel accommodation used by staff must be followed	2	5	10	Medium
	Workshops Hotel						2.	Staff must only stay in hotel accommodation that is deemed Covid-19 (secure)						
Employee Management: Comms and Training	Office Stores Workshops	Staff	2	5	10	Medium	1.	Employees will be taken through the safe system of work during new starter inductions, and existing staff will be updated with any changes that may affect their health & safety	1.	Communication to staff will be via clear and unambiguous posters and signage.	1	5	5	Low

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4. Very Likely	4. Specified Injury/Long term absence	Low		Me	dium	Hig	gh
5. Almost Certain to happen	5. Death	1-8		9.	-12	15-	-25

Key COVID-19 Symptoms & Controls:

Symptoms:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in adults

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) in adults can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- · feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat.
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

Hand Washing:







The backs of hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers

All employers should regularly update themselves with the current Government advice:

UK - <u>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</u> **NHS -** <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19</u>

ROI - https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/472f64-covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-and-advice/

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