

RISK ASSESSMENT

Covid19

Scope

This risk assessment considers the risk of activities with the Covid19 pandemic.

Background to The Risk Assessment

This risk assessment developed with the knowledge and experience gained by MTS Contracting Ltd engineers who have worked within the Industry for over 20 Years and current government guidelines.

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Review

This document will be reviewed inline with changes to the government's recommendations and legislations.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

If you suspect you have Covid19 you must not come to work and contact NHS Test and Trace.

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Contents & Scope:

This document considers the procedure and activities associated working with Covid19 on a variety of customer sites. This document is used in conjunction with specific work scope method statements and generic procedures.

It is to be used in conjunction with Clients own Permit System or Standing Instructions where in place.

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Hazard	Nature of Risk	Action Required to Remove or Reduce Risk
<p>Good Personal Hygiene</p> <p>Risk to: All persons</p>	<p>Infection control</p> <p>Transfer of Covid19 from person to person.</p> <p>Persons should try to avoid close contact with other people i.e. no shaking of hands etc.</p>	<p>Persons should cover their mouth and nose with a tissue (not your hands) when they cough or sneeze.</p> <p>The used tissue should then be placed in the bin immediately. Persons should then wash their hands with soap and hot water for a minimum of 20 seconds. CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT</p> <p>Persons should wash their hands at least every 30 minutes using hot water and soap – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.</p> <p>Persons should try to avoid close contact with other people i.e. no shaking of hands etc.</p>
<p>Social distancing</p> <p>Risk to: All persons</p>	<p>Infection control</p> <p>Close contact with others</p>	<p>Persons must undertake advice from the Government with regards to social distancing when out of work. In addition, persons will be advised whilst at work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage social distancing from work colleagues where possible • Reduce the number of persons in any one area to ensure compliance with 2 metre gaps recommended by the Public Health Agency where possible. • Only one person working in the trench at a time where possible (if this cannot be maintained limit the exposure or use PPE to control this)

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<p>Working within 2 metres of working team</p> <p>Risk to, Individuals dependent on tasks performed</p>	<p>Infection control</p> <p>Close contact with others</p>	<p>Always consider if the task can be performed differently without having to breach the 2m social distancing rule</p> <p>Workers are to limit face to face working and work facing away from each other when possible</p> <p>Limit the frequency of working within 2m to an absolute minimum and ensure it is for strictly low intensity, sporadic work where exposure to this distance is less than 15 mins</p> <p>Continue to conduct dynamic risk assessments whilst completing the work and speak up if there is a safer way of completing the task</p> <p>All equipment to be thoroughly cleaned prior and after using it.</p> <p>Consideration given to disposable gloves and eyewear to prevent and reduce potential contamination</p> <p>Reusable PPE should be thoroughly cleaned after use and not shared between workers. These should be stored in suitable places</p> <p>Single use PPE should be disposed of so that it cannot be reused and to control potential contamination is controlled (waste removed by a responsible, approved contractor).</p>
<p>Personal Protective Equipment</p> <p>Risk to: Individuals dependent on tasks performed</p>	<p>Infection control, Eyes, mouth and nose</p>	<p><u>Wearing of Gloves</u></p> <p>Where the company has identified the wearing of gloves as a requirement of the job, an adequate supply of these will be provided. Staff will be instructed on how to remove gloves carefully to reduce contamination and how to dispose of them safely.</p> <p><u>Respiratory Protective Equipment</u></p> <p>Public Health guidance on the use of PPE (personal protective equipment) to protect against COVID-19 relates to health care settings. In all other settings individuals are asked to observe social distancing measures and practice good hand hygiene behaviours</p>

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<p>Skin care and occupational health –</p> <p>All persons,</p>	<p>Skin conditions, infection control</p>	<p>A high level of personal hygiene and skin care must always be observed by the workforce.</p> <p>The Company provides hand wash facilities / products. Staff are advised at the commencement of employment of product uses and application.</p>
<p>Manual handling - dual lifting</p> <p>Individuals dependent on tasks performed</p>	<p>Infection control</p> <p>Close contact with others</p>	<p>Always consider if the task can be performed with one person using mechanical aid</p> <p>Ensure the individual(s) are fit for work prior to commencing task</p> <p>Break down the load where possible so that one person can comfortably carry</p> <p>Assess your route so you can maintain 2m social distance whilst moving the load</p> <p>Where dual lifts cannot be avoided, lift facing away from each or side by side rather than face to face where possible</p> <p>Where teams are used, try to keep to fixed teams / partnering to prevent cross over of workers Where PPE is to be used, this is on an individual issue and items should not be share.</p>
<p>Staff member with symptoms / close contact with persons with symptoms</p> <p>Risk to: All persons</p>	<p>Flu-like symptoms, Pneumonia, Breathing difficulties, Death</p>	<p>A staff member who is experiencing symptoms similar to those present with the coronavirus (cough, sore throat, fever, breathing difficulties, chest pain), or who has had close contact with someone experiencing these symptoms, must not come to work. The staff member should contact their GP / Government helpline to notify them of their travel, current status and to receive further advice. CONTACT NHS TEST AND TRACE FOR ADVICE AND TO GET A TEST</p> <p>The staff member should then contact the company and update them in relation to their condition and advice they have been given. If the staff member is advised by medical professionals to self-quarantine, they must do so, and only return to work when the incubation period is over, and symptoms have gone. If a staff member becomes unwell with coronavirus related symptoms whilst on site, they must</p>

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		<p>make their way to a confined area, and contact their manager or a member of management with immediate effect.</p> <p>The person will be advised to liaise with their GP / Government helpline to seek further advice before leaving site, to ensure they reduce the likelihood of infecting other persons i.e. may be advised not to use public transport etc.</p> <p>The working area of any staff member who suspects they may have contracted Coronavirus, (including welfare facilities), will be subject to a “deep clean” in accordance with Government guidance.</p> <p>All other staff will be advised of any persons within the workplace who have shown signs of the infection, and who are being tested for Coronavirus.</p> <p>However, the individual's identity will not be disclosed during any communication / updates to staff.</p>