Risk Assessment

Description of activity or area being assessed:								Type of Premises: Office			
halow office working COVID-19 Risk Assessment								Location: halow Project 11 Quarry Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3UY			
Date Cor	Date Completed: 25 th June 2020							Proposed Review date: 3 rd July 2020 or before if anything is known to have changed.			
RISK MA	RISK MATRIX Low Risk Medium Risk High Risk						High Risk	This document should be reviewed at least annually; following any major changes and immediately after an accident or near miss occurrence, whichever occurs first.			
	n d e ëd			Assessor's Name							
	Likelihood	1- Trivial injury,	2 - First aid injury	3 - Reportable injury	4 - Major injury;	5 - Fatality or disabling illness;		Name:	Graham O'Connor	Sign:	
	1 - Very	1	2	3	4	5		Position:	vices		
	Unlikely	'			7	3		Approved	Director of halow Project Services red by		
	2 - Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10		Name:	Campbell Livingston	CH	
	3 - Likely	3	6	9	12	15		Position:	Director of Business Services and halow care		
	4 - Very Likely	4	8	12	16	20		Persons at Risk: Persons identified as being at risk from activity and approximate number affected: Halow staff/ Agency staff: up to 12 at any one time Service Users: none			
	5 - Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25					
								Volunteer	s: up to two	Member of the public: unlikely	

Introduction

COVID-19 and staying up to date

The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air. They quickly fall on floors or surfaces remaining there for various durations. The virus to most if often flu like but can lead to severe and life threatening respiratory and cell issues in some cases.

All staff to keep themselves updated and to follow the latest government guidelines via

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

IMPORTANT:

This risk assessment sets out the essential ways in which halow employees must work to minimise the risk of passing on the COVID-19 virus at work. Clearly, this relies on us all following the guidelines.

You may choose to take further precautions on top of those outlined. Please identify anything to your line manager and those you work with. If it requires extra PPE / equipment, please also speak to your line manager in advance of coming to the office so that we can discuss and arrange.

Related documents:

Please note that this risk assessment covers people returning to working at the halow office. Previous work shared on those who need to shield at this time, related contact with family, etc. is not included in this form.

Other areas of work at halow are / will be covered by separate risk assessments

Please note:

Although many risks here have been managed down to a 'low' level, this does not mean there is no risk. Working from home is still very likely to have an even lower risk for most people.

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Hazard and related information	Unmanaged risk rating	Risk Control Measures	Risk Rating
Before coming to work Displaying COVID-19 symptoms you live with someone displaying COVID-19 symptoms awaiting COVID-19 test results you've tested positive for COVID-19	High	-Staff must not come to work - staff must comply with government and PHE guidelines around self-isolation and testing, where applicableStaff should either work from home or follow the sickness policy; whichever they feel is appropriate	low
Before coming to work Identified as a genuine risk of developing symptoms under 'track and trace' (contacted by NHS Track & Trace service)	Medium	Staff should first be familiar with the parameters of 'track and trace' in regard to the likelihood of the virus transferring to you based on the contact you have had with the infected person. This can be discussed with line manager / HR. -Staff member should work from home. Please note, if there is a confirmed halow employee case of COVID-19, the same track and trace parameters will be used- for example, it does not immediately apply to all employees.	low
Travel to work	Medium	-Staff should take necessary precautions to socially distance and maintain good hygiene on any form of transport, to protect themselves and their colleagues. - Staff should adhere to government guidance around face coverings / masks whilst travelling on public transport. -As a precaution, please do not 'lift-share' if you drive to work	low
Driving at work	medium	Driving yourself presents no additional risk, but please avoid sharing vehicles.	low

Arriving and leaving the office	medium	We recognise the increased risk presented by having 1 door that all staff must arrive and leave through. -A wall mounted hand sanitising station will be present in the entrance foyer. -All staff (and any visitors) should use this on arrival, reducing and risk of transferring the virus. -All staff (and any visitors) should use this on leaving the office, reducing the risk of transferring the virus to the front door on exit. -The front door and buzzer will also be regularly cleaned (see hygiene section). -Staff numbers at the office will remain limited, and the halow office team is small. As such there is no need to stagger arrival times, use floor markings, etc.	low
Maintaining social distancing	medium	All staff should maintain the recommended 2 metre distance wherever possible -Workstations will not be used, unprotected, if workers are then less than 2 metres apartStaff numbers are currently limited to 4 people per floor to maintain social distancing. As such, staff must continue to share when they are coming to the office so that we can maintain thisFor reference, if passing / in limited contact with someone, guidelines indicate 1m distance can be used.	low
Moving around the office -Internal doors	medium	We recognise the higher risk presented by our 3 floors with related doors. -There will be a hand sanitising station on the outside and inside of each floor's access doors. These should be used when arriving or leaving each office floor to reduce the risk of transferring the virus. -People should not pass in doorways, to maintain social distancing. -Internal doors handles are included on the daily cleaning checklist. -Limiting movement around the office will also help	low
Moving around the office -Staircases	medium	We recognise the higher risk presented by our staircases. -Nobody should pass on a staircase. People will need to go back up or down to avoid this, and thus maintain the recommended 2m social distancing guidelines. -Once you get to the floor you are heading too, you should then use the hand sanitising station, as detailed above. -Staircase handrails are included on the daily cleaning checklist. - Wadham Isherwood (occupants of second floor office suite) undertake to follow social distancing guidelines in common parts and sanitise common parts above the first floor.	low
Office -Meeting rooms	Medium	Where possible all face-to-face meetings should be avoided and instead conducted remotely via web-assisted apps or telephone. - Where a face-to-face meeting cannot be avoided please:- a. consider if an outdoor meeting is feasible, or if not;	low

		 b. ensure the meeting room is booked in advance to prevent double booking; b. ensure participants can adequately adhere to 2m social distancing rules; c. open windows to assist with ventilation d. the meeting room is sanitised after use 	
General hygiene	medium	In addition to the specific measures listed, staff must maintain good hand hygiene. -Use sanitising stations as detailed -Wash hands regularly for the recommended 20 seconds, and particularly when moving around the office - follow catch it, kill it, bin advice for tissues - follow halow's 'COVID working in office guidelines'	low
Toilet facilities	medium	Single occupancy toilets carry a lower risk than toilet areas with multiple users at one time. -Please continue to maintain good hygiene when using the toilets. Signage remains in this regard. -Toilet hand dryers to remain in use. It is recognised that hand dryer can spread infection, however the hand dryer should only be used for the single occupant's clean hands, so the risk is low. -Toilet door handles are included on the daily cleaning checklist -Alteration to standard practice, Wadham Isherwood employees (and visitors) (occupants of second floor offices) to exclusively use second floor W/C, halow employees (and visitors) to exclusively use basement and first floor toilets.	low
Kitchen facilities and rest areas 3 x kitchenettes 1 x communal area, ground floor 1 x communal area, basement 1 x terrace	medium	-Maintain social distancing in all areas -Thoroughly clean up and wipe down anything you have used / touchedkitchen sinks will have paper towels, for single use and to be thrown away immediatelyFormalised staggered break times are not necessary at this time. This can be self-managed -Kitchen and rest areas are included on the daily cleaning checklist.	low
Desk spaces	medium	-As above, desk spaces used must allow workers to be 2 metres apart, if the workspace is unprotected -People should not use another worker's computer -Hot-desking to be avoided where possible. If it is required, people must be able to work with their own laptop / equipment. Please sanitise and wipe down desk space at the end of any hot desking sessionOffices are to be cleaned once per week by cleaning contractor Staff are asked to sanitise and wipe down their own desk spaces and equipment daily (daily cleaning checklist).	low

Waste management	low	-Any staff member coming to the office should empty their own waste bin into the main lidded bin on their floor at the end of each day. No rubbish / washing up to be left on or around desks after worker has left. -Main bins should be put out for collection every Tuesday and Friday. This should be done where possible by someone on the floor, but is also included on the daily cleaning checklist (Note: Recycling should still be collected on Thursdays)	low
Deliveries	low	All delivery drivers should not enter the building, and they are likely to have their own guidelines not toDeliveries should be left outside, and collected immediately (unless lone working and the delivery would post a significant other risk i.e. bulky/heavy items unable to lift/manual handle)! -Personal items can only be delivered with authorisation.	low
Visitors	medium	Only essential visitors are to come to the office. No halow young people should currently come to the office or be granted access if they do. Any visitor must be given a copy of this risk assessment to read in advance / on arrival Unannounced visitors should not be let in until their reason for coming is established.	low

Please also note that all wellbeing and support services remain in place for staff at this time.

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/