

COVID-19 Specific - Toilet Reopening Risk Assessment

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways and is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe, or fatal.

This is a draft copy of a **generic Risk Assessment** for dealing with COVID-19. It is not likely to cover all scenarios and each council should consider their own unique circumstances.

Name of Assessor:

Assessment Date:

Review Date:

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p>Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees • Visitors to the toilets • Cleaners • Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions 	<p>Examples of measures that could be put in place</p> <p>Hand Washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. • Stringent hand washing taking place. • See hand washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. • https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/ • Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities are not readily available. 	<p>Examples of measures that could be put in place</p> <p>Members of the public should be reminded, by signage, to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</p>			

		<p>Cleaning Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, taps and toilet doors using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Social Distancing Social Distancing - Reducing the number of persons allowed in the toilets at any one time to comply with the 2-metre gap recommended by the Public Health Agency. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p>	<p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by employees to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.</p> <p>Putting up a clearly visible cleaning schedule to give confidence to the general public.</p> <p>Consider increase in waste receptacles and increase in waste removal collections.</p> <p>Keep the facilities well ventilated where possible.</p> <p>Employees to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing both in the toilets and outside of it.</p>			
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