

## Coronavirus COVID-19

### Introduction:

This assessment is compiled to introduce reasonable measures required to assist in lowering the risk of spreading Coronavirus COVID-19 on Construction sites and / or premises under the control of JWC and takes account of Government guidance including guidance under Regulation 7A of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and Construction Site Operating Procedures which have been released by the Construction Leadership Council.

All sites / premises to be assessed to determine if works can be carried out in line with this assessment i.e. open air sites will be easier to control social distancing whereas sites / premises which have confined space restrictions which may prove more problematic.

Due to Government information identifying that the Coronavirus disease does not appear to discriminate between age or health issues,

- Employees confirmed as not being vulnerable (having no underlying health conditions noted within government guidelines) will be considered first as regards coming to work.
- If any employee has or is living with someone who has underlying health conditions (shielding of vulnerable people) they will be assessed before being allowed to return to work. If they do return to work they will be required to wear a face mask at all times (all JW operatives have been issued with and face fitted to half masks with changeable filters) and will be informed that they will need to clean / sanitise the mask and filters regularly during the working day i.e. clean the external of the mask and filter cartridge by wiping with anti bac wet wipes or wiping with a cloth sprayed with anti bac/viral disinfectant. They should not spray disinfectant directly into the filter.

Following the controls identified within this assessment will reduce the risk of the infection spreading to a reasonable level i.e. if no-one coming on to site / on site has it they can't pass it on.

No-one should come to work if they have symptoms and if they have we can only hope that they will inform such. If any person has symptoms they should not be allowed on site. They should be told to comply with Government statements and self-isolate, which is now a legal requirement.

Any person showing symptoms and not self-isolating is now breaking the law and subject to prosecution.

<b>Company Name:</b>	John Weaver (Contractors) Ltd.		
<b>Location:</b>			
<b>Assessed by:</b>	John Jones	<b>Designation:</b>	Health & Safety Officer (JWC)
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Legend: Likelihood and severity: **1=Low** **2=Medium** **3=High**

Risk Rating (LxS): **1-3=Low** **4-6=Medium** (See additional control measures) **9=Unacceptable-Do not proceed**

SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS IDENTIFIED: Give a brief description of what could be reasonably expected to cause significant harm and how that may arise.		RISK ASSESSMENT					
		UNCONTROLLED			CONTROLLED		
		L	S	RR	L	S	RR
<b>1.</b>	Becoming infected with Coronavirus COVID-19 through getting too close to an infected person or touching surfaces contaminated with Coronavirus COVID-19	3	3	9	1	3	3
<b>2.</b>	Persons working closer than or being within 2m from another person.	3	3	9	1	3	3

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PERSONS AT RISK:	Y/N	DETAIL:
Employees:	Y	All operatives
Other Contractors:	Y	All operatives
Members of the public:	N	Generally, members of the public will not be accessing sites.
	Y	When there is shared access and egress on sites where works are carried out in occupied buildings and/or where staff/building occupants will be present.
Others:	Y	Visitors to site. Design team, Clerk of Works, Building Control, Sub-contractors' Contracts Managers/Quantity Surveyors etc. <b>Keep visitors to a minimum. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet.</b>

### **1. Control Measures:**

(Becoming infected with Coronavirus COVID-19 through getting too close to an infected person or touching surfaces contaminated with Coronavirus COVID-19)

#### **1.1 Site Access:**

1.1.1	Entrance gates to be locked and controlled at all times.
1.1.2	Operatives and Visitors waiting to access site to keep at a distance of 2m apart. Signage to be placed on entrance gates to inform / remind of this.
1.1.3	Operatives and Visitors to access site individually and at a distance of 2m apart. Signage to be placed on entrance gates to inform / remind of this.
1.1.4	All operatives and visitors to be addressed by site management prior to them entering any of the site cabins, signing in or attending the workplace (don't forget to take 2m self-distancing into account when doing this) and asked if they have any symptoms relating to coronavirus i.e. a continuous dry cough or a rise in body temperature or difficulty in breathing / shortness of breath – either of these would mean exclusion from access to site and the person being sent home to self-isolate.
1.1.5	All operatives and visitors to be briefed on the contents of this assessment and informed they are expected to comply with all controls and will be excluded / removed from site if they don't.
1.1.6	All operatives and visitors are to be informed / reminded of the requirement to sign in when arriving and out when leaving site.
1.1.7	If the same pen is used by persons signing in / out it should be sanitised between users.
1.1.8	Operatives and visitors to wash or sanitise their hands prior to and after signing in / out.

Additional controls added by site manager:

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<b>1.2 Working on site:</b>	
1.2.1	Reduce the amount of Operatives you have on site at any one time to the minimum required to carry out works.
1.2.2	All persons while on site should keep to the 2m distancing rule whenever possible. Refer to controls measures in section 2 of this assessment if not possible.
1.2.3	If an operative starts to show symptoms while in work they should be sent home immediately. As directed in Government guidelines there is no need for others to go home unless they show symptoms themselves and there is no requirement for the site / premises to close down. If a person has been in close proximity to an operative showing symptoms they should wash their hands thoroughly.
Additional controls added by site manager:	

<b>1.3 Welfare facilities:</b>	
1.3.1	Have operatives to take split breaks whenever possible.
1.3.2	If more than one persons is in any of the welfare facilities they must be / stand / sit at least 2m apart. Adopt a 'one in one out' procedure whenever possible.
1.3.3	Windows should be left open to allow ventilation.
1.3.4	Doors should be left open if possible so operatives do not have to touch door handles. Note: If doors are closed, provide thin rubber gloves for Operatives to wear (not the latex type as some people can have allergic reactions to latex) when operating door handles etc. (ensure to inform Operatives that they must remove gloves without touching the area of the glove that came into contact with the door handles etc. and dispose of them in a dedicated refuse sack – In the event that no coronavirus issues have been noted and after 72 hrs, the refuse sack can be disposed of as uncontaminated waste)
1.3.5	Regularly clean and wipe surfaces with anti-viral sanitising spray and record cleaning times.
1.3.6	Have anti-viral 'wet wipes' available in toilets, canteen and site office areas.
1.3.7	Have hand sanitiser available in toilets, canteen and site office areas.
1.3.8	Place signage / posters in toilets, canteen and site office to inform / remind of washing hands etc.
Additional controls added by site manager:	

<b>1.4 Site Office:</b>	
1.4.1	Do not share usage of equipment such as pens, mobile phones and laptops.
1.4.2	Wipe equipment, desks, tables, keyboards, handles etc. regularly with anti-viral 'wet wipes'

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Additional controls added by site manager:

**2. Control measures:** (Persons working closer than or being within 2m from another person) Including providing first aid.

2.1	Site manager to give express permission (Permit to work) after investigating alternative methods. Always try to rearrange tasks to enable them to be done by one person, or by maintaining social distancing measures (2 metres). Consider alternative or additional mechanical aids to reduce worker interface.
2.2	Operatives who will be working closer than 2m to be further investigated for symptoms of coronavirus prior to issuing permit to work and works commencing.
2.3	Operatives to be briefed that if there is a requirement to work closer than 2m from another person it must be for the shortest time possible. This should be 15 minutes whenever possible. Avoid skin to skin and face to face contact. Workers should work side by side, or facing away from each other, rather than face to face and kept together in teams e.g. (do not change workers within teams)
2.4	<p>Operatives who have no alternative other than working within 2m of each other must wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FP3 face mask – either disposable (which must be disposed of after use) or, a reusable mask which can be thoroughly cleaned with sanitiser and reused by the same operative. <b>wearers must have been face fitted to the type of mask being worn.</b></li> <li>• Disposable or pvc overalls (if pvc overalls are used they can be cleaned with sanitising spray and re-used by the same operative),</li> <li>• PVC Gloves. Note: if the gloves have no cloth they can be cleaned, inside and out, with sanitising spray and re-used by the same operative, if they have cloth inside the should be disposed of.</li> <li>• Eye protection – these can be cleaned thoroughly with sanitising spray and re-used by the same operative.</li> </ul> <p><u>Sequence process:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put on a new pair of thin rubber gloves (not the latex type as some people can have allergic reactions to latex),</li> <li>• Put on face mask,</li> <li>• Put on overalls,</li> <li>• Put on eye protection,</li> <li>• Put on pvc gloves.</li> </ul> <p><u>Removal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove overalls,</li> <li>• Remove pvc gloves,</li> <li>• Remove eye protection,</li> <li>• Remove thin rubber gloves,</li> <li>• Remove mask.</li> </ul>
2.5	Operatives to wash hands and face thoroughly with soap and water as soon as they remove and / or clean their PPE
2.6	Operatives to be informed that they must remove all PPE without touching surface areas (roll off) and dispose of in a dedicated refuse sack – In the event that no coronavirus issues have been noted after 72 hrs, the refuse sack can be disposed of as uncontaminated waste.

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2.5	Operatives to be fully briefed on working and control arrangements
Additional controls added by site manager:	

<b>3. General:</b>	
3.1	If first aid is required remember that first aiders and IP's will be within 2m and therefore the first aider is required to wear a mask, eye protection and disposable gloves when delivering first aid.
3.2	Inform all operatives and visitor of the requirements of this assessment prior to them attending site.
3.3	Site Manager should remind the workforce (e.g. at daily briefings) of the specific control measures necessary to protect them, their colleagues, families and the UK population.
3.4	Ensure handwashing at regular intervals during the working day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds including when getting to or home from work, after blowing their nose, handling food, touching surfaces, door handles etc.
3.5	Site management to continuously monitor, oversee and manage that handwashing, social distancing procedures and control measure identified in this assessment are adhered to.
3.6	Ensure information posters are placed in designated locations within the workplace (toilets, notice boards etc).
3.7	Encourage Operatives not to share vehicles when travelling to and from work. If they have to there should be no more than two persons in a vehicle (unless they live in the same house) and should consider one in the front and one in the back.
3.8	If working involves coming into contact with members of the public, building occupants or staff (especially in hospitals) then we need to introduce further controls i.e. Confirmation by/from the Client that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work areas are low risk in relation to coronavirus.</li> <li>• Access and egress to and from the work area is safe for us to traverse in relation to coronavirus.</li> </ul>
Additional controls added by site manager:	

<b>Remember:</b>	Always check in your safety manual for company safety procedures and systems of work in regards to general H&S requirements on site. Refer to other generic risk assessments for activities connected with this activity and amend to make task specific.
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<b>4. ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES:</b> (Review at workplace & add any additional specific controls required) - Pay particular attention to controlled risk scores above a 3 rating
If there are doubts that someone may be showing signs of symptoms you could consider taking Operatives' temperatures (if a thermometer is available) however if doing so, have the operative to take his/her own temperature or you will be closer than 2m to the other person and therefore would be required to wear a PP3 face mask, disposable overalls and eye protection.

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Additional controls added by site manager:

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

See sections 2.4 & 3.1

### 5. REVIEW AND MONITORING

Review in light of further information becoming available or a change in conditions/circumstances.  
Monitored by supervisor

### 6. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES:

Information contained in this assessment

Information contained in the Construction Site Operating Procedures which have been released by the Construction Leadership Council to be delivered by STC.

Site Induction and rules

Work methods and sequences

Correct selection and use of respiratory and eye protection

Correct selection and use of gloves

*I confirm that I have considered and understand the risks and the associated hazards, and have amended this document as necessary. I am satisfied that all of the risks have been identified and that the control measures to be followed will reduce the risks to as low a level as reasonably practicable. I am aware that information on the assessment may be seen by and shared with third parties.*

Site Manager:

Date:

The following persons have received the information contained in this assessment:

*By signing I confirm that I have considered and understand the risks and the associated hazards. I am satisfied that relevant risks have been identified and that the control measures to be followed will reduce the risks to a reasonably practicable level. I am aware that information on the assessment may be seen by and shared with third parties.*

Name	Date	Sign	Name	Date	Sign

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