



COVID-19

Risk Assessment



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RISK ASSESSMENT

Generic Assessment for
Covid-19/Coronavirus

ACTIONS

Training

All staff need to receive up to date training on COVID-19, its symptoms, methods of transmission, effects, impact and duration. A set of accurate guidance notes on the disease that portray only facts about the disease is essential

The Resident's Room

Ensure this is meticulously cleaned ahead of admission and throughout the person's stay. Ensure it is clearly identified from the outside to anyone passing it.

Ensure that no-one enters the room unless authorised to do so

Cleaning

Adopt stringent infection control procedures for the entire room, but also for anything that goes into or out of the room – furniture, cutlery, crockery, clothing or laundry etc. Anything touched by the person or anything worn by staff must be bagged and disposed of or washed after every intervention with the person

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Any person entering the room must have appropriate
– mask, gloves, apron and shoe covers and eye protection if necessary. Personal care should only be undertaken with full PPE. All PPE must be bagged and safely disposed of after every intervention as if it were clinical waste

Visitors

Visitors to the home should only be allowed by exception and in the most urgent of circumstances

Meals

Meals for the person infected should be taken into the room by PPE protected staff. All PPE should be bagged and disposed of afterwards and the implements used during the meal washed separately from any others in a machine at the highest possible temperatures. Ensure only the person infected uses those implements

Rotas

Staffing rotas should be adjusted so that as few different staff members as possible provide care for the person, thus limiting the number of people exposed to possible infection

Personal Actions for the service user:



- Announce who you are when going into his room
- Reassure him constantly and explain what it is you are doing
- Explain if needed, why you are wearing the protective clothing
- Ensure oxygen is on hand in case of need
- Ensure any additional medication is logged in the MAR sheet and in Billy Meds care plan
- Try to ensure Billy understands why he cannot mix with others or walk around the home freely
- Try to enable a flow of fresh air into the room and allow a view out of the window if possible

What is the risk?

A person being discharged from hospital still recovering from Covid-19 could possibly infect any person in the care home that they come into close contact with. If it is staff, then they could fall sick and will need to isolate, thereby reducing the home's capacity to staff the service safely. If other residents are infected, then the virus could spread indiscriminately through the service. The disease is more likely to be fatal to older people or even younger ones with underlying health conditions and weakened immune systems.



Who might be harmed?

Staff, other residents and visitors to the service