

Risk assessment name	Covid Secure Risk Assessment - Office Spaces and related working conditions	Assessment type	General
Assessor name	Kenneth Morren	Affected site(s)	Blueleaf Limited - RH13 9RT (RH13 9RT)
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Approved date	02/11/2020	Reference	Cov003.4

Workspace(s)	Description
Access / Egress Attic Office Outside Area Storage	This Risk Assessment applies to all Blueleaf locations and must be reviewed/ amended to suit detailed business practices and working environment. Due to the emerging evidence and changes to Government Guidance, it is vital that the most up to date guidance is referred to. This can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19 It should be noted that wherever possible people should still be encouraged to work from home. This risk assessment sets out the controls that will be in place for the workplace and work activities in order to reduce the risk of the transmission of the Covid-19 virus and demonstrate that the organisation is Covid-Secure.

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Cleaning To Reduce
 Transmission Of Covid-19
- Risk of exposure to Covid-19 whilst cleaning work areas.

All staff

Cleaners

How? Cleaning areas where Covid-19 may be present may lead to exposure to the virus. However- the cleaning of all areas correctly will reduce the risk of transmission overall.



Appropriate Disinfectant Products Used In Line With COSHH Assessment.

Appropriate disinfectant to be used in line with the COSHH assessment - this will be communicated to staff.

The product will be used in line with instructions for use and dilution rates and appropriate PPE provided and worn where indicated.

Disposable cloths will be used where possible to reduce transmission.



Cleaning Of Premises Before Work Commences

Assessment of cleaning requirements will be carried out prior to premises opening and appropriate cleaning will take place.



Correct Guidance Will Be Followed For Cleaning Areas Of Higher Risk

Based on current Government Guidance for Non-clinical Settings. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings

This includes the use of additional PPE (gloves, aprons, eye protection, mask) and items double-bagged and labelled - stored securely for 72 hours before disposal.



Increased Cleaning Frequency Of Cleaning Throughout Premises

Increased cleaning regime in place throughout premises to be monitored by employees. Disinfectant wipes provided for use.

Particular focus on commonly touched areas, equipment, surfaces and common shared areas.



Workspaces Will Be Cleared Of Waste Regularly

Personal items removed at end of shift and increased waste removal during shifts where required. 2 x 5



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Medium

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2. Hygiene Control Poor hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene control may lead to an increase in surface contamination.		Employees Advised To Wash Clothing After Work Unless assessment of other risks deems necessary- employees will change clothing at home not at work in changing rooms and will be advised to launder clothes as soon as possible in the event of any contamination of clothing. Increased Hand Washing Facilities Provided Increased hand washing facilities provided throughout the workplace including at entrances, exits, different parts of the building and common areas. Where this is not practicable sanitiser will be provided. Increased Waste Management Additional waste facilities will be available throughout the site with more frequent collection where appropriate. Signs And Posters In Use To Remind To Practise Good Hygiene Relevant posters and signs displayed to remind employees of the need to wash hands for at least 20 seconds on a frequent basis. Also signs to remind employees to practice good respiratory hygiene - catching of coughing and sneezes and correct disposal of tissues followed by hand washing. Use Of Face Coverings If employees choose to wear face coverings then they will be supported in the workplace. Face coverings are not classed as PPE. Advice will be given to employees on the correct use. • Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face-covering on, and after removing it. • When wearing a face covering, avoid touching your face or face covering, as you could contaminate them with germs from your hands.	
		 Change your face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it. Continue to wash your hands regularly. Change and wash your face covering daily. If the material is washable, wash in line with manufacturer's instructions. If it's not washable, dispose of it carefully in your usual waste. 	

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3. Attendance And Movement Of People In The Workplace -The attendance of people in the workplace where working from home is not possible will increase the number of people in the premises which may increase the risk of Covid-19 transmission.	All staff, Contractors, Members of the public Visitors How? Where more than 1 person attends work not from the same household increases the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 virus.	Controlled Movement Of People Throughout Workplace Monitoring and regulation of one way movements in higher traffic areas such as corridors, entrances, stairwells and pinch points. Use of signs and markings to indicate social distancing in place where appropriate. Emergency Plans Updated And Communicated People do not have to adhere to the prescribed social distancing where there is an emergency such as fire, an accident or a security threat or break in and the risk to safety is imminent. Those assisting others in emergencies should ensure they carry out stringent hygiene control afterwards including thorough handwashing. Employee Will Work From Home Wherever Possible Only business-critical roles will be permitted into the workplace where remote working is not possible for operational reasons or home circumstances. Information, Instruction and Training Provided To Employees Employees consulted on risks and controls in the work place. Staff communicated with on a regular basis on changes to hazards and controls. Employees receive training through the use of training courses, posters, signs, announcements and briefings. Minimal Employees To Attend The Workplace Work organised so that minimal people are required to attend the workplace - where it allows work to be carried out safely whilst supporting social distancing. Where possible this will be limited to the same people to prevent mixing of groups. Pro-active Monitoring In Place Pro-active monitoring in place to	3 x 6 18 Medium
		Pro-active monitoring in place to ensure that staff are adhering to controls and that control measures are adequate and effective.	

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		Remote Workers Adequately Supported	
		Adequate work equipment needs will be assessed and be provided to remote workers. Regular contact will be made with remote workers to arrangements are adequate to support their physical and mental wellbeing.	
		Restrict Movement Of People Throughout Site	
		Employees discouraged from carrying out non-essential trips within the premises- use of phones, emails or teamviewer/zoom to communicate with others elsewhere. Drop off and collection areas designated for exchanging of documents, materials or equipment. Job rotation reduced to prevent moving between locations where at all possible.	
		Signage in Place To Remind Employees Of The Controls	
		Posters and signs to be used to remind employees of the requirement to adhere to social distancing, to wash hands frequently and to practice good respiratory hygiene (coughs and sneezes).	
		Staggered Work Patterns	
		Working patterns organised to limit the number of persons on-site at any one time and arrival/leaving times to be flexible preventing unnecessary cross over. Cohorts or Teams to be fixed where practicable to prevent mixing of different people on shifts.	
		Use Of Outside Spaces For Breaks Where Possible	
		Safe outside places will be available for breaks- with social distancing in place through layout and use of signs and markings. Monitoring of these spaces to be carried out to ensure adherence to social distancing.	
		Ventilation On Site Increased As Much As Possible.	
		Windows and doors opened as much as possible to increase ventilation in all workspace. Use of extraction fans may be used to increase ventilation. Adjustments to be made to ensure adequate ventilation remains in place. Fire doors will not be propped open. Frequency of cleaning handles and release buttons by staff to be encouraged Guidance on use of Shared Air Condition will be taken with a competent engineer.	

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		Vulnerable Persons Protected Further assessment of the specific risks will be carried out on a case by case basis. Those classed as clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to work outside of the home. Those classed as clinically vulnerable are advised to work 2m away from other persons where they cannot work from home. Working Away From Home Strictly Assessed And Controlled Where it cannot be avoided and working away from home must be carried out it will be ensured that accommodation will meet Government Guidelines and be recorded centrally along with the assessment of any additional risks and controls required. Workstations Will Be Organised To Support Social Distancing Workstations will be arranged so that social distancing can be adhered to. Floor plans to demonstrate social distancing. Desk seating will be spaced out to maintain distance between people. Hot-desking will be prevented where at all possible- if this is not possible thorough cleaning will take place before and after use of all equipment. Where possible use of own peripherals such as mouse and keyboards and headsets will be in place. Where social distancing cannot be maintained further controls will be in place: i. Desks to allow people to work side by side or facing away from each other. ii. Use of screens to separate people. iii. Increased cleaning of areas.	

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4. Social Distancing Guidelines Cannot Be Met -Activities, where social distancing cannot be followed in full, may lead	All staff How? Being in close proximity may lead to increased risk of the spread of the Covid- 19 virus.	1.Increased Cleaning Carried Out Increased cleaning of surfaces where people are operating within the specified social distancing to be carried out by employees. 2.Increased Handwashing Carried Out Provisions will be made in order for people to be able to wash their hands more frequently- including before and immediately after carrying out tasks where social distancing has not been maintained.	4 x 8 32 High
to increased risk of the transmission of the virus due to being in close proximity. This includes entrances, exits and common areas as well as work activities.		3. Time Spent Within 2m To Be Kept To A Minimum The time where persons are within 2m will be kept to as short a time as practicably possible. 4. Physical Barriers or Screens In Use To screen people from each other physical barriers or screens will be used and cleaned frequently. Edges of glass to be protected as directed by management. Employees to be aware of the hazard.	
		5.Employees To Avoid Face To Face Work Where Possible Where possible employees will work side by side or back to back to avoid working face to face. 6. Teams / Partners / Cohorts Will Be Kept Fixed Where Possible To reduce the number of different people working within the prescribed distance fixed teams and partners will be place where practicable to reduce the level of possible transmission.	
		7.Work Activity Will Not Go Ahead Where social distancing cannot be maintained and cannot be limited to a small group of fixed people then the activity will be assessed to decide if it can go ahead safely.	
		8. Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Additional PPE beyond what is normally worn to control workplace risk, for management of COVID infection has limited benefits and precautionary use of additional PPE for this purpose is not encouraged. However where the risk assessment identifies high risk transmission due to difficulties implementing controls then PPE will be considered as a further control measure. Appropriate PPE will be selected and employees trained in its safe and effective use.	

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		storage and disposal in line with PPE risk assessments.	
5.Individuals Displaying Symptoms - Coronavirus reportedly spread through exposure or contact to cough droplets. People at work developing on-set of symptoms within the workplace.	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? An individual could develop symptoms of high/raised temperature or new/continuous cough whilst at work.	Cases Recorded and Investigated. Records maintained of those who are isolating or who develop symptoms at work. Investigations carried out if the transmission could be work-related in the event it needs to be reported under RIDDOR. Appropriate risk assessments and work activities reviewed to ensure there are effective controls or if any changes are required. Employee Not To Return To Work And Should Self-Isolate	4 x 7
		For those displaying symptoms of a high or raised temperature or new/persistent cough, isolation should be exercised immediately, ensuring Line Management are informed. Should individuals live with those displaying symptoms, they should isolate for 14 days. If by themselves, 7 days.	
		Employee To Go Home Immediately The employee will be sent home directly from work and maintain social distancing to do so. If they require someone from their household to come and pick them up - they will wait in an isolated room away from anyone else until they are collected. This area will require thorough cleaning afterwards in accordance with the guidance. They should then self-isolate in accordance with guidelines.	
		Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed Staff should be carrying out regular hand washing for at least 20 seconds using soap and water or use of a sanitiser if this is not available. Following cleaning an area after a symptomatic person the hands should be thoroughly cleaned.	
		Waste Disposed Of With Care With Local Guidelines. Any waste from areas where symptomatic people have worked- including the PPE and cleaning items that have been used will be double-bagged and labelled and disposed of 72 hours with normal collection arrangements - or if test results come back negative where applicable. If unable to store the waste then arrangements for clinical waste collection will be made.	

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		Will Follow Government Advice On Testing https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus- covid-19-getting-tested Data Protection Impact Assessment have been carried out. Work Area Cleaned Thoroughly Using Disinfectant Following Guidelines. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare- settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings Should the need arise in dealing with a suspected Covid-19 person then extra precautions will be needed which will include protection for eyes, nose and mouth in addition to the gloves and aprons. For disposal these should be then double-bagged and labelled and stored safely and securely for 72 hours before disposal by normal means of collection. Staff will be trained in the effective use of PPE to ensure it offers the correct level of protection.	
Coming To Work And Leaving Work - Sharing of a vehicle to, from work or use of public transport may lead to an inability to maintain social distancing.	All staff, Members of the public How? Exposure to the virus due to inability to maintain social distancing leading to potentially contracting the virus.	Safer Travel Supported Car sharing with people from different households will be discouraged. Alternatives such as walking and cycling will be supported with increased facilities. Use of Public Transport will be discouraged. Shifts Staggered Where at all possible shifts will be staggered to allow employees to travel outside of rush hours as well as avoiding cross overs of shifts. Work From Home Where At All Possible. Employees will work from home where possible to prevent the need to travel and enter the workplace.	2 x 4 8 Low

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Common Areas (Including Kitchen and Welfare Facilities) - Due to areas being frequently utilised by all staff, the potential for infection is increased. This includes stairwells, waiting areas, seating areas as well as toilets, changing room and kitchen areas.	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? Common areas may restrict distancing of 2+ metres at any one time. Due to heavy foot fall, surfaces may be touched more frequently and individuals may cross paths more often.	Access To Toilets / Showers/ Changing Rooms Controlled Restrictions on the number of people using facilities at any one time to allow for social distancing. Use of markings and posters to indicate the social distancing requirements. Canteen Facilities Restricted Canteen and kitchen access restricted to limit number of people permitted at any one time. Employees encouraged to bring in own food to avoid the need to use facilities will be carried out on site by the employees. Increased cleaning of the welfare facilities will be carried out on site by the employees. Increased frequency of Cleaning Of Toilets / Changing Rooms and Kitchens. Increased deaning of the welfare facilities will be carried out on site by the employees. Increased frequency of cleaning of kitchen facilities to be carried out by employees before and after use. Employees to clean kitchen items before and after use. Numbers Of People In Common Areas Managed. Individuals using common areas will be kept to a minimum at all times and social distancing will be strictly adhered to. Regular Cleaning Of Common Area And Touch Points. Common areas where people pass through are to be cleaned frequently but specific attention to be paid to areas where people spend more time or common touchpoints. These will be cleaned more intensely/frequently. To be monitored by employees. The appropriate disinfectant will be used in line with the COSHH Assessment and the correct PPE worn which will be disposed of correctly. Disposable cloths will be used where possible to reduce transmission.	4 x 6 24 Medium

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		Restricted Use Of Lifts Stairs will be used rather than passenger lifts to prevent people from being in close proximity. Lifts will be available for those with disabilities. If the lift is to remain in use then the occupancy will be limited to be able to comply with social distancing. Touchpoints will be cleaned frequently.	

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Handling Items, Materials And Using On-Site Vehicles Employees occupying work vehicles at the same time or shared use of common vehicles/plant or equipment.	All staff How? Inability to maintain social distancing or coming into contact with contaminated surfaces may lead to contraction of the Covid-19 virus.	All Items To Be Cleaned Regularly Any goods or items entering the site will be cleaned using appropriate cleaning products. All commonly used equipment such as printers, copiers will be cleaned on a frequent basis. Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed Before and After Use All employees to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or use sanitiser, before and after handling any equipment or materials or before and after using any work vehicles.	3 x 6
		Mitigation Of Risk For Employees Travelling And Working Together Workplace transport such as delivery vans, mini busses and pool cars, will have limited persons permitted. Where possible seats will be left empty to allow for social distancing. Pairs or teams to be fixed to reduce the number of people mixing. Passengers to sit as far away from each other and avoid sitting face to face. Windows to be kept open during travel to improve ventilation.	
		Non-Essential Deliveries Not Permitted Non-business deliveries to workplace will be discouraged - such as personal items being delivered to work. Non-essential Travel Prevented Journeys will not be made where at all possible and work carried out remotely.	
		Rotation Of Jobs And Equipment Reduced Rotation of jobs and equipment reduced where safe to do so where it does not present other risks to avoid the risk of contamination.	
		Vehicles Not Shared Where At All Possible Where the job permits, vehicles will not be occupied by more than one person at any one time. Where possible the same person will use the same vehicle and not swap with other drivers. If vehicles are to be used by different people at different times then they will be cleaned before and after each use. Vehicles taken home by employees will be cleaned before the next person uses it.	

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Managing Customers, Visitors and Contractors Coming To Site Tradespeople, couriers, deliveries, contractors and other visitors such as customers attending site for work purposes.	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? Transmission of Covid-19 between visitors to site and employees.	Access To Welfare Facilities Controlled Access to welfare facilities is strictly monitored and controlled with increased cleaning carried out by employees.	2 x 6 12	
		All Visitors To Site To Be Pre-Arranged And Times Staggered Non-essential visitors/contractors /customers to be pre-arranged before being permitted on site. No unauthorised visitors to be permitted on site- they will be turned away until acceptable arrangements are approved. Visitors to be allocated specific time slots and staggered to reduce the number of people on site.	Medium	
		Documentation Issued Electronically Where Possible To reduce the need to exchange paperwork and other documents, the information will be exchanged electronically instead where at all possible. Good Hand Washing/Hygiene Procedures Observed By Employees Employees Employees to wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water regularly and have access to sanitsier where this is not possible- before and after any interaction with others.		
		Increased Cleaning Regime In Place For Touch Points And Interfaces. Increased cleaning of areas where there are interactions with others not from the workplace will be carried out. This includes waiting areas, handles, handrails, counter tops. To be monitored regularly by employees working in these areas. Information Communicated To Visitors Prior communication issued to expected visitors to site through phone, email or website. Information signs displayed at visitor arrival areas to make procedures clear. Risk assessment for attendence of meetings requires to be read and acknowledged prior to proceeding to meeting rooms.		

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		Managed Entry The number of people permitted inside the premises will be restricted to allow effective social distancing. The designated entrance/ exit points for contractors/ visitors etc will be limited to minimise contact with other people.		
		Protective Interface Established Use of markings, signage and potential use of screens (existing or temporary plexi-glass) to provide a barrier between a visitor to site and employee where practicable. Remote Communication Encouraged Where possible remote communication with visitors, customers and contractors will be used rather than attendance on site.		
		Revised Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures Designated areas for non-contact deliveries will be in place with clear instructions for couriers. Revised delivery / collection methods to reduce the number of visitors to the site such as bulk drop-offs and pick-ups to reduce frequency of visitors. Drivers are to remain in or around their vehicles where possible during loading and offloading. Limited people to carry out the collection of deliveries.		
		Sanitiser Available At Visitor Interfaces. Sanitiser available at locations where contractors / visitors will present to employees.		
		Supervision On Site Where contractor tasks are required to be supervised- social distancing will be maintained. The host person on site will be aware of their responsibilities to support social distancing and informing the contractor of their requirements.		
		Visitor Records Maintained Records of those who have attended site to be maintained where possible. If requiring people to sign in - pens will not be provided to reduce the need to share equipment. Touchscreen sign-in systems will be disabled where possible - if not possible then cleaning and sanitising product will be located adjacent to the device.		

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		Waiting Area For Visitors / Contractors Well Managed Any waiting area for people on site will allow for adequate social distancing in the seating arrangements. Use of signs and markers and guidelines to remind any visitors of the requirements. Entry to waiting area restricted if the number of people will restrict the ability to socially distance. People may be turned away until a more suitable time is available where social distancing can be managed.		
Meetings People coming together in close proximity to attend meetings.	All staff, Contractors Visitors How? Increased risk of transmission of Covid 19	Meetings Carried Out Remotely Where Possible Where possible meetings will be carried out remotely to avoid the need for people to come together. Meetings To Be Held In Well Ventilated Locations Meeting to be held outside where possible. If not then meetings will be held in well-ventilated rooms where windows or doors can be open or use of extractor fans to support ventilation.	3 x 6 18 Medium	
		No Sharing Of Equipment Permitted No items are to be shared at any time during the meetings such as pens, computers etc. Sanitiser To Be Provided As well as handwashing before and after the meeting, hand sanitiser will be provided for use for meeting participants.		
		Social Distancing To Be Maintained All participants to be reminded prior to meeting of the need to adhere to social distancing at all times. Desks and chairs will be arranged to support social distancing or meeting will be held stood up. Signs and briefings to be used in regular meeting spaces to indicate social distancing.		

Further control measures

None required

Operating procedures

In the context of COVID-19 this means working through these steps in order:

In every workplace, increasing the frequency of handwashing and surface cleaning.

Businesses and workplaces should make every reasonable effort to enable working from home as a first option.

Where working from home is not possible, workplaces should make every reasonable effort to comply with the social distancing guidelines set out by the government (keeping people apart wherever practicable).

Where the social distancing guidelines cannot be followed in full, in relation to a particular activity, businesses should consider whether that activity needs to continue for the business to operate and if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission between their staff.

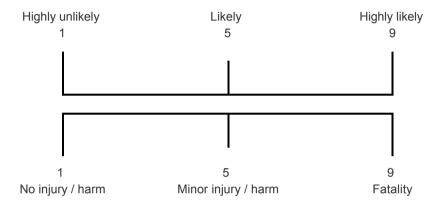
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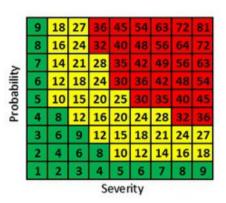
- Increasing the frequency of hand washing and surface cleaning.
- Keeping the activity time involved as short as possible.
- Using screens or barriers to separate people from each other. Users to be warned of sharp edges on screens. Signage or glass edge protectors to be provided.
- Using back-to-back or side-to-side working (rather than face-to-face) whenever possible.
- Reducing the number of people each person has contact with by using 'fixed teams or partnering' (so each person works with only a few others).
- Finally, if people must work face-to-face for a sustained period with more than a small group of fixed partners, then you will need to assess whether the activity can safely go ahead.
- No one is obliged to work in an unsafe work environment.

Taken From: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Risk rating explanation

Risk ratings are calculated by considering the likelihood of an event occurring along with the severity of the potential consequence should an accident occur. After considering existing control measures, values are assigned to the likelihood and severity from the scales below and these figures multiplied to established the risk rating.





What do your risk ratings mean?

- Risk is categorised as LOW: Look to reduce risk if practicable
- Risk has been categorised as MEDIUM: Begin to plan your action to reduce the risk immediately
- Risk has been categorised as HIGH: Immediate action required to reduce the risk

Assessor's signature: Kenneth Morren Approved by signature: Kenneth Morren

Employee(s)/Worker(s) acknowledgement

The signs below acknowledge receipt of this risk assessment and confirm that they have read and understood the requirements of the risk assessment.

Employee name	Signature(s)	Date	Employee name	Signature(s)	Date