

## **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.**

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
<p><b>Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Employees</b></li> <li>• <b>Visitors to the toilets</b></li> <li>• <b>Cleaners</b></li> <li>• <b>Vulnerable groups – elderly, those with existing underlying health conditions</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Hand Washing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place.</li> <li>• Stringent hand washing taking place.</li> <li>• See hand washing guidance.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/</a></li> <li>• Drying of hands with disposable paper towels.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/">https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/</a></li> <li>• Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities are not readily available.</li> </ul>	<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 - <a href="https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus">https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</a></p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</a></p>	<p>Executive Clerk</p>	<p>Prior to open</p>	<p>YES</p>

		<p><b>Cleaning</b> 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>Rigorous checks will be carried out by Contractors 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>	CJH Cleaning	Daily	
		<p><b>Social Distancing</b> 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. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</a></p>	<p>Users to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing both in the toilets and outside of it.</p>	All Users	Daily	
		<p><b>Wearing of Gloves</b> Wearing of gloves as a requirement of the job, an adequate supply of these will be provided by Contractor.</p>		CJH Cleaning	Daily	

		<p><b><u>PPE</u></b> Due to the confined space, Users and Contractors are encouraged to use face coverings / masks whilst in these premises.</p>		All Users	Daily	
		<p><b><u>Symptoms of COVID-19</u></b> If advised that a member of staff or public has developed Covid-19 and were recently on our premises, contact will be made with the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.</p>	<p>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees in a fast changing situation.</p> <p>Regular communication of mental health information and open door policy for employees who may need additional support.</p>	Executive Clerk	As required	

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