

Covid-19 Risk assessment update May 2023

Staff team to read across all sites.

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What is the hazard?

- Exposure/transmittance of Covid 19 virus.

Who might be harmed?

- Staff, visitors and Next Steppers could be carrying Covid-19 virus, which could be transmitted to other staff/ Next Steppers and visitors.

Existing controls:

- Staff/visitors/contractors to wear a face mask if they have cold/flu like symptoms (coughing/sneezing, etc)
- Enhanced ventilation (opening windows / doors for 5 minutes a couple of times a day)
- Staff members who generally feel unwell need to make their decision, whether or not to come into work.
- If next steppers become unwell, lead support workers to notify parent/carers. If they are going home, arrangements can be made.
- If a next stepper is showing signs of being unwell, support in a separate room/area.
- PPE stations are available across all sites.

Responsibilities & timing:

- To be monitored by the Health & Safety Team and Lead Support staff on a daily basis.

Facemask:

The use of facemasks worn by staff / visitors reduces the risk of transmitting infection by about 30% from the source.

If a member of staff / visitor is wearing a mask when infected, the mask reduces the risk of infection by about 95%

Ventilation:

Ventilation will prevent the build-up of a virus in a room. The greater the number of air changes, the lower the risk.

