

# COVID-19 – Health, safety and environmental risk assessment

## Overview

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly contagious disease that can have severe effects on people, especially those who are vulnerable. The virus is likely to pass from person to person in communal areas and where it is not possible to maintain safe distances between persons. If a person is infected while working it can be passed on through families and other contacts. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

During the COVID-19 pandemic it is essential that the workforce and customers are protected to minimise the risk of the infection spreading.

The CLC has also released guidance on the use of face coverings in a construction environment. *Face coverings should be worn:*

- *in an enclosed space;*
- *where social distancing isn't always possible; and*
- *where they come into contact with others they do not normally meet.*

## Social distancing

Workers should maintain a distance of two metres, or one metre with risk mitigation where two metres is not viable.

## Hazard: COVID-19 Airborne transmission of virus. To minimise this I will:

- Not to attend work if I have symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to follow Government guidelines.
- Avoid face-to-face contact.
- Wear appropriate PPE, this may include masks and/or face shield.
- Stagger start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact IF more than 1 contractor is on site.
- Work with my customers to ensure site access and egress points are appropriate to enable social distancing. If possible implement a one-way system at access and egress points.
- Where loading and off-loading arrangements on site will allow it, all delivery drivers should remain in their vehicles.
- Ensure tasks can be completed by one person
- If it is not possible to undertake a work activity whilst maintaining a two metre distance, or one metre with risk mitigation where two metres is not viable, I will consider whether the activity should continue.

## Hazard: COVID-19 Surface transmission of virus (cross-contamination of surfaces). To minimise this I will:

- Provide facilities so I can wash my hands for 20 seconds using soap and water or hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol based) when entering and leaving the site.
- Avoid skin-to-skin contact.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures should be in place across the site, particularly in communal areas and at touch points, including procedures for cleaning at the end of each break and shift.
  - Door/gate handles
  - Machinery and equipment controls.
  - Tools and equipment being used.
- Ensure that I bring my own food and drink and any waste will be disposed off appropriately.

**Hazard: COVID-19 Airborne transmission of virus. To minimise this you, as the customer, will:**

- Inform me if you have symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to follow Government guidelines. Work will be postponed until an appropriate time.
- Avoid face-to-face contact.
- Wear appropriate PPE, this may include masks and/or face shield if you need to talk to me.
- Inform me if more than 1 contractor is to be on site.

**Hazard: COVID-19 Surface transmission of virus (cross-contamination of surfaces). To minimise this you, as the customer, will:**

- Avoid skin-to-skin contact.
- Not offer refreshments.
- Not offer/accept to dispose of any rubbish left by contractors.