



## **Peace Manor Residential Care Ltd**

**For Young Adults (18 - 65 years) With Mental Health Needs**

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### **COVID- 19 GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS**

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways.

A virus called Coronavirus causes it.

Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal for health care workers.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Visitors to your premises</li> <li>• Cleaners</li> <li>• Contractors</li> <li>• Drivers</li> <li>• Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions</li> <li>• Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your business</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Hand Washing</u></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>• Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/</a></li> <li>• Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not</li> </ul>	<p>Employees to be reminded on a regular basis 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. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>Encourage staff to report any problems and carry out skin checks as part of a skin surveillance programme</p> <p><a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/skin/professional/health-surveillance.htm">https://www.hse.gov.uk/skin/professional/health-surveillance.htm</a></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>readily available</p> <p><b><u>Cleaning</u></b></p> <p>Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p><b><u>Social Distancing</u></b></p> <p>Social Distancing -Reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 2-metre (6.5 foot) gap recommended by the Public Health Agency</p> <p><a href="https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus">https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</a></p> <p><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>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display.</p> <p><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>Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.</p>			
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