

# Risk Assessment



Brief details	This assessment covers the risk to staff and others of acquiring the COVID-19 infection when undertaking work in our offices, on client sites and when delivering face to face learning.			
Business area / department	All of business	Person completing assessment	Brian Sutlief / Danny Street	
Assessment date	21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020 rev: 10/06/2020 rev: 26/06/20 rev: 29/07/2020 rev: 25/09/2020 rev: 03/11/20 rev: 01/2020 rev: 25/02/21 ref:01/06/21 rev 11/07/21 rev:10/12/21 rev: 10/01/22	Review date	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 (or sooner)	
Likelihood (L) Severity (S) Initial Risk Rating (IR) Residual Rating (RR) Likelihood x Severity = IR or RR				
Key to risk level	Low 1 – 3	Moderate 4 - 6	Significant 8 - 12	High 15 - 25

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Exposure to and/or contributing to the transmission of Coronavirus	Employees working from home	Administration team, directors and consultants working from home where practical  Office workstations set up at home, additional resources like printers / tables and similar provided  Regular contact with employees throughout the working day	1	4	4	-	1	4	4	Directors	On-going

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Exposure to and/or contributing to the transmission of Coronavirus	Employees attending the office delivering presentations	<p>All hard surfaces, including door handles, switches etc cleaned regularly when office is occupied</p> <p>Standard office cleaning products provided and 70% alcohol wipes</p> <p>Hand washing facilities on-site – hot/cold running water</p> <p>Alcohol gel provide in reception and all training rooms</p> <p>Incident reporting in-line with Acorn / HSE guidance if COVID19 expected</p> <p>Temperatures taken for all employees, any person with a temperature above 37.8°C will be asked to leave</p> <p>Masks to be worn at any time when employees / course delegates are moving around the building</p> <p>Sign on main front door</p>	2	4	8		2	4	4	Trainers, consultants, office staff	

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Exposure to and/or contributing to the transmission of Coronavirus	Administration staff working in / visiting the office	<p>Staff to work from home where practical to do so, attendance at office only to undertake essential work</p> <p>Staff members only to attend office if NOT showing signs of COVID-19</p> <p>Office door propped open when possible, and windows opened to improve ventilation</p> <p>Visitors / contractors met at front door to control access / egress to building</p> <p>Storage cabinets moved to improve space and avoid pinch point in office entranceway</p> <p>Staff members to work at their own desk to avoid potential for cross contamination</p> <p>Deliveries not to be signed for.</p> <p>Office bins emptied daily</p>	2	4	8		2	4	8		

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		<p>Staff members to wipe their desks, chair arms, telephone handsets / headsets, computer keyboards, mice to be wiped at the end of each working day</p> <p>Face masks to be worn at all times when staff members not at desks (i.e. walking through offices)</p> <p>Temperature checks in place. Any person with a temperature in excess of 37.8°C sent home and referred to NHS website</p> <p>Stair gate placed across administration office access, only authorised persons permitted</p>									
Exposure to and/or contributing to the transmission of Coronavirus	<p>Employees (trainers and consultants)</p> <p>Visiting or working on client sites</p>	<p>Client / customer procedures followed on-site</p> <p>Copies of COVID-19 assessments to all employees</p>	2	4	8	Non-essential site visits and training to be provided by other means or postponed to a later date where possible	2	4	8	Consultants	

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		<p>Only essential travel / assessment permitted with permission of company Director</p> <p>Adhere to social distancing guidelines when on-site, if not possible dynamically assess</p> <p>Use latest Construction Leadership Council – Site Operating Procedures, for construction activities</p> <p>Wipe down interior of vehicles after journeys</p> <p>Incident reporting in-line with Acorn / HSE guidance if COVID-19 expected</p> <p>Remove self from risk if unable to comply with guidelines</p> <p>Ensure regular hand washing / sanitising</p>				(face fit testing, first aid, manual handling, fire risk assessment, accident investigation, any COVID-19 related assessments / audit are examples of work considered essential)					

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		<p>All trainers / consultants provided with gloves / hard surface wipes / alcohol gel</p> <p>Face fit testing provided to all consultants who may be required to wear FFP2/FFP3 masks</p> <p>Local customer policies / procedures to be followed</p>									
Exposure to and/or contributing to the transmission of Coronavirus	<p>Employees and customers staff</p> <p>Delivering first aid training courses at on customer premises and in our training rooms</p>	<p>Training deemed 'essential' in accordance with published guidance by employing organisation and/or Acorn</p> <p>Staying COVID-19 secure poster displayed, hand washing posters displayed, catch it, bin it, kill it poster displayed (or provided in training kits)</p> <p>COVID-19 questionnaire completed by all staff / delegates prior to course</p> <p>Handwashing information and covid-19 awareness included on all courses</p>	2	4	8	<p>Mask wearing encouraged by all Acorn employees when moving around client's sites</p> <p>E-mail to all trainers including sessional trainers 10/12/21 to reinforce mitigation Acorn have maintained, and continue to maintain</p> <p>Periodic monitoring in place when work training is undertaken by subcontractors (adequate equipment provision, adherence to Acorn policies, provision of wipes, gel, posters etc).</p>	1	4	4	<p>Trainer</p> <p>Office Manager / Director</p>	

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		<p>Social distancing guidance is maintained and numbers attending courses dictated by environment course is being delivered in</p> <p>Acorn Registered with NHS Track and Trace. QR codes clearly displayed in each training room</p> <p>Occupancy for training rooms subject to regular review</p> <p>Doors and windows opened in building to promote air flow and reduce contact with hard surfaces</p> <p>Delegate and trainer temperature checks taken prior to all courses. Any person with a temperature in excess of 37.8°C not permitted to take part on the course and referred to NHS Website</p> <p>Delegates encouraged to provided own water / drinks, Acorn kitchen operates 1 in 1 out policy</p>									

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		<p>Church is self-help with appropriate social distancing in place</p> <p>Option to refrain from rescue breathing on F/A courses in line with revised HSE guidance 02/2021 (not specifically related to COVID-19 risk but reduced participation in training)</p> <p>Where it is not possible to maintain social distancing on a course due to its nature, masks must be worn</p> <p>Acorn provides non-sterile 3-ply loop ear face masks with three droplet resistant barrier layers for staff members and makes these available to delegates if they have not provided their own</p> <p>Masks can be removed to undertake "rescue breaths" practice only if distancing is maintained</p>									

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		<p>Where practical the, published guidance is exceeded, and delegates are issued with individual manikins / lungs/ dressings for use on courses</p> <p>Manikin lungs fitted with one-way expiration valve and changed after each course</p> <p>Manikin t-shirts removed to aid cleaning of hard surfaces</p> <p>Where training manikins are shared, faces are wiped down with hard surface wipes between delegates use and allowed to dry for 30sec's. Resuscitation face shields also provided</p> <p>Baby manikin bodies/arms/legs to be wiped overusing hard surface wipes after each use</p> <p>Standard universal precautions followed by all staff members cleaning equipment post course</p>									

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		<p>Post training faces washed in 60° wash cycle, handled with sanitised hands and individually wrapped in cling film</p> <p>Hard surface wipes / alcohol gel available on all courses for use during training and hand sanitisation undertaken prior to and after all practical exercises</p> <p>Incident reporting in-line with Acorn / HSE guidance if COVID19 expected</p> <p>Trainer monitors social distancing practice throughout course and including non-contact time where possible</p>									
Exposure to and/or contributing to the transmission of Coronavirus	Delivering manual handling training courses	<p>Training deemed 'essential' in accordance with published guidance by employing organisation and/or Acorn</p> <p>Where practical training delivered partly through live streaming</p>	2	4	8	Trainer to monitor social distancing practice throughout course and including non-contact time where possible	2	4	8	Trainer	

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		<p>Staying COVID-19 secure poster displayed, hand washing posters displayed, catch it, bin it, kill it poster displayed (or provided in training kits)</p> <p>COVID-19 questionnaire completed by all staff / delegates prior to course commencement</p> <p>Handwashing information and covid-19 awareness included on all courses</p> <p>Where delivering 'essential training' to key workers please see attached guidance (and noted below)</p> <p>Social distancing guidance is maintained on MH training and number dictated by environment course is being delivered</p> <p>Occupancy for Acorn training rooms subject to regular review</p>									

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		<p>Doors and windows opened in building to promote air flow and reduce contact with hard surfaces</p> <p>Delegate and trainer temperature checks taken prior to all courses. Any persons with a temperature in excess of 37.8°C not permitted to take part on the course and referred NHS Website</p> <p>Delegates encouraged to provided own water / drinks, Acorn kitchen operates 1 in 1 out policy</p> <p>Social distancing guidance adhered to as far as practical during training, on occasions practical skills will be required and delegates paired in individual groups for duration of the course, and face masks must be worn</p>									

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		<p>Should fire doors be propped open, trainer to assume responsibility for closing in an emergency when exiting the building</p> <p>Hand sanitisation undertaken before and after all practical elements of the course</p>									
Health or care related workers – additional risks	<p>Employees, contractors, visitors, public, everyone</p> <p>How – viral infection if transmitted can cause fatalities. Some persons can have mild symptoms but may pass transmission to others</p>	<p>Limit contact with vulnerable persons where possible</p> <p>Ensure no contact if any symptoms have been experienced or any contact has been had with others self-isolating or experiencing symptoms</p> <p>If attending premises where vulnerable persons are likely to be present, then ensure contact is made prior to attendance and any requirements of that premises are strictly adhered to</p>	2	4	8	Visits to sites / premises where vulnerable persons present only to be undertaken with Directors permission	2	4	8	Consultants	

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	Specific persons are at increased risk – this can be due to age or underlying health conditions	Client Healthcare COVID-19 procedures must be adhered to whenever attending any of their premises. This is in addition to complying with guidelines already outlined in this risk assessment									
Undertaking qualitative face fit testing		<p>Face fit testing deemed 'essential' in accordance with published guidance by employing organisation and/or Acorn</p> <p>Staying COVID-19 secure poster displayed, hand washing posters displayed, catch it, bin it, kill it poster displayed (or provided in training kits)</p> <p>COVID-19 questionnaire completed by all staff / delegates prior to face fit testing</p> <p>Hand sanitisation / application of alcohol gel required before face fit testing commences</p>	1	4	4	-	1	4	4		

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		<p>Social distancing guidance is maintained as far as is practical, hood provides protection during sensitisation test and hood/mask during face fit test</p> <p>Gloves worn by tester at all times and changed between tests</p> <p>Mask worn by tester when undertaking 'sensitivity test'</p> <p>Wipes available and hood cleaned thoroughly between tests using 70% alcohol hard surface wipes</p> <p>Alcohol gel provided on/ off site</p> <p>Incident reporting in-line with Acorn / HSE guidance if COVID19 expected</p> <p>Social distancing guidance adhered to when staff are waiting for testing</p>									

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Failing to communicate COVID-19 office, training, consulting and face fit testing precautions		<p>Teams to be fully briefed to follow procedures strictly</p> <p>All personnel to read and understand risk assessment document</p> <p>Risk assessment circulated to all employees and placed on company website</p>	1	4	4		1	4	4		

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		Revised risk assessment sent to employees by e-mail									
Spread of COVID-19 should staff members / delegates on courses develop symptoms whilst employed by Acorn Health and Safety or post training	<p>All delegates on courses following training and identified as a contact</p> <p>All staff members on courses following training and identified as a contact</p>	<p>COVID-19 policy updated to include reference to track and trace</p> <p>COVID-19 self-declaration includes specific reference to notifying Acorn Health and</p> <p>All employees of Acorn Health and Safety to notify a Director of any COVID-19 symptoms experienced</p> <p>ANY person with COVID-19 symptoms to self-isolate in line with current government advice</p>	1	4	4	Should any staff member have any questions regarding isolation periods, they are advised to contact the office	1	4	4		

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Please sign below to confirm you have read and understood the contents of this risk assessment

Print Name	Signature	Role	Date

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