

## **Risk assessment**

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Covid-19 infection	Practitioners & public.  Touching contaminated surfaces.	Premises closed	When premises reopen, and where possible reduce infection risk by following guidance from CNHC detailed here:  https://mcusercontent.com/3692f99d3dab3abfc11bd 1971/files/488de57b-4a80-4eaf-a63b-bb9ba7bc21fc/COVID 19 Preparing to return to work guidance.pdf	All practitioners	Open date - 13.07.20	



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	Face-to-face contact for prolonged period.  Inability for social distancing in treatment		Remove soft furnishings that cannot be wiped down from reception and treatment rooms (excluding towels, blankets and couch covers, but including pillows). Replace pillows with wipe-down versions. Ensure all bins in treatment rooms are pedal bins. Repair damaged vinyl on treatment tables.	JB		16.06.20
	rooms or shared practitioner spaces (staff room / kitchen).		<ul> <li>Remove all but one seat in reception area</li> <li>Stagger appointments so no more than one person in reception at a time</li> </ul>	JB Agreement with all practitioners		16.06.20 01.06.20
	Anyone cleaning					06.06.20



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	contaminated surfaces		<ul> <li>Remove papers, leaflets and holders. Replace with laminated signage showing QR codes to online resources</li> <li>Place table with face masks, hand sanitiser and gloves on in reception</li> </ul>	JB – cost of items to be shared somehow?		16.06.20
			Write and distribute infection control procedures for practitioners and clients – (inc. client arrival procedure, practitioner arrival procedure, practitioner and client PPE guidelines)	JB – input and agreement from all practitioners		16.06.20



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			<ul> <li>Laminated signage to direct clientele on correct infection control procedure</li> <li>Write and implement sanitisation procedure for treatment rooms and other areas for in between appointments. Distribute to practitioners</li> </ul>	JB – input and agreement from all practitioners		15.06.20
			Encourage clientele not to use our toilets unless absolutely necessary. Close the left-hand toilet next to kitchen, leaving the ambulant one open for use. Ensure this is cleaned after every use in line with sanitation procedure.	JB to close toilet. All practitioners to ensure remaining one is cleaned after use.		



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	Recirculated air by fans may increase risk of infection  Little ventilation and no windows can increase infection risk		<ul> <li>Write document to list all physical changes done to premises to reduce contamination</li> <li>Remove fans from treatment rooms and replace with ones with HEPA filters. HEPA filters have been shown to capture 99.99% of particles within the coronavirus size spectrum.</li> <li>Both clients and practitioners to wear disposable 3-layer masks to reduce the risk of infection, as well as using visors in line with current government advice.</li> </ul>	JB JB		



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Legionella	Practitioners and public	Premises closed	Before opening to practitioners and public, flush all taps for 5mins (on a slow flow so as not to create splashing).	JB	13/07/20	12/07/20

More information on managing risk: <a href="www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/">www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/</a>

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