

Risk Assessment

Practical approaches to COVID-19 Risk Assessments

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Identify the hazard	<p>The hazard is a COVID-19 infection that can be transmitted from person to person.</p> <p>Some of the common ways in which COVID-19 is transmitted are through direct contact with an infected person, through respiratory droplets, and through contact with contaminated surfaces.</p>
Identify who can be harmed	<p>The individuals who can be harmed by COVID-19 are those who are in contact with an infected person, those who are in contact with contaminated surfaces, and those who are in contact with respiratory droplets.</p> <p>Individuals who are at high risk of being harmed by COVID-19 are those who are in contact with an infected person, those who are in contact with contaminated surfaces, and those who are in contact with respiratory droplets.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



<p>Decide the level of risk (with control measures)</p>	<p>To assess the level of risk, consider the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the activity and the number of people involved. The location of the activity and the ventilation of the space. The duration of the activity and the frequency of contact between people. The health status of the people involved. The effectiveness of the control measures in place. <p>Assess the risk based on the above factors and determine the level of risk (low, medium, or high).</p>
<p>Review existing measures that may need to be strengthened</p>	<p>Consider the following measures that may need to be strengthened:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing measures. Hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene measures. Use of face masks. Regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. Limiting the number of people in the space. Improving ventilation.
<p>Keep your workforce and people informed</p>	<p>Make sure that your workforce and other people involved are informed of the risk and the measures in place to manage the risk.</p> <p>Keep people informed of any changes to the risk level or the measures in place.</p>
<p>Stay up to date with guidance</p>	<p>Guidance on risk management for COVID-19 is available from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Protection Agency (HPA). Public Health England (PHE). Local authorities. Industry bodies. <p>Make sure that you are up to date with the latest guidance.</p>
<p>Keep a record</p>	<p>Keep a record of the risk assessment and the measures in place to manage the risk.</p> <p>Review the risk assessment regularly and update it if necessary.</p>

Different types of COVID-19 Risk Assessments

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many organizations have created their own risk assessment frameworks to manage COVID-19.

The following are some of the risk assessment frameworks that have been used to manage COVID-19 and its related risks.

One of the most common frameworks used by organizations to manage their COVID-19 risk is the [Facilities Group](#). If an organization is a member of the [Facilities Group](#), it can access the [Facilities Group](#) risk assessment framework.

