

Guidance regarding Procedures and Protocols for COVID-19

This guidance considers recent reviews of relevant Government and Regulator guidance as well societal trends with regards to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It must be noted that some restrictions remain in place. However, the trend for guidance, is to place emphasis on organisational and personal responsibility.

The nature of the pandemic is fluid and the potential for emergent COVID-19 variants remains. It is important that duty holders remain cautious, pragmatic, and dynamic in approach. The health, safety and wellbeing of employees and others must continue to be the primary focus of organisations when considering working arrangements.

This note sets out the key considerations that should be considered by duty holders when reviewing the specific guidance provided by relevant Governments and Regulators.

Risk Assessment

COVID specific Risk Assessment must remain in place and should be regularly reviewed as Government and Regulatory guidance change.

Businesses are encouraged to continue to ensure alignment with HSE guidance and consideration should be given to proximity of personnel to ensure adequate space to prevent the risk of transmission.

- Vaccination
 - Encourage personnel to get vaccinated
- Physical Distancing
 - Encourage physical distancing and minimise crowding
- Promote Testing
 - Lateral Flow and when required PCR
- Encourage Track and Trace (via NHS app and in-house investigation)
 - Consider measures to support track and trace that are appropriate to your organisation
- Face Coverings
 - Indoors, face coverings are recommended when moving around
 - Outdoors, face coverings are required when physical distancing cannot be achieved
- Hygiene
 - Clean hands regularly and sanitise
 - Effective surface cleaning remains an important control for COVID 19
- Ventilation
 - Promote ventilation/windows being open/with air conditioning set to extract

For further guidance to inform the risk assessment the [SafetyOn/RUK COVID19 guidance note \(v14\)](#) is still available for reference. Should you have feedback or comments regarding this document, or require further support, please contact SafetyOn at safetyon@energyinst.org

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