COVID-19 Assessment

Suffolk Marine Safety

Potential risks, issues and things to address	Suggested solutions	Actions suggested	Actions taken
Workplace and staff:			
Work commencing whilst members of staff are face to face:	Asses which face to face ac- tivities can cease as they are non essential:	Provide safe lifting equipment to negate the need for two people requiring to lift heavy objects.	As suggested
		Cancel or reschedule all meetings and training exercis- es, or partake virtually or over the phone.	As suggested
	Essential work with members of staff face to face should be carried out for the shortest amount of time possible:	Keep dual lifting to a mini- mum and use transporting equipment instead, so lifting time together is reduced.	As suggested
	Back to back or side to side working should be encour- aged as an alternative:	If lifting large objects, use the rolling doors to exit, to allow for side-to-side dual carrying	As suggested
		where possible. Do not turn in desk chairs to face the desk directly behind you.	As suggested
		Space yourself at a safe dis- tance within the workshop or at the desks to work side by side.	As suggested
	When face to face work is carried out it should be only in fixed teams/partners to minimise transmission be- tween staff members:	Decide each day who will be operating as a fixed team. Ideally this should be the team used for the duration of the working week.	As suggested
		Any member on a fixed team should not be a higher risk person.	As suggested
		If any member of the fixed team is not available objects should be left until a time when they are available. Help should not be sought or accepted from customers.	As suggested

	If face to face work is carried out frequently, even if for short periods of time with fixed partnering, other pre- cautions may be necessary:	In this event staff should be asked to wear gloves or face coverings and it is recom- mended staff temperature should be read at the begin- ning of the activity.	As suggested
Controlling transmission in 'high touch areas':	Where possible, do not share items such as phones, drink- ing or eating apparatus or any other items with close con- tact to the face and mouth:	Dedicated apparatus for each person, with persons made aware of which apparatus to use if unable to choose. If you do need to share these items they must be cleaned appropriately beforehand.	As suggested As suggested
	Identify 'high touch' areas, encourage minimal contact and hand washing following contact of these areas:	Identified areas can be found in appendix ¹ Hand sanitising gel should be made available close to these areas.	As suggested
	Where possible limit the amount of people using high- touch areas:	Opening/closing procedures to be carried out in full by one nominated person, who will wash their hands and clean the areas before/after com- pleting those tasks.	As suggested
		Packaging procedures to be processed by one or two nominated people with any equipment used cleaned reg- ularly throughout the day.	As suggested
		Shared workshop equipment should be cleaned after use by each individual and at the end of the day.	As suggested
	Regular cleaning of high- touch areas to be carried out by all staff with particular focus on the toilet and kitch- en areas:	Complete the daily, weekly and monthly cleaning sched- ules provided in appedix ² Clean areas you touch after	As suggested As suggested
Avoiding transmission:	Regular handwashing with soap and water for 20 sec- onds.	Wash hands before handling any communal items such as the kettle, cupboard doors, fridge handles. As well as on arrival to work and before and after breaks. Provide hand soap by sinks.	As suggested

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	If soap and water is not avail- able hand sanitizing gel needs to be available to all members of staff:	Antibacterial gel should be available to all staff members and store visitors, in quanti- ties that will avoid cross con- tamination and in convenient locations.	As suggested
	Clean any glasses or other drinking apparatus before refilling from communal items such as kettles, water filter or coffee machine:	Use soap and water and a clean cloth to clean any areas which may have resulted in mouth to surface transmis- sion before reusing.	As suggested
	Maintain good ventilation in the workplace:	Open windows, prop open doors and create through drafts throughout the build- ing.	As suggested
	Stagger break times to reduce congestion in high traffic, close proximity areas:	Promote social distancing in tea rooms and smoking areas. Create markings and posters to remind others to check no one is in tight or enclosed areas where social distancing isn't possible before entering a room.	As suggested
		Take breaks individually to reduce the need to use facili- ites. Stagger start and finish times.	As suggested As suggested
Controlling transmissions in 'pinch points':	Identify 'pinch points' throughout the building,	Please see identified pinch points in appendix ³	As suggested
	where it is difficult to ensure social distancing and apply measures to reduce risk of	Avoid these areas and take time when approaching them to ensure the safety of others.	As suggested
	transmission.	Take care to read and follow all instructions when ap- proaching these areas.	As suggested
		Follow one way systems if these are put in place to com- bat the pinch point.	As suggested
Communication:	Regular and responsive com- munication with staff to moni- tor the efficiency of the proce- dures:	Manage individual workloads with consideration to time dedicated to performing tasks safely and to required clean- ing procedures.	As suggested
		Make changes or arrange- ments immediately if a mem- ber of staff feels unsafe.	As suggested

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	Regular and responsive com- munication with staff to mon- itor their physical and mental wellbeing:	Encourage open conversation around physical and mental challenges throughout the return to work. Respect everybody's right to	As suggested As suggested
		work in a safe environment and encourage honest com- munication between staff members if they believe rules aren't being adhered to.	
		Consider the different needs of members of staff consid- ered high risk. Stagger shift patterns for further protec- tion if possible.	As suggested
	Follow the procedures put in place in the workplace and adhere to government guide- lines regarding social interac- tion and activities outside of work:	Remain aware and up to date of official COVID-19 updates from the government.	As suggested
Managing sickness:	Continue to follow GOV guidelines regarding COVID- 19 symptoms:	If you have coronavirus symp- toms, you must not come in to work.	As suggested
		If you develop symptoms whilst at work, you must re- turn home immediately and a thorough clean of your envi- ronment should be carried out by another member of staff, using gloves and a face covering.	As suggested
		A hygienic thermometer should be available in the workplace to monitor staff temperatures.	As suggested
Customer interaction:	<u>.</u>		
Reducing influx of customers on the premises:	Identify how many customers it is safe to have on the prem- ises and restrict entry accord- ingly:	Within the shop area only one customer is permitted at any time, unless they require as- sisted shopping. Customers with minors from the same household will be permitted. Clear signage on the door	As suggested
		must be displayed to ask cus- tomers to use the window to ensure there are no other customers within the shop	As suggested

	Label with tape the 2m dis- tance from the front desk for customers to wait behind.	As suggested
	Remove chairs from waiting area by the front desk.	As suggested
	Keep the shop area for in- store purchase customers by continuing to take details over the phone for collec- tions/drop-offs for service or hire products.	As suggested
	Create ways for staff parking spaces to be relocated to pro- vide plenty of space for cus- tomers to wait outside in their parked vehicles without creating traffic hazards.	As suggested
	Create 2m marking in the out- side area for customers to wait safely if necessary.	As suggested
Introduce a booking system so as not to overwhelm out- side space:	Develop an appointment only system for collections and drop-offs of service or hire products.	As suggested
	Allow enough time between appointments for staff to clean the products before processing them and to wash their hands or to put on/ dispose of gloves safely.	As suggested
	Allow enough time for cus- tomers to arrive without over crowding.	As suggested
	Provide training on how to use the new system so all staff can take bookings effi- ciently.	As suggested
Encourage the use of our de- livery and collection options from our multiple collection points or courier services:	An email campaign will be produced informing custom- ers of their delivery or collec- tion options.	As suggested
	Links from our COVID-19 no- tice will take customers to a map of these collection points on our website.	As suggested

Reduce potential transmis-	Reduce chances of transmis-	Communicate with delivery	As suggested
sion between staff and cus- tomers:	sion when carrying out deliv- eries:	staff on their preference on using PPE, and provide this where possible.	
		Provide hand sanitizing gel in delivery vehicles.	As suggested
		Provide appropriate cleaning products in delivery vehicles.	As suggested
		Create socially distanced de- livery guidelines and brief customers on this when ar- ranging deliveries.	As suggested
		Clean items being delivered to the communal shed, and clean any items being collect- ed before placing in the van.	As suggested
		Brief customers on the social distance requirements when collecting from the shed when arranging delivery or collec-	As suggested
		tion.	
	Reduce chances of transmis- sion when customers are in- store:	Display clear notices for cus- tomers not to enter if there is another person already in the shop.	As suggested
		Display clear notices for cus- tomers to either wait until it is safe to enter, or to call the office from their vehicle if they require delivery or col- lection assistance.	As suggested
		Provide a table outside for items to be placed on for cleaning and provide suitable cleaning equipment.	As suggested
		Provide a table inside for staff to place items on for cleaning (in case of inclement weath- er).	As suggested
		All incoming items to be ser- viced or returned to us must	As suggested
		be thoroughly cleaned before being processed.	
		Customers will be permitted entry whilst wearing face cov- erings or other PPE.	As suggested

		Antibacterial gel and gloves are available to customers upon entry and the use is en- couraged. No task is to be completed with a customer if social dis- tancing cannot be observed. i.e. assisting with fitting life- jackets, lifting a liferaft or passing over goods.	As suggested As suggested
		A barrier will be introduced in the office area to prevent cus- tomers from entering the staff access walkways.	As suggested
		If, for any reason, incoming items are not able to be cleaned, they must be kept in a separate enclosed area for 72 hours.	As suggested
		It would be best practice to wipe down any carry handles or straps before returning items to customers.	As suggested
		Do not pack customer bags for them when buying items in store.	As suggested
		BACS, telephone payments, and card payments are to be encouraged.	As suggested
		Discourage customers and staff from handling display stock and clean if it has been excessively handled.	As suggested
		Try to limit the amount of time customers spend instore.	As suggested
Time management an	d communication:		
Incorporating time consuming practices with fluctuating staff levels:	Make allowances for custom- er interactions taking extra time:	Review each morning appoint- ments that have been made that day and assign processing them to staff as appropriate with existing workloads.	As suggested
		Refrain from squeezing in ex- tra work which could lead to prioritizing workload over safety procedures.	As suggested
		Communicate regularly with customers that their safety is our priority when using new booking systems that may face some resistance.	As suggested

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Appendix¹: High touch areas

Kitchen:	Door handle
	Fridge door
	Cupboard doors
	Window handles
	Drawers
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	Water filter
	Kettle
	Coffee machine
	Microwave
	Communal drinks bottle
	Bin
Toilet:	Door handle
	Lock
	Light switch
	Window handle
	Toilet seat and cover
	Toilet handle
	Taps
	Bin lid
	Toilet brush
	Paper dispenser
Office/Foyer:	Door handles
	Lock/keys
	Light switches
	Security key pad
	Window handles
	Blind cords
	Filing cabinets and drawers
	Folders and trays
	Telephones
	Holepunch
	Credit card machine
	Remotes
	Money box
Workshop:	Door handles
	Lock/keys
	Light switches
	Roller door buttons
	Machines (label, strapping, air line, hoover, vacuum pump)
	Telephones
	Computer
	Folders
	Tools
	Scales
	Appointment books
	Pens/pencils
	Packaging equipment and tools

Appendix ² Areas and tasks: Daily	When Opening		At regular intervals		When Closing	
	required	done	required	done	required	done
Lobby						
Wipe down security key pad	Yes		-		Yes	
Wipe all switches & handles	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Clean lobby and door glass	-		-		Yes	
Office						
Wipe all handles & switches	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Wipe telephones	DYO		If shared		DYO	
Wipe keyboard and mouse	DYO		If shared		DYO	
Wipe filing cabinet doors & handles	-		Yes		Yes	
Wipe aircon remotes	-		When used		If used	
Wipe chip & pin machine	-		When used		Yes	
Clean desk surfaces	DYO		-		DYO	
Wipe window handles	-		When used		If used	
Wipe blind cords	-		-		Yes	
Wipe hole punch	-		-		Yes	
Wipe money box	-		When used		-	
Toilet						
Clean basin			Yes		Yes	
Clean loo seat & cystern & handle	-		Yes		Yes	
Wipe door handles/lock	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Wipe bin lid	-		-		Yes	
Wipe taps			Yes		Yes	
Wipe window handles	-		When used		If used	
Kitchen						
Clean sink and drainer			When used		Yes	
Wipe fridge door	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Wipe coffee machine	-		When used		Yes	
Wipe kettle	-		When used		Yes	
Wipe cupboard doors/drawers	-		When used		Yes	
Wipe microwave	-		When used		Yes	
Wipe door handles	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Wipe water filter	-		When used		-	
Wipe communal drinks bottle	-		When used		-	
Wipe window handles	-		When used		If used	
Workshop						
Wipe all switches and handles	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Wipe filing cabinet doors	-		When used		If used	
Wipe shared tools after use	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Clean workshops desks	-		When used		Yes	
Wipe shared machines/equipment	-		When used		If used	
Wipe stairs handrail	-		Yes		Yes	
Wipe telephones	-		When used		Yes	
Wipe computer keypad	-		When used		DYO	
Wipe down packaging equipment	-		When used		-	
Take out bins every evening	_		_		Yes	

Areas and tasks (weekly/monthly)	Wee	ekly	Mon	thly
	required	done	required	done
Lobby				
Dust	Yes			
Hoover	Yes		Yes	
Clean carpets				
Office				
Hoover	Yes			
Wipe shelves and stock items	Yes			
Dust	Yes			
Clean carpets			Yes	
Toilet				
Dust	Yes			
Bleach bowl and toilet brush	Yes			
Wipe top of water heater & switch	Yes			
Clean Mirror	Yes			
Hoover	Yes			
Мор	Yes			
Kitchen				
Мор	Yes			
Hoover	Yes			
Clean inside fridge			Yes	
Clean inside microwave	Yes			
Clean inside cupboards/drawers			Yes	
Workshop				
Dust	Yes			
Mop (ailse)	Yes			
Hoover	Yes			

Appendix ³: Pinch points

Please see rough guide of the workshop and office space attached.

Pinch points are identified in yellow as high risk areas for limited ability to socially distance.

If one-way and one-in-one out systems cannot be adopted and adhered to then face coverings would be recommended in this area.

The red markings identify potential one way systems. All door ways should be open (unless windowed) to allow visibility of the pinch points. The yellow areas must have an occupancy of one person only at every two meters.

