


# COVID-19 First Aid Risk Assessment

 **Adopted on 01/07/2020**

The following risk assessment looks at how first aid can continue safely while the potential risk of COVID-19 is still present. The legal requirement to provide first aid (employing more than 25 people) has not changed and we expect you to provide an Appointed first aid person. This is someone whom takes control of the situation, knows to call 999, and offers only simple first aid, such as a plaster. We have no legal obligation to the public although morally we would of course offer first aid to a member of the public if they required it. Each incident will be unique so the First Aid person must complete their own dynamic risk assessment at the time (does not have to be documented) and the majority of incidents can be treated as a normal incident

## PEOPLE EXPOSED

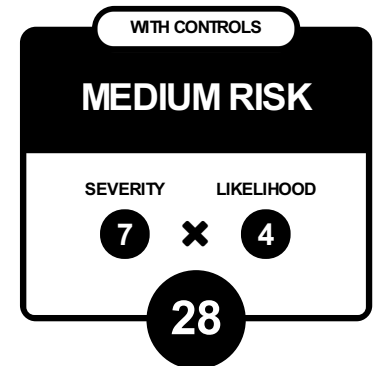
- Colleagues
- Contractors
- Visitors / Guests
- Members of the Public

## HAZARDS

- ▲ First aid Person being exposed to COVID 19**  
If no controls are in place then the risk of the potential of exposure does increase
- ▲ Help not being offered over fears of contamination**  
Some people may be afraid to deal with a first aid incident however this risk assessment hopes to alleviate that fear
- ▲ Unable to maintain social distancing**  
Depending on the incident there may be a time when social distancing cannot be maintained

## CONTROL MEASURES

- Additional PPE**  
Additional PPE is provided including masks and gloves to further reassure both staff and customers that medical attention can be given safely.
- Follow your training**  
The e-learning course will still apply so ensure you are safe to approach and nothing immediately will put you in danger
- For minor incident - Step back**  
To maintain the social distancing, for simple first aid incidents talk the individual through the process. i.e. you place a plaster on the table, they take it and apply it. For the majority of incidents the social distancing can be maintained



○ **Talk family members through how to apply items**

If needed, for example a child, ask the parent to apply the plaster or the ice pack

○ **Understanding what close contact means**

Close contact means being less than 1 m from somebody at any point, or between 1 m and 2 m away for more than 15 minutes However the majority of first aid incidents will be short and brief.

○ **Enhanced hand washing and personal hygiene**

Wash your hands before any incident. and if possible show that you have done that to the person needing treatment. Explain to them you have washed your hands. Treat the individual then wash your hands again. If the person is still on site, politely ask them to wash their hands too before going back to their table

○ **Face Visors**

There may be the odd incident where social distancing cannot be maintained or the person offering first aid feels uncomfortable. If this is the case please use one of the face visors provided. The person offering first aid must do their own assessment at the time and face visors are available. CPR should be replaced with chest compression's only