

# COVID-19 Management of the Garden and external areas

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The risk from COVID-19 appears to be less high risk outside so with good control measures this could be an area where sites could benefit



## PEOPLE EXPOSED .....

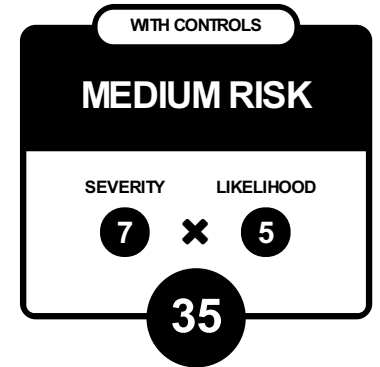
- 👤 Colleagues
- 👤 Contractors
- 👤 Visitors / Guests
- 👤 Members of the Public

## HAZARDS .....

- ⚠️ **Spreading the virus to staff and to the wider public community**  
If no controls are put in place within the garden area it could increase the risk of passing on to others the virus
- ⚠️ **Slips trips and falls**  
With more people in the garden the risk of slips and trips will increase
- ⚠️ **Violence and aggression**  
With more people in the garden area and being told where to sit and how to order the risk to the operator and staff of violence and aggression does increase, if no controls are in place
- ⚠️ **Dealing with adverse weather**  
The site needs to consider how it is going to deal with people in the garden if it suddenly starts raining

## CONTROL MEASURES .....

- **Bins provided**  
Bins should be provided to encourage customers to dispose of their own waste safely, minimising the risk to staff members and the public as they will not have to touch it.
- **Moving tables to maintain social distance**  
Tables in the garden will need to be reviewed by the site to ensure social distancing is maintained
- **Hand hygiene**  
Sanitiser stations will be at the entrance to the site and also the entrance to the garden area. Customers will be reminded to use the hand sanitiser stations frequently



○ **Use of technology**

Encourage the garden consumers to use the Swifty app which means this does not cause traffic at the bar. This will not be mandatory but advisable and discussed with customers as they enter

○ **Play equipment (if applicable)**

Please refer to the specific play equipment risk assessment

○ **Service style**

The service style will replicate indoors so it is a clear message throughout. Order at the bar or via Swifty. One person from the group goes to the bar. If drinks only then drinks on a tray, food served later by staff

○ **Protecting staff**

The same principles that apply inside apply externally and the same serving techniques will be applied

○ **Manage the numbers within the garden area**

Check the weather each day so you are aware of what to expect, as this may influence the numbers you accept. If the garden is busy and it rains, please ensure we can manage customers coming inside, without compromising social distancing requirements