

South Luffenham Parish Council

Risk Assessment : Infectious Diseases/ Corona virus Onset Mar 2020

Signature of PC Chair

Aims

The overall aim of carrying out risk assessment is to remove potential hazards and thus the inherent detrimental effects and consequences; this includes :-

1. identifying potential hazards in the operations of the Parish Council;
2. evaluating the consequences and outcomes of hazards;
3. introducing control measures as far as is reasonably practicable toward total eradication of hazards.

Corvid-19

As a group, corona-viruses are common across the world; but, a new strain, **corvid-19**, was identified in Wuhan City, China in Jan 2020 and has spread rapidly.

Symptoms

Symptoms develop in 14 days following exposure to someone who already has the corvid-19 virus; these are high temperature, cough and shortness of breath, which has implications for those whose health is already compromised.

The World Health organisation has declared that the spread of the corvid-19 virus is a public health emergency of international concern.

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the assessment of risk to the UK from 'low' to 'moderate'. There is provision in the UK for testing at Public Health England (PHE), Colindale.

Risk Area	Specific asset/element	Risk Level	Specific Assessment	Overall Control
General social interaction	Lack of knowledge about Corvid-19.	M	Promulgation of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item in Monthly Village Newsletter. • Advise access to information through internet :- https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-corvid-19 https://www.nhs.uk https://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/information/coronavirus • Leaflet to every household in parish giving necessary information on the virus.
	Parishioners who have access to internet.			
	Parishioners with no access to internet.			
	Exposure to the virus through the skin.	M	Hygiene practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid physical contact with others. • Washing hands in water and/or using antiseptic gel frequently and thoroughly. • Wiping down frequently used hard surfaces (tables, chairs, switches, kitchen tops etc.) with antiseptic cleaners. • Washing up crockery, glasses and utensils thoroughly in hot soapy water.

General social interaction (Cont'd)	Avoiding air-borne exposure to the virus.	M	Assessment of personal health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing one's own health and signs of any contagious condition - not only of the likelihood of Corvid-19, but also of any colds, coughs and other viruses. Confining all sneezes and coughs to tissues which should be destroyed immediately. Wearing a face-mask to protect others.
	In the event of reported outbreak in the community.	H	Assessment of likelihood of further spread by contact with source.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman /organiser to cancel meetings or events until further notice and gain further medical advice.

Notes

Main Insurance covers

General insurance to meet losses, injury and/or damage to the person or property of the insured.

Public Liability to meet claims for compensation for losses, injury and/or damage due to the negligence of the insured in providing goods and/or carrying out services.

Employer's Liability to meet employees' claims for compensation for losses, injury and/or damage due to the negligence of the insured in making adequate employment provisions.

Fidelity Guarantee an agreement whereby, for a designated sum of money, one party agrees to guarantee the loyalty and honesty of an agent, officer or employee of an employer by promising to compensate the employer for losses incurred as a result of the disloyalty, dishonesty or misconduct of such individuals: includes injury arising from slander (verbal) or libel (written).