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What are the Hazards?	Who is at Risk?	How are they at Risk?	Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk Rating (S times L)	Significant? (Y\N)	Controls to be put in place	Severity (S)	Likelihood (L)	Risk Rating (S times L)	Significant? (Y/N)	Sign Once Action
Infection	 Staff, Operatives, third parties. aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions) under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (ie anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds): chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis chronic heart disease, such as heart failure chronic kidney disease chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone 	Infected by Covid-19 Virus	4	4	16	Υ	 cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it put used tissues in the bin straight away wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available. See hand washing guidance in all toilets. try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean 	4	3	12	Υ	

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	disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy diabetes problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy being seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above) those who are pregnant						As Above including:				
Infection	 Staff, operatives, third parties People who have received an organ transplant and remain on ongoing immunosuppression medication People with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radiotherapy People with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia who are at any stage of treatment People with severe chest conditions such as cystic fibrosis or severe asthma (requiring hospital admissions or courses of steroid tablets) People with severe diseases of body systems, such as severe kidney disease (dialysis) 	higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this category, next week the NHS in England will directly contact you with advice the more stringent measures you should take in order to keep yourself and others safe	5	4	20	Υ	 As Above including: Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).	5	3	15	

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Infection in workplace	Staff, operatives and visitors	Cross infection from other people at work or in the community	5	4	20	Y	•	All staff that can work from home are working from home All employees have received Covid-19 toolbox talk on how to stay safe and on the government guidance. Minimise non-essential travel — consider remote options first. Manage occupancy levels to enable social distancing Stagger arrival and departure times at work to reduce crowding into and out of the workplace, taking account of the impact on those with protected characteristics Handsanitiser and signage on all entry/exit points into buildings along with handwash/rub guidance Everybody must stay 2m apart where practicable Regulate the use of high traffic areas including corridors and walkways to maintain social	3	3	9	Y	

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working.
• Engaging with workers and
worker representatives
through existing
communication routes to
explain and agree any
changes in working
arrangements.
Signage will be updated
regularly to follow the
government guidelines
Use stairs instead of lifts and ensure if the lift is used the

							•	control panel is cleaned after each use and provide adequate disposal facilities of cleaning rags/clothes/wipes. Hold meetings outdoors or in well-ventilated rooms whenever possible Staff should be encouraged to bring a pack lunch to alleviate having to leave the workplace – breaks should be taken outside where possible. Kitchens to be used by one person at a time and no congregating to be allowed in the kitchen Canteens to be spaced out and breaks staggered where required to ensure 2m social distancing Canteen must be cleaned by the person using it when they leave – cleaning surfaces and any appliances used i.e kettle, microwave, water boiler etc.				
Covid-19 Infection	Employees returning to work from isolation or furlough	Unaware of updated policy and procedure to deal with Covid-19	5	4	20	Υ	•	When an employee returns to work a return to work interview must be completed outlining the measures in place to protect people in the workplace Developing communication and training materials for workers prior to returning to site, especially around new procedures for arrival at work	3	3	9	Y
Infection of Covid 19	Staff, operatives, third parties, emergency responders – first aiders	Cross infection through	5	4	20	Υ	•	In an emergency, for example, an accident or fire, people do	5	3	15	Υ

		delivering first aid or when there is an emergency evacuation					not have to stay 2m apart if it would be unsafe. People involved in the provision of assistance to others should pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards including washing hands.
Dependant Vulnerable Adults	Staff & Operatives Family/Dependants	Cross infection from other people at work or in the community	5	2	10	Υ	Bennie Group will be visiting working sites and undertaking surveillance of high-risk staff as per the government guidelines. Action will be taken on an individual basis including if staff/operatives have high risk dependants living with them.
Working on other sites	Operatives	Infection	5	2	10	Υ	Follow site operating procedureds detailed below, if they cannot be followed then you should leave site.
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	Likelihood→ ↓Severity	Likely (5)	Probable (4)	Possible (3)	Unlikely (2)	Very unlikely (1)	KEY:		Hard hat/High- Vis/Safety Boots	✓
	Death (5)	25	20	15	10	5	Severe risk	red:	Eye/ ear protection	✓
벎	Major (Life threatening) Injury (4)	20	16	12	8	4	High risk	equi	Suitable gloves	✓
Rating:	Major (non-life threatening) Injury (3)	15	12	9	6	3	Medium risk	E R	Life Jacket	
	Minor Injury (2)	10	8	6	4	2	Low risk	P	Safety harness	
Risk	No Injury (1)	5	4	3	2	1			Other:	✓

Construction Sector - Site Operating Procedures Protecting Your Workforce During Coronavirus (Covid-19)

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Introduction

These are exceptional circumstances and the industry must comply with the latest Government advice on Coronavirus (Covid-19) at all times.

These Site Operating Procedures (SOP) are based on Public Health England (PHE) guidance; other restrictions and advice may apply in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Where workers enter people's homes they should follow the PHE guidance on <u>Tradespeople and working in people's homes</u>.

The <u>HSE</u> is the relevant enforcing authority for PHE guidelines. If a site is not consistently implementing the measures set out by PHE, it may be subject to enforcement action.

Construction sites operating during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic need to ensure they are protecting their workforce and minimising the risk of spread of infection. This includes considering how personnel travel to and from site.

This guidance is intended to introduce consistent measures on construction sites of all types and sizes in line with the Government's recommendations on social distancing and ensure employers and individuals make every effort to comply.

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PHE guidance for construction states "where it is not possible to follow the social distancing guidelines in full in relation to a particular activity, you should consider whether that activity needs to continue for the site to continue to operate, and, if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to reduce the risk of transmission".

The health and safety requirements of any construction activity must not be compromised at this time. If an activity cannot be undertaken safely, it should not take place.

Emergency services are also under great pressure and may not be able to respond as quickly as usual. This should be taken into consideration in the planning of work activities, first aid, fire and emergency responses.

Organisations must have in place effective arrangements for monitoring and reviewing their compliance with Government and industry guidance. Sites should also remind the workforce at every opportunity of the Site Operating Procedures which are aimed at protecting them, their colleagues, families and the UK population.

When to Travel to Work

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy advised in a letter to the UK construction industry on 31 March 2020:

"that wherever possible, people should work at home. However, we know that for many people working in construction their job requires them to travel to their place of work, and they can continue to do so. This is consistent with the Chief Medical Officer's advice".

It is important to understand the following guidelines by which workers should or should not travel to work as outlined below.

Social distancing	Workers in the construction industry should follow the guidance on Staying at home and away from others (social distancing) . Where they cannot work from home, they must follow the same principles of social distancing while travelling to and from work and while at work.
Self-isolation	Anyone who either has a high temperature or a new persistent cough or is within 14 days of the day when the first member of their household showed symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) should not come to site, but must follow the guidance on selfisolation.

Person at increased risk	Anyone who is at <u>increased risk of severe illness</u> from Coronavirus (Covid-19) is strongly advised to work at home and should be particularly stringent about following social distancing measures.
Persons defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable	Anyone identified as extremely vulnerable will be advised by their health authority and must follow the guidance on shielding and protecting extremely vulnerable people .
Living with a person in one of the above groups	Anyone living with a person who is at increased risk of severe illness, or an extremely vulnerable person who is shielding from Coronavirus (Covid-19), should stringently follow the guidance on social distancing and minimise contact outside the home.
If someone falls ill	If a worker develops a high temperature or a persistent cough while at work, they should: • Ensure their manager or supervisor is informed • Return home immediately • Avoid touching anything • Cough or sneeze into a tissue and put it in a bin, or if they do not have tissues, cough and sneeze into the crook of their elbow. They must then follow the guidance on self-isolation and not return to work until their period of self-isolation has been completed.

Travel to Work

Wherever possible workers should travel to site alone using their own transport.

If workers have no option but to share transport:

• Journeys should be shared with the same individuals and with the minimum number of people at any one time

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- Good ventilation (i.e. keeping the windows open) and facing away from each other may help to reduce the risk of transmission
- The vehicle should be cleaned regularly using gloves and standard cleaning products, with particular emphasis on handles and other areas where passengers may touch surfaces Sites should consider:
- Parking arrangements for additional vehicles and bicycles
- Other means of transport to avoid public transport e.g. cycling
- Providing hand cleaning facilities at entrances and exits. This should be soap and water wherever possible or hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available
- How someone taken ill would get home
- Where public transport is the only option for workers, you should consider:
 - Changing and staggering site hours to reduce congestion on public transport Avoid using public transport during peak times (05:45 7:30 and 16:00 17:30)

Driving at Work

When travelling at work or between site locations, workers should travel alone. If workers have no option but to share a vehicle, then they should:

- Share with the same individuals and with the minimum number of people at any one time
- Wherever possible maintain a distance of two metres and avoid touching their faces
- Maintain good ventilation (i.e. keeping the windows open) and face away from each other during the journey
- Wash their hands for 20 seconds using soap and water or hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available before entering and after getting out of the vehicle
- Regularly clean the vehicle using gloves and standard cleaning products, with particular emphasis on handles and other surfaces which may be touched during the journey.

Site Access and Egress Points

Stop all non-essential visitors

PLEASE NOTE: THESE RISK ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE MADE SITE SPECIFIC.

GENERIC ASSESSMENTS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- Consider introducing staggered start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact at all times
- Plan site access and egress points to enable social distancing you may need to change the number of access points, either increase to reduce congestion or decrease to enable monitoring, including in the case of emergencies
- Allow plenty of space between people waiting to enter site
 Use signage:
 - o such as floor markings, to ensure 2 metre distance is maintained between people when queuing or reminding workers not to attend if they have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) and to follow guidelines
- Remove or disable entry systems that require skin contact (e.g. fingerprint scanners) unless they are cleaned between each individual use
- Require all workers to wash their hands for 20 seconds using soap and water when entering and leaving the site
- Regularly clean common contact surfaces in reception, office, access control and delivery areas e.g. scanners, turnstiles, screens, telephone handsets and desks, particularly during peak flow times
- Reduce the number of people in attendance at site inductions and consider holding them outdoors wherever possible
- Where loading and offloading arrangements on site will allow it, drivers should remain in their vehicles. Where drivers are required to exit their vehicle,
 they should wash or sanitise their hands before handling any materials
 Consider arrangements for monitoring compliance.

Hand Washing

- Allow regular breaks to wash hands
- Provide additional hand washing facilities (e.g. pop ups) to the usual welfare facilities, particularly on a large spread out site or where there are significant numbers of personnel on site, including plant operators
- Ensure adequate supplies of soap and fresh water are readily available and kept topped up at all times
- Provide hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol based) where hand washing facilities are unavailable
- Regularly clean the hand washing facilities
- Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins for hand towels with regular removal and disposal.

Toilet Facilities

- Restrict the number of people using toilet facilities at any one time (e.g. use a welfare attendant) and use signage, such as floor markings, to ensure 2 metre distance is maintained between people when queuing
- Wash or sanitise hands before and after using the facilities
- Enhance the cleaning regimes for toilet facilities, particularly door handles, locks and the toilet flush
- Portable toilets should be avoided wherever possible, but where in use these should be cleaned and emptied more frequently
- Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins for hand towels with regular removal and disposal.

Canteens and Rest Areas

Where possible, workers should be encouraged to bring their own food. They should also be required to stay on site once they have entered it and avoid using local shops.

Where there are no practical alternatives, workplace canteens may remain open to provide food to staff with appropriate adjustments for social distancing. Canteens should provide a takeaway service providing pre-prepared and wrapped food only.

- Consider increasing the number or size of facilities available on site if possible
- The capacity of each canteen or rest area should be clearly identified at the entry to each facility, and where necessary attendants provided to supervise compliance with social distancing measures
- Break times should be staggered to reduce congestion and contact at all times
- Drinking water should be provided with enhanced cleaning measures of the tap mechanism introduced
- Frequently clean surfaces that are touched regularly, using standard cleaning products e.g. kettles, refrigerators, microwaves
- Hand cleaning facilities or hand sanitiser should be available at the entrance to any room where people eat and should be used by workers when entering and leaving the area
- A distance of 2 metres should be maintained between users, wherever possible
- All rubbish should be put straight in the bin and not left for someone else to clear up
- Tables should be cleaned between each use

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Crockery, eating utensils, cups etc. should not be used unless they are disposable or are washed and dried between use

Payments should be taken by contactless card wherever possible

Canteen staff should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food

Canteen staff and workers may use rest areas if they apply the same social distancing measures • Consider arrangements for monitoring compliance.

Changing Facilities, Showers and Drying Rooms

Consider increasing the number or size of facilities available on site if possible

• Based on the size of each facility, determine how many people can use it at any one time to maintain a distance of two metres

Restrict the number of people using these facilities at any one time e.g. use a welfare attendant

• Introduce staggered start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact at all times ● Introduce enhanced cleaning of all facilities throughout the

day and at the end of each day

• Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins in these areas with regular removal and disposal.

Work Planning to Avoid Close Working

In line with Public Health England (PHE) guidelines, where it is not possible to follow the social distancing guidelines in full in relation to a particular activity, you should consider whether that activity needs to continue for the site to continue to operate, and, if so, take all the mitigating actions possible to reduce

the risk of transmission.

Sites and work need to be planned and organised to avoid crowding and minimise the risk of spread of infection by following PHE and HSE guidance and the

advice within these Site Operating Procedures.

Sites should remind the workforce (e.g. at daily briefings) of the specific control measures necessary to protect them, their colleagues, families and the UK

population.

Hierarchy of Controls

If you are not able to work whilst maintaining a two metre distance, you should consider whether the activity should continue and, if so, risk assess it using the hierarchy of controls below and against any sector-specific guidance.

Eliminate	Workers who are unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) should not travel to or attend the workplace
	Rearrange tasks to enable them to be done by one person, or by maintaining social distancing measures (2 metres)
	Avoid skin to skin and face to face contact
	Stairs should be used in preference to lifts or hoists and consider one ways systems
	Consider alternative or additional mechanical aids to reduce worker interface <i>Site</i>
	Meetings
	Only absolutely necessary meeting participants should attend
	Attendees should be at least two metres apart from each other
	Rooms should be well ventilated / windows opened to allow fresh air circulation
	Consider holding meetings in open areas where possible
Reduce	Where the social distancing measures (2 metres) cannot be applied:
	Minimise the frequency and time workers are within 2 metres of each other
	Minimise the number of workers involved in these tasks
	Workers should work side by side, or facing away from each other, rather than face to face
	Lower the worker capacity of lifts and hoists to reduce congestion and contact at all times
	Regularly clean common touchpoints, doors, buttons, handles, vehicle cabs, tools, equipment etc.
	Increase ventilation in enclosed spaces
	Workers should wash their hands before and after using any equipment

Isolate	Keep groups of workers that have to work within 2 metres:
	Together in teams e.g. (do not change workers within teams)
	As small as possible
	Away from other workers where possible
Control	Where face to face working is essential to carry out a task when working within 2 metres:
	Keep this to 15 minutes or less where possible
	Consider introducing an enhanced authorisation process for these activities
	Provide additional supervision to monitor and manage compliance
PPE	Sites should not use RPE for Coronavirus (Covid-19) where the two metre social distancing guidelines are met.
	Where it is not possible to maintain a two metre distance, each activity should be risk assessed using the hierarchy of controls and against any sector-specific guidance, mindful that masks (RPE) are the last resort in the hierarchy
	Re-usable PPE should be thoroughly cleaned after use and not shared between workers
	Single use PPE should be disposed of so that it cannot be reused
	• Where personnel are required to work in specific environments (e.g. where persons are shielding, with symptoms, or confirmed Coronavirus (Covid-19) cases may be present e.g. healthcare or in a home environment) additional PPE should be considered specific to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) risk
Behaviours	The measures necessary to minimise the risk of spread of infection rely on everyone in the industry taking responsibility for their actions and behaviours.
	Please encourage an open and collaborative approach between workers and employers on site where any issues can be openly discussed and addressed.

First Aid and Emergency Service Response

The primary responsibility is to preserve life and first aid should be administered if required and until the emergency services attend.

- When planning site activities, the provision of adequate first aid resources must be agreed between the relevant parties on site
- Emergency plans including contact details should be kept up to date
- Consideration must also be given to potential delays in emergency services response, due to the current pressure on resources
- Consider preventing or rescheduling high-risk work or providing additional competent first aid or trauma resources.

Cleaning

Enhanced cleaning procedures should be in place across the site, particularly in communal areas and at touch points including:

- Taps and washing facilities
- Toilet flush and seats
- Door handles and push plates
- Hand rails on staircases and corridors
- Lift and hoist controls
- Machinery and equipment controls
- All areas used for eating must be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each break and shift, including chairs, door handles, vending machines and payment devices.
- Telephone equipment
- Key boards, photocopiers and other office equipment
- Rubbish collection and storage points should be increased and emptied regularly throughout and at the end of each day.