



Arise Church Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

This is a **Risk Assessment** for dealing with the current Covid-19 situation at Arise Church and in the workplace as the church.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Visitors to your Arise Church • Cleaners • Contractors • Drivers • Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions • Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your business at Arise Church 	<p>Hand Washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. • Stringent hand washing taking place. • See hand washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels or hand dryer • https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/ • Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly 	<p>Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>Encourage staff to report any problems and carry out skin checks as part of a skin surveillance programme https://www.hse.gov.uk/skin/professional/health-surveillance.htm</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/</p>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/ • Gel sanitisers in main foyer, church hall, kitchen, offices, conservatory – located either on wall brackets or smaller bottles. <p>Cleaning Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area, office desks after and before use using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Toilets: Upstairs toilet has been restricted to Pastor use only. Downstairs toilets has been restricted to use of accessible toilet only, each have cleaning materials provided for after use. Persons using the toilet are also required to sanitise hands after leaving the toilet area as an additional protective measure.</p> <p>Social Distancing Social Distancing -Reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 1-metre plus gap recommended by the Public Health Agency https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p>	<p>guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</p> <p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by Anna Perkins and Tom McCormack to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed. Cleaning products have been made available in each area and staff / volunteers are required to clean as they use.</p> <p>Staff / volunteers are reminded of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it.</p>			
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