

ISOteaching Risk Assessment Coronavirus Covid- 19

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. preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) involves preventing direct transmission, for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing and indirect transmission, for instance, touching contaminated surfaces

ISOteaching has undertaken extensive research and the following Risk Assessment has been devised.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls Including sources of help, reference and guidance	Action by who?	Complete
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Young People working with ISOteaching who may have vulnerabilities such as Older (70+) workers Or Pregnant workers or Young People, those with existing underlying health conditions Parents or Guardians of Young People Anyone else who physically comes in contact with OSO Teaching in relation to our business 	<p>Hand Washing</p> <p>ISOteaching will place particular emphasis upon cleaning hands thoroughly more often than usual building these routines into ISOteaching culture, supported by behaviour expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wherever possible utilise opportunities of hand washing facilities with soap and water Hand washing to be stringent in accordance with hand washing guidance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. Gel sanitisers distributed to Staff and Young People to mitigate where 	<p>Staff and Young People 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.</p> <p>Encourage staff and young people to undertake self-‘skin checks’ as part of a skin surveillance programme and report as necessary 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 -</p>	<p>All staff, young people and their parents or guardians as appropriate.</p> <p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p>	<p>Parental Consent forms completed prior to commencement of activities outside home/residence Sanitisers and cleaning equipment to be distributed to all staff by ISOteaching Directors Staff to be given enough equipment to</p>

		<p>washing facilities not readily available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and Young People encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/ 	<p>https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus Leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19 COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance</p>		<p>provide for Young people (See notes- Teaching Team Pack)</p>
		<p>Cleaning A cleaning schedule that ensures cleaning is generally enhanced and includes Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects, including resources and surfaces that are touched where appropriate and using appropriate cleaning products (like detergents and bleach, because these are very effective at getting rid of the virus on surfaces) and using appropriate methods of cleaning -this will include transport touch points.</p>		<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p>	<p>See notes below regarding Teaching Team Pack</p>
		<p>Good Respiratory Hygiene In accordance with government guidance, ISOteaching will ensure both staff and young people will follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it'</p>	<p>The e-Bug coronavirus (COVID-19) website contains free resources for schools, including materials to</p>	<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p>	

		<p>approach. ISOteaching staff must ensure that they have enough tissues and disposal bags, or bins are available to support young people and staff to follow this routine. As with hand cleaning, ISOteaching will ensure young people with complex needs are helped to get this right, and all young people understand that this is now part of how school operates. Where young people with complex needs struggle to maintain as good respiratory hygiene for example those who spit uncontrollably or use saliva as a sensory stimulant will be considered in risk assessments in order to support these young people and the staff working with them</p>	<p>encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene.</p>		
		<p>Social Distancing Minimising contacts and mixing between people reduces transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This is important in all contexts, to this end all staff and Young People will wherever possible adhere to Government guidelines - 'Social Distancing' - to comply with the 2-metre (6.5 foot) or 1-metre plus gap with mitigation as recommended by the Public Health Agency</p>	<p>Staff to be reminded daily of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it. Management checks to ensure this is adhered to.</p> <p>All activities undertaken by teaching team and young person will be risk assessed separately, all activities will be measured, considered and utilised in regard to their social distancing opportunities. All activities will be</p>	<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p>	<p>Director approved activity list</p>

		<p>https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p> <p>ISOteaching Directors to review work schedules including start & finish times/shift patterns, working from home etc. to reduce risk where possible Also relocating staff to other tasks</p> <p>Redesigning processes and areas to visit to ensure social distancing in place.</p>	<p>approved and agreed by ISOteaching Directors prior to session.</p>		<p>ISOteaching Director Briefing</p>
		<p>C19 LFT Testing In line with government guidance As young people will potentially have mixed with lots of other people during the summer holidays, young people should receive guidance in terms of 2 lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term. Again, in line with guidance, ISOteaching Educational may commence testing from 3 working days before the start of timetable. Young people should then continue to</p>		<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>Parents or guardians</p>	<p>ISOteaching Director Briefing</p>

		<p>test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.</p> <p>Staff should undertake twice weekly home tests until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.</p>			
		<p>Symptoms of Covid-19</p> <p>If anyone becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>If a member of staff or young person have tested positive, they must isolate immediately and continue to isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started. Everyone in their bubble must also isolate for 10 days from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive.</p>	<p>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through ISOteaching Directors will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees in a fast-changing situation.</p> <p>ISOteaching will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected.</p>	<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>Parents or guardians</p>	<p>ISOteaching Director Briefing</p>

		<p>ISOteaching Directors will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.</p> <p>If advised that a member of staff or public has developed Covid-19 the management team of the workplace will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.</p> <p>https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/</p>			
		<p><u>Transport- Staff and Young People</u> Transporting Young persons will be undertaken in line with the guidance cited. Hands should be cleaned before and following using transportation. Face coverings will be used to minimise risk. Seating positions will maximise space between all persons travelling- essentially this will include Young Person and TA sitting adjacent to each other in the second row of seating thus creating space. Face coverings will be provided where a young person has forgotten or mislaid their face covering.</p>	<p>COVID-19: safer transport guidance for operators for further guidance on PPE and face coverings.</p> <p>Where appropriate and safe to do so staff and young people will be encouraged to walk to local venues where social distancing measures are possible.</p>	<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>Parents or guardians</p>	<p>ISOteaching Director Briefing</p>

		<p><u>Mental Health</u></p> <p>ISOteaching Directors will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff and young people during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help</p> <p>Reference -</p> <p>https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/</p> <p>www.hseni.gov.uk/stress</p>	<p>Regular communication of mental health information and open-door policy for those who need additional support.</p>	<p>ISOteaching Directors Guidance</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>Parents or guardians</p>	
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Teaching Team Session Pack to include

- Individual Hand Sanitisers
- Cleaning wipes, disinfectant infused or separate disinfectant spray
- Tissues
- Disposable plastic rubbish bags – for masks, tissues, wipes etc.
- Face coverings for travel
- Paper towel for hand drying
- Disposable seat covering

Individual Young Person Session Resource Packs

Equipment required within session which are of an individual nature e.g., pens, paper, Young person workbook etc.

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