

## COVID Workplace Risk Assessment

### COVID-19 Business Specific Risk Assessment

Venue name	Barts
Date of Risk assessment	22nd July 2020

#### Hazard at all stages

#### *Transmission and spread of COVID-19*

#### *Contraction of COVID-19*

#### Key to controls:

- ⊕ Required by Government or medical guidelines and therefore must be adhered to
- \* Strongly recommended and therefore should be followed.
- ⊙ Best practice or flexible, therefore could be implemented less frequently

Process	Before Controls	Control Measures	After Controls	Who might be affected
Infected team members attending work, with the potential to pass on to others	4x3= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ COVID-19 Specific Visitor and Employee Questionnaire completed via phone prior to returning to work</li> <li>⊕ Team members who have been unwell, live with someone who is unwell, have travelled abroad or have been asked to isolate as part of the NHS Test and Trace scheme will be required to stay at home and complete the required isolation period</li> <li>* Completing remotely assists in preventing unnecessary spread or travel for those who may not be eligible to return to work</li> </ul>	3x1= 3 (low)	Team members, Members of the public if travel was not prevented
<b>Assessment of employee health</b>	4x3= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ COVID-19 Specific Visitor and Employee Questionnaire completed via phone prior to returning to work</li> <li>⊕ Specific questions assess whether a person may be clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable if team member is within the vulnerable group then the vulnerable person risk assessment needs to be completed</li> </ul>	3x1= 3 (low)	Team members, Members of the public if travel was not prevented

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✳ Clinically extremely vulnerable team members are advised to stay at home and work from home where possible</li> <li>✳ Clinically vulnerable team members are advised to stay at home and work from home where possible, or have amended duties or extra checks in place</li> <li>- regular health checks</li> <li>- ensuring distancing measures can be put in place</li> </ul>		
<b>Travelling to the workplace</b>	4x4= 16 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✳ Only travel if you are unable to work from home</li> <li>✳ Travel completed at quieter times; shift patterns amended where necessary</li> <li>✳ Team walk, cycle or drive where possible, avoiding use of public transport</li> <li>✳ Physical distancing maintained throughout the journey, maintaining distancing from others</li> <li>✳ Use a non-medical grade face covering when travelling</li> <li>⊙ Team members alert a buddy when travelling and have a charged phone at all times for emergencies</li> </ul>	3x2= 6 (med)	Team members, Members of the public if travel was not prevented
<b>Arriving at work</b>	4x3= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✳ All non-essential visitors are not permitted on-site</li> <li>✳ Contractors attend during quieter hours either early mornings or overnight wherever possible</li> <li>✳ Rotas have been re-designed to allow staggered arrival and departure times to prevent bottlenecking of routes</li> <li>★ Key coded doors have been deactivated where it is safe to do so, however not at the detriment of security or fire measures</li> </ul>	3x1= 3 (low)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors
<b>Changing, handwashing, uniform and cleaning</b>	4x3= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✳ Thorough handwashing takes place upon arrival at site of all team members</li> <li>✳ Touching face/eyes/nose/mouth with unwashed hands is avoided and coughs or sneezes are always covered with a tissue or mask which is then discarded in the bin</li> <li>✳ If hot water, soap or means of drying are not available the business will remain closed</li> <li>✳ Legionella checks on water systems take place prior to reopening - <u>Refer to the specific Legionella Control risk assessment</u></li> </ul>	2x2= 4 (low)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors

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<p><b>Work areas – distancing and family units</b></p>	<p>4x4= 16 (high)</p>	<p>Team will operate onsite with these controls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1m+ including mitigation measures</li> <li>• Family units</li> </ul> <p><b>Physical distancing - all</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ A floor plan is used to mark out distancing to keep team members apart from others</li> <li>★ Contactless orders will be facilitated wherever possible, including cashless payments and orders only taken online or over the phone</li> <li>★ Screens are used to separate team members from visitors and delivery drivers</li> <li>★ Designated entrances and exits are used</li> </ul> <p><b>Physical distancing – team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Only the minimum required amount of team members are on the rota at any given time</li> <li>★ Start times are staggered to avoid bottlenecks or over crowding</li> <li>★ Equipment supplies have been increased where required to keep distance such as; utensils, probes, etc</li> <li>★ Operating within 1m+ robust cleaning and hand washing controls in place</li> <li>★ Operating within 1m+ with team members working back to back or side to side</li> </ul> <p><b>Family units</b></p> <p>Are only used where physical distancing would make operating unfeasible due to space restrictions and puts team members at risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🔄 If one team member becomes sick, the entire team unit (i.e. blue team) follows the self-isolation guidelines (7 days for infected, 14 days if unknown, see image). The new team brought on shift must complete a full sanitisation of the site before re-starting operation</li> <li>★ Each family unit equals one shift team, which is kept as small as possible</li> <li>★ A family unit is assigned to one site and one shift pattern</li> </ul>	<p>2x2= 4 (low)</p>	<p>Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ A log of the family units and who is assigned to which can be found in the Family Unit Log</li> <li><i>Head Office staff do not form part of the family unit if they intend to visit multiple sites, physical distancing of 2m or 1m+ with hand washing and working back to back or side to side must be adhered to.</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Dine / Drink-In Customers</b>	3x4= 12 (high)	<p><b>Prior to Reopening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Maximum occupancy capacity is listed at the beginning of this document, it is based upon distancing controls. This is communicated to the host to prevent overcrowding and effective queue management. Note: this will not exceed any existing capacity levels in place due to fire safety requirements</li> <li>★ Revised layouts are in place, both internally and externally, and consider provision for customers and visitors with restricted mobility, vision or hearing impairments.</li> <li>★ A designated team member is in place to specifically monitor distancing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bookings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Where bookings are taken, information about what to expect onsite is communicated in advance via a booking confirmation.</li> <li>★ Bookings are spread to consider the number of people arriving throughout the day into stagger times</li> <li>★ Customers who have booked do not wait within the normal queue</li> </ul> <p><b>Queuing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ A sign is in place with clear guidance on distancing and hygiene to customers on arrival, it is also communicated verbally upon arrival and before arrival, by phone, on the website or by email</li> <li>★ Outside queues are managed to ensure they do not cause a risk</li> <li>★ Where possible queues are outside</li> <li>★ A one way system is in operation, with separate entrances and exits where layout allows</li> </ul>	2x2= 4 (low)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors

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<b>Delivery drivers and Collections</b>	3x4= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ Signage is placed on the door and/or other visible areas to notify collectors or the queuing and pick up system</li> <li>⊕ Physical distancing must be adhered to in the queue, both inside and outside of the premises</li> <li>★ A floor plan is used to mark out for distancing purposes</li> <li>★ Screens are used to separate team members from visitors, delivery drivers</li> <li>★ Designated entrances and exits are in use</li> <li>★ Delivery drivers are directed to marked out separate areas</li> <li>★ Sanitiser stations are available, and use encouraged upon entry to the premises</li> </ul>	2x2= 4 (low)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors
<b>Breaks</b>	3x4= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊕ If leaving and returning the team member will complete the process as if it was the beginning of their shift. This includes a full change of clothing and re-washing hands</li> <li>⊕ If following physical distancing controls, these are in place during breaks as well as during working time, this includes sitting to eat or drink as well as preparing food or drinks for personal consumption</li> <li>★ Where possible, whilst on breaks team members avoid entering other premises and then returning to the business, however sitting outside in an open space (such as a courtyard or garden) is encouraged.</li> <li>⊙ Team members leave site promptly following their shift and do not loiter or wait for others. The only exception is if it has been identified as a safety measure and there is a requirement to travel in pairs, in this case a separate risk assessment is carried out</li> </ul>	2x2= 4 (low)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors
<b>Emergency situations</b>	3x2= 6 (med)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ In the event of an emergency, such as a fire, the nearest exit is used irrespective of whether this is the designated exit in accordance with the distancing floor plan</li> <li>★ Once outside, distancing from others is maintained including colleagues and public</li> </ul>	2x2= 4 (low)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors



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		<p>★ In the event of a security issue, such as a break in, the police will be called in the normal way, distancing will be maintained from officers whilst helping with their investigations. Anything that can be prepared in advance of their arrival will be such as CCTV to prevent over-crowding in the office</p> <p>☉ Each shift with a reduced team will still have a First Aider and Fire Warden as a minimum.</p> <p>☉ At the very least, there will be an appointed person assigned to each to raise the alarm in the event of an emergency</p>		
<b>Delivering First Aid</b>	4x3= 12 (high)	<p>Trained First Aiders may find themselves in situations where First Aid is required.</p> <p>To keep safe, the following steps are completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Hands are washed or sanitised before and after dealing with a casualty wherever possible</li> <li>★ First Aider will wear a mask wherever possible when treating the injured party.</li> <li>★ First Aider will wear gloves prior to handling any dressings. Gloves are always worn when dealing with open wounds</li> <li>★ Cuts and grazes will always be covered with waterproof dressing and gloves</li> <li>★ Waste is disposed of safely</li> <li>★ If CPR is required, any helpers must remain 2m away from the first aider and the casualty. The helper may swap roles with the first aider, but will maintain appropriate distancing from each other</li> <li>★ A towel or piece of material will be placed over the mouth and nose of the casualty where possible as a makeshift mask.</li> <li>★ First Aiders will not perform rescue breaths</li> </ul>	3x2= 6 (med)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors
<b>Suspected case whilst working on site</b>	4x3= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ If a team member develops a high temperature or a persistent cough while at work, they will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return home immediately - try to avoid public transport</li> <li>• Avoid touching anything</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	3x2= 6 (med)	Team members, Members of the public, Visitors and Contractors

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊛ Follow the guidance on self-isolation and not return to work until their period of self-isolation has been completed. If operating family units, the other members must also complete a 14-day precautionary self-isolation.</li> <li>⊛ Once the team member has left, a precautionary clean is carried out. The illness may be treated as a lower or higher risk case. The type of case will determine the PPE to be used, however the cleaning process will remain the same. Follow the Cleaning Section in the guidance pack to identify the required PPE, cleaning equipment and waste disposal method</li> <li>★ Allow 72hours between the events where possible to help the virus to become less prevalent</li> <li>⊙ Testing is encouraged to provide confirmation of whether the symptoms are COVID-19. If negative, then the individual and family unit may return to work (provided that there have been no other suspected cases).</li> </ul>		
<b>Team Communication</b>	4x3= 12 (high)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⊛ Team training is conducted via meetings or shift briefs following distancing guidelines. Where possible communication will be completed via alternative means, such as email, WhatsApp or whiteboards.</li> <li>⊛ Team cook offs will be tasted via individual portions and cutlery will be provided for each individual</li> <li>⊛ Loud music is not permitted in back of house</li> </ul>	2x2= 4 (low)	Team members