

Golf Course Coshh Assessment
Novel Coronavirus (Covid19)
Sports Turf Maintenance and Golf Course Prep
May 12, 2020

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Maintaining Sports Turf and Preparing the Golf Course for Play.

General Facts Covid-19

Means of contamination - respiratory droplets or direct contact with symptomatic individuals; Contact with contaminated surfaces or objects.

Means of entry to the body - Inhalation or physical contact with eyes, nose, or mouth.

Frequency of exposure – Constant

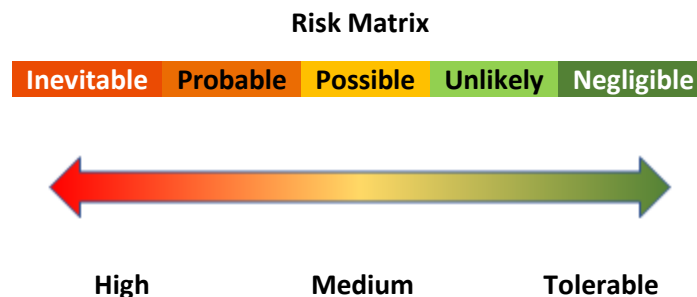
Numbers exposed – All Persons

Likelihood of contamination if coming into contact with the virus - Inevitable

Likely sources of contamination for turf maintenance and golf course preparation

- **Public transport;** Buses; trains.
- **Welfare area and meeting rooms;** Common points of contact; common surfaces; team meetings; other meetings; close interaction at rest times and times of sanitary relief.
- **Maintenance and storage areas;** Common surfaces
- **Work equipment and procedures;** Common surfaces; ride-on equipment with other persons; work procedures with other persons; contact with golfers; contact with members of the public.
- **Other persons;** meetings; visitors.

Evaluation of Risk and Controls



General Controls

Whilst at work, staff, will be instructed to report immediately if they feel any of the symptoms related to the Coronavirus; any person who is suffering any of the symptoms will be told to return home and follow government guidelines. That individual's workday will then be traced backwards with a decontamination process put in place for any points of contact.

Team briefings will where possible be avoided if communication can safely take place using text message email or any other means that will be the method of choice until further notice.

Any staff member showing signs of Coronavirus will not be allowed to work and will have to follow government guidelines on self-isolation.

Staff will be asked to report if any person they are living with is showing symptoms of the virus.

Any staff member living with a person showing symptoms of the virus will not be allowed to work and will be instructed to follow government guidelines on self-isolation.

Hygiene practices in all common areas will be substantially increased, so that decontamination of all surfaces and common points of contact takes place. Staff rotas will be arranged to minimise crowding in the workplace. Hand gels and suitable decontaminating sprays will be made available at all entry points and unavoidable points of general contact.

PPE

It is acknowledged that the Coronavirus can live on most surfaces for varying periods of time, and that the best means of preventing Coronavirus from spreading is following WHO guidelines*; where this is not possible and workers or other people must come together they will maintain good personal distancing maximising the space between each other at all times. The provision for cleaning hands will be increased significantly with a combination of soaps and alcoholic sanitising hand gels at all points where common surfaces and points of contact exist.

Disposal

Any cloths or cleaning materials used will be disposed of into covered general waste bins immediately. Where the above provision is deemed inadequate the following PPE provision will be made.

Face

- FFP 2-3 respiratory protective equipment EN149
- Full face visor EN 166

Hands

- Nitrile single use disposable gloves EN 455

Vulnerable Workers

This risk assessment acknowledges that staff with some underlying health conditions are more likely to suffer severe consequences as a result of exposure to the Coronavirus; all staff will fill in a health survey before returning to work*; any person identified in the survey as having a predisposed underlying vulnerable condition will have site specific work arrangements put in place for them. *attached to the Risk Assessment.

Evaluation of Risk from Specific Hazards

Public Transport

At Risk	Any member of staff travelling to or from work using public services.			
Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Buses	Exposed to crowded environments and common points of contact.	Inevitable	All staff travel to work using their own transport.	N/A
Trains	Exposed to crowded environments and common points of contact.	Inevitable		N/A

Welfare Area, Offices and Meeting Rooms

At Risk	All users, greenstaff, visitors, workshop staff.			
Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
General common points of contact	Door handles, surfaces, gates and locks, tables, and worktops, sinks and toilets, keyboards and office equipment.	Possible	Suitable and sufficient cleaning materials will be made available; cleaning regimes are being increased significantly for the duration of the outbreak.	Unlikely
Overcrowding	Numerous people in the facility in close proximity to one another. narrow corridors and single entrance and exit points.	Possible	<p>Staff instructions are where possible issued by text message to avoid the need for team meetings, team meetings are only called if absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Any team meeting will be held in a location where social distancing can easily be practised.</p> <p>Time spent in the welfare areas is minimised; staff start times are staggered to allow each staff member time to change and prepare for work with adequate personal space.</p> <p>Staff bring in their own food, rest breaks are staggered to allow rest and recuperation with adequate personal space or in isolation. Staff have been given the option of taking drinks and eating lunch on the golf course in isolation.</p>	Unlikely

Maintenance and Storage Areas

At Risk	All users, greenstaff, visitors, workshop staff.			
Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Ride on vehicles	Used by numerous operatives, common points of contact	Possible	All vehicles are decontaminated before use by the operative using suitable soluble disinfectants from pump sprays. All vehicles are single user only until further notice.	Unlikely
Turf tools	Used by numerous operatives, common points of contact	Possible	All turf tools are; single user only during any working day until further notice; decontaminated before use by the operative using suitable soluble disinfectants from pump sprays.	Unlikely
Hand tools	Used by numerous operatives, common points of contact	Possible	All hand tools are; single user only during any working day until further notice; decontaminated before use by the operative using suitable soluble disinfectants from pump sprays.	Unlikely

Work Equipment and Procedures

At Risk	Greenstaff			
Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
General work on the golf course	Use of ride on equipment and plant	Possible	All ride on equipment is single user until further notice; decontaminated before use by the operative using suitable soluble disinfectants from pump sprays.	Unlikely
Course Preparation	Contact with hand tools and course furniture	Possible	All equipment used in course preparation will be de sanitised before contact. Course furniture not deemed essential to playing the game will be taken out of use until further notice to minimise common points of contact on the golf course.	Negligible
Course Repairs	Working in close proximity to others, contact with hand tools,	Possible	Where work can be safely carried out by a single worker, it will be done so. If more than one worker is required to complete a task the work will be planned so that they can maintain a personal space and practice good social distancing.	Negligible

Other Persons on the Golf Course

At Risk	Greenstaff			
Source of Contamination	Nature of the Risk	Exposed Risk	Controls	Residual Risk
Golfers	Close contact	Possible	All greenstaff activities will be planned to avoid close contact with any other person.	Unlikely
Members of the	Close contact	Probable		Unlikely

public			If approached by another for communication purposes that communication will take place at an appropriate distance of > 2 metres.	
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Emergency Procedures

Any member of staff who shows signs of the virus whilst at work will be instructed to leave and return home immediately.

In the eventuality of any staff member being overcome to the extent that they cannot take themselves home, staff will isolate the individual, call 111 and take advice from the helpline. If an ambulance has to attend the golf course, it will be met at the gates and taken to the necessary location by a member of staff.

Greenstaff / Maintenance Staff

Code of Conduct for Working During Coronavirus (Covid19) outbreak

On returning to work it is important to remember at all times that anyone one could be carrying the virus with showing symptoms, for this reason it is important that we carry out at all times the control measures described in this Risk Assessment, only by following these control measures strictly can we ensure that we are doing all we can to protect ourselves, our work colleagues and our families and loved ones. Please read the following carefully and complete the survey at the bottom.

For Your Health and Wellbeing

The following guidelines have been issued by the World Health Authority, following these will substantially reduce the likelihood that you will contract the virus becoming a carrier.

- Stay at home and self-isolate even if you only have minor symptoms such as; cough; headache; mild fever; if you need to leave the house whilst showing symptoms, wear a face mask and avoid contact with others.
- If you have a cough; fever or breathing difficulties, and feel you cannot cope at home, use the NHS 111 helpline.
- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub to kill any viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from other persons (social distancing) in case they, or you cough or sneeze spreading the virus through droplets.
- Avoid crowding or crowded places where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose; these are transfer points for the virus from your hands into the body.
- Cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze, disposing of the tissue immediately, then clean your hands as above.

At Work

- **Travel to work avoiding public transport**
- **Arrive for work at our designated time.**
- **Clean any gate or door handles you use before and after use.**
- **Bring your own lunch, keep it in a clean bag inside your locker, if you must use the fridge clean it before and after use.**
- **If you make a drink clean all utensils before and after use.**
- **Use the changing room when it is unoccupied.**
- **If you attend a team meeting practice good social distancing at all times.**
- **Please use the cleaning equipment provided to decontaminate any equipment before and after use**
- **If you can carry an alcoholic gel with you for your personal use do so.**
- **Please use common sense in storage areas and avoid crowding and unnecessary contact with surfaces and equipment.**
- **If you are approached by a golfer or a member of the public, be courteous, and maintain good social distancing, minimise the amount of time spent in conversation in a polite way.**
- **leave any equipment you have used clean and ready for the next day's work.**
- **if you are in a situation where social distancing cannot be practised, wear the PPE provided as indicated in this Risk Assessment**

Return to Work Health Survey

Have you or has any person you live with shown any signs, or symptoms of the following? Please tick

	Today or yesterday	In the last 7 days
High Risk		
High temperature		
A new or continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour)		
Fever		
Medium Risk		
Sore throat		
Headaches		

Do you have any Predisposed health conditions that increase your vulnerability to Covid 19? If so, please identify.

Yes		
No		

I have read and fully understood fully this Risk assessment and the associated safe working practices

Name.....

Signed.....

Date.....