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Covid—19 Special



How does it spread

Despite the change in the government guidelines the dynamics of aerosols and droplets remains unchanged, Someone who has the virus (a carrier) breathes outwards, coughs, or sneezes releasing tiny droplets of fluid into the air, these eventually fall onto people or surfaces around them. Other people can become infected by being close to the carrier when they breathe-out, cough or sneeze, or by touching one of the surfaces that the droplets have fallen onto, then touching their eyes, mouth, or nose.

Asymptomatic

Most people who get the virus will suffer mild symptoms and will fully recover, others will suffer heavier symptoms and will require hospital care. People over 40, those with an underlying condition such as diabetes, heart or lung disease or a weakened immune system are more vulnerable to serious illness. A significant percentage of people can carry the virus and be Asymptomatic, these are people carrying the virus, but they are totally unaware that they have it. They can however spread it to others in the same manner as above.

Simple Ways to Prevent the Spread of C-19

Keep Surfaces Clean. Contact with contaminated surfaces spreads the virus; Make sure workplaces are clean and hygienic. Surfaces need to be cleaned regularly with disinfectant.

Your cleaners; have an important role to play in this, it is important that you have contact with them and establish what your requirements are from them on a daily basis. You will need them to use products that kill the virus. A checklist of surfaces that should be treated should also be created. Request from them their risk assessment on how they are going to keep their staff safe and what changes they have made to their working practices.

Washing kills the Virus; Promote regular and thorough hand washing by; staff; customers; contractors; guests. Place Sanitising hand gels at strategic locations; display posters promoting hand washing; ensure people have access to wash basins with a good provision of hand cleaner and disposable paper towels.



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Our Compliance and management system can create for users, at no extra expense.

Apps for

Helping you Manage Covid

Digital ordering at the bar

Reservations for bar spaces

Cleaners checklists

These can be e mailed to users, posted on your website and controlled by you. If you want these created and instructions on how to use them we can set up a digital call and screen share at your convenience.

Already has

Helping you manage dangerous plant and equipment

Staff Training Records

Machinery Maintenance Records

Fault Logs

Pre Start Checks

Good Respiratory Hygiene; Ensure face masks or paper towels are available for your staff; provide sealed waste bins for hygienically disposing of them. If a member of staff or anyone is coughing or sneezing regularly, they should be instructed to attend a C-19 testing centre.

Zero Tolerance. Inform your staff that if they have; a mild cough or low-grade fever ($+37.3^{\circ}$) they should self-isolate. This also applies if they have had to take simple medications such as Paracetamol; Ibuprofen or Aspirin which can all suppress the symptoms of C-19. **Keep promoting the message that people need to stay at home even if they have only mild symptoms of COVID-19.**

Segregation. Avoid close contact between people if it is practicable to do so. That means in; meetings; team briefings; general work; customer interfaces; on the way to work; on the way home from work; If work-spaces **can be broken** up, they should be! Where close contact cannot be avoided, have a Perspex screen segregating people. The screen will have to be cleaned regularly; If a screen is not a practicable approach, PPE will have to be provided. Remember PPE can also become contaminated, so it too will have to be cleaned, and when disposed, it should go into a waste bin that has a sealed lid.

Work Equipment; should be treated as any other surface, clean it with a disinfectant spray before you start and at the end of your shift. Try not to share equipment.

Provisions; You should already have in place a good provision of; sanitising gels; soaps; disposable towels; face masks; disinfectant spray. Whilst in the workplace staff are not expected to provide their own PPE or cleaning materials. If you only have a few days of stock in store, you are probably not yet ready to re-open.

Traffic flows; where possible create walk routes that are singular using separate entry and exit doors, if customers are using the bar or locker room, identify the most practicable ways in which this can be done. Put signs up emphasising the need to maintain social distancing at all times, even if people are in groups.

Return to work; before you re open facilities you will have to have a team briefing, this should set a high standard for social distancing. All staff members should attend, their concerns should be listened to, and any suggestions they have should be considered. At the briefing, the steps you have taken should be discussed, and the procedures you have put in place to ensure safety should be emphasised.

Other Considerations

Hot and Cold Water Supplies

Legionella bacteria will have built up in your water system through general lack of use, make sure the system is flushed through thoroughly and test your water temperatures. Your cleaners can play a part by using descaling products on taps and shower heads removing the shower heads to ensure a thorough descaling.

Deliveries; your suppliers will have to have procedures in place for ensuring their produce is clean, you will have to review delivery procedures to ensure that the delivery driver has a safe space to deliver, and that supplies can be safely moved into the workplace. Packaging should be disposed of quickly, not left lying around, disposable gloves may need to be used in this process, and then disposed of with the packaging.

Greenkeepers Seriously Injured

The course manager at Pitlochry Golf Club in Scotland was rescued by emergency services and airlifted to hospital after rolling a mower down a bank. He has suffered serious but not life-threatening injuries. The mower was prevented from rolling further only by a fence post in front of a steep bank.

This was followed by the course manager at Portlethen Golf Club posting an image on social media of a serious head injury sustained from an errant golf shot.

These are unfortunate reminders that the industry we work in has many obvious and hidden dangers and; that regardless of experience, serious accidents can happen in the blink of an eye.

It is also a reminder that the outcome of an accident is something we have no control over, and that in both instances above, whilst the injuries sustained are serious, they could realistically both have been much worse.



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