

Risk Assessment

Practical approaches to COVID-19 Risk Assessments

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Identify the hazard	<p>The hazard is a COVID-19 infection that can be transmitted from person to person.</p> <p>Some of the common ways in which COVID-19 is transmitted are through direct contact with an infected person, through respiratory droplets, and through contact with contaminated surfaces.</p>
Identify who can be harmed	<p>The individuals who can be harmed are those who are in contact with the infected person, those who are in contact with contaminated surfaces, and those who are in contact with respiratory droplets.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>



<p>Decide the level of risk (with control measures)</p>	<p>To assess the level of risk, consider the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature of the activity and the number of people involved. The location of the activity and the ventilation of the space. The duration of the activity and the frequency of contact between people. The effectiveness of control measures in place. <p>A risk assessment for COVID-19 should be conducted for all activities.</p>
<p>Review existing measures that may need to be strengthened</p>	<p>Consider the following measures that may need to be strengthened:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing and the use of barriers. Hand hygiene and the use of hand sanitizer. Face coverings and the use of masks. Regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. Staff training and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
<p>Keep your workforce and people informed</p>	<p>Make sure that all staff and visitors are aware of the current level of risk and the measures in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19.</p> <p>Keep people informed of any changes to the risk level or the measures in place. Use clear and simple language to explain the risk and the measures.</p>
<p>Stay up to date with guidance</p>	<p>Guidance on the management of COVID-19 is constantly changing. Stay up to date with the latest guidance from the relevant authorities.</p> <p>Make sure that all staff and visitors are aware of the latest guidance and the measures in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19.</p>
<p>Keep a record</p>	<p>Keep a record of the risk assessment and the measures in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19. This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date of the assessment. The name of the assessor. The level of risk. The measures in place. The date of the next assessment. <p>Review the record regularly to ensure that the measures in place are effective and up to date.</p>

Different types of COVID-19 Risk Assessments

Since the beginning of the pandemic, many organizations have created their own risk assessment frameworks to manage COVID-19.

The following are some of the risk assessment frameworks that have been used to manage COVID-19 and its related risks.

One of the most common frameworks used by organizations to manage their COVID-19 risk is the [Facilities Group](#). If an organization is a member of the [Facilities Group](#), it can access the [Facilities Group](#) risk assessment framework.

