Risk Assessment

Bridgwater & Taunton College

Mitigation to protect staff, students, visitors and contractors from transmission of COVID 19



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This is the risk assessment for:

Overall and final responsibility for health and safety in this area:

Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice is delegated to:

Bridgwater & Taunton College

Senior Management Team

All Bridgwater & Taunton College staff

1. COVID-19	1. COVID-19 INCIDENTS				
What are the hazards?	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by whom?	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a Department/location/activity?		
1.1 Confirmed or	- BTC following government advice and guidance as necessary.	Staff / students /			
suspected case of	- Provision in place to obtain testing through booking an appointment or ordering	visitors /			
COVID-19 within a	a test	Contractors			
household	- Do not attend College				
spreading virus	- Advise Manager if attended College within last 10 days				
	- Clean areas / equipment where presence known				
1.2 Suspected	- Provision in place for staff and students to undertake Lateral Flow Device	Staff / students /			
case of COVID-19	testing (students receive 2-3 on-site tests to be completed before continuing	visitors /			
identified whilst in	home testing/staff to home test)	Contractors			
attendance at	- Contact Health & Safety Team immediately				
College spreading the virus	Health & Safety Team to contact relevant agencies, if necessary, for advice and guidance				
	- Health & Safety Team to act as required following contact by Test and Trace				
	- Individual moved to an isolation room until collected by parents / guardians if				
	appropriate				
	- Minimise movements within buildings/areas of individuals with suspected				
	symptoms				
	- PPE available in isolation room (apron, visor, mask, gloves)				
	- Clear guidance displayed in isolation room				
	- Medical attention sought, if required				

	 Provision in place to obtain PCR testing through booking an appointment or ordering a test (Test and Trace login available for staff via HR/student to contact NHS Test and Trace 119) Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably practical. Potentially infected area cleaned Information on symptoms on College website, posters & digital screens Identification of isolation rooms at each campus 		
1.3 Confirmed	- Health & Safety Team informed	Staff / students /	
case of COVID-19	 Health & Safety Team to contact relevant agencies to advise of 	visitors /	
of individual who	potential contacts for tracing (Test and Trace login for staff)	Contractors	
has attended	- Health & Safety Team to act as required following contact by Test and Trace		
College spreading	- Building/areas closed at request of PHE		
the virus	- KGB to deep clean identified areas		

2. TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL

What are the	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a
hazards?		whom?	Department/location/activity?
2.1 Transmission of virus when travelling to and from College	 Student not to attend unless formally requested Follow latest government advice and guidance as necessary Avoid public transport, where possible walk, cycle or drive If sharing transport with other members outside your household, maintain good ventilation, non-face to face contact and limited contact Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably practical. Wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or hand sanitise when entering / leaving Campus and/or buildings Contractors to supply RAMS to identify how they will manage COVID-19 Contractors RAMS approved and authorised before arrival on campus and commencement of work Advise regular cleaning of vehicle College transport cleaned between use 	Staff / students / customers / visitors / Contractors	
2.2 Transmission of virus when travelling to and from College using public transport	 Follow latest government advice and guidance as necessary College information points are updated in line with advice and guidance as and when required Awareness of reduced service Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably practical at bus stops Avoid physical contact and face away from others Wear face coverings at bus stops and whilst on transport Staggered attendance to avoid peak times, if possible Maintain good ventilation Wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or hand sanitise when entering / leaving Campus and/or buildings 	Staff / students / customers / visitors / Contractors	

2.3 Transmission	-	Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible	Staff / students /
of virus when		and reasonably practical	customers/
using the bicycle	-	Riders advised not touch other bikes / cycle racks	visitors /
racking/shed		,	Contractors
2.4 Transmission	-	Virtual communication will be encouraged instead of travelling between sites	Staff / students /
of virus through	_	If travel is necessary then COVID-19 guidance must be followed accordingly	customers/
inter-campus	_	Staff not to travel between campuses on a single day unless unavoidable	visitors /
travel		Start not to traver between campuses on a single day unless unavoldable	Contractors

4. PREMISES What are the What are the mitigating actions? Additional mitigating actions relevant to a Action by Department/location/activity? hazards? whom? Staff / students / 4.1 Lack of cleaning Contract cleaner KGB carry out hygiene clean daily and disinfecting of Touch points regularly cleaned throughout the day customers/ Individuals can carry out their own cleaning of items regularly throughout the premises increases visitors / potential spread of day, using only materials supplied by the College following guidance supplied Contractors Screen/s used to shield staff from customers to be cleaned off regularly inside virus and out by KGB Cleaners Cleaning materials made available Staff / individuals to report any concerns to BTC staff. Concerns to be passed onto Health and Safety Team / College Support Team Individuals to ask BTC staff / College Support Team for approved cleaning materials, if none are already available COSHH details available on SharePoint Ensure bags are available for waste and that it is disposed of in line with current government guidelines Minimise sharing of desks / equipment, where possible 4.2 Transmission of Staff / Staff / virus through If no option than to share resources such as desks / computers / tools / students / shared or frequently machines etc they are to be cleaned before use customers/ touched items Contactless pay being encouraged visitors / Screen/s used to shield staff from customers to be cleaned off regularly by Contractors **KGB Cleaners** Touch points cleaned regularly throughout the day by KGB Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean daily Doors to be propped open to prevent unnecessary contact, where possible (Door will be released in the event of a fire) Individuals encouraged to wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water (if not available use alcohol hand gel) Cleaning materials available for individuals to use with instructions of how to use safely Ensure bags available for waste and that it is dispose of in line with current government quidelines Staff / individuals to report any concerns to BTC staff. Concerns to be passed onto Health and Safety Team / College Support Team. 4.3 Failure to Staff / CST / Contractors to complete self-declaration when arriving at college undertake all Contractor Contractors RAMS, including how they will manage COVID-19, approved and statutory authorised before arrival on campus and commencement of work / testing, compliance testing Compliance testing undertaken as necessary i.e. water, fire resulting in Contractor maintenance undertaken (LEV. Pressure, LOLER) accident/injury Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible

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	-	College Support Team to ensure compliance testing actions are taken as		
		required		
	-	College Support Team to check contractors RAMS are adhered to by		
4.4 Failure to		contractors on site.	Staff / CST /	
maintain water	-	Reduced water stations due to hygiene requirements	Contractor	
management	-	Notice displayed to identify out of use water stations	Contractor	
(mains and bottled)	-	Dated notice / sticker to be displayed to confirm action / maintenance		
resulting in infection		undertaken		
/ transmission of	-	Contractor to disinfect and flush through water machine station (bottles and		
virus		main) prior to use		
	-	College Support Team to be contacted for any issues with water stations		
4.5 Revised	-	Signage displayed to indicate changes to restricted areas	Staff / students /	
COVID-19	-	All individuals to obey all signage	customers/	
operating procedures not	-	Signage reviewed and amended when required	visitors / Contractors	
understood	-	Information released to staff/students through briefings/training	Contractors	
resulting in	-	Information shared on social media/website		
transmission of	-	Face coverings are mandatory in communal areas except where individual		
virus and non-		exemptions apply		
compliance with	-	Following government guidelines regarding individual exemptions (age, health,		
government		disability) Low level air conditioning assessed prior to use		
guideline	-		Otatt / atrial and a /	
4.6 Transmission of virus due to poor	-	Hand wash notices displayed to encourage regular and thorough hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds	Staff / students / customers /	
hygiene procedures	_	Avoid touching face / eyes / nose / mouth with unwashed hands	visitors /	
Trygichic procedures	_	Hand sanitiser stations are positioned at identified locations throughout	Contractors	
		buildings		
	-	Individuals to ensure hands washed thoroughly or sanitised before and after		
		eating and/or drinking		
	-	Individuals to ensure hands washed thoroughly or sanitised after using touch		
		points Touch points cleaned regularly throughout the day by KGB		
	_	Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean daily		
	_	College information points updated in line with advice and guidance.		
	_	Regularly check hand washing supplies to ensure sufficient supplies available		
4.7 Large	-	Large gatherings to be dispersed	Staff / students /	
gatherings in	_	Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible	customers/	
outside campus		and reasonably practical	visitors /	
space (Bus Bays;	-	Social distancing to be enforced with signage / barriers	Contractors	
smoking areas etc.)	-	Staggered breaks in place		
resulting in transmission of	-	Students to follow directional signs to coloured coded area/building and move		
virus		there directly Remind individuals of measures to keep them safe and others		
1.100]	College information points updated in line with current government advice and		
		quidance		
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5. TOILET FACILITIES				
What are the hazards?	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by whom?	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a Department/location/activity?	
5.1 Transmission of virus whilst using toilet facilities	 Face coverings to be worn where social distancing cannot easily be maintained Touch points cleaned regularly throughout the day by KGB Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean daily Wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, as normal Hand sanitiser available in dispensers outside of identified toilet facilities for post touch point use Hand washing signage displayed Avoid touching face/eyes/nose/ mouth with unwashed hands If appropriate, reduce number of urinals/cubicles Where appropriate door will be propped open to minimise touch point (door released in the event of a fire) Face covering to be worn whilst using toilet facilities 	Staff / students / customers / visitors / Contractors		

6. COMMON U	6. COMMON USE AREA – FOOD OUTLETS				
What are the	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a		
hazards?		whom?	Department/location/activity?		
6.1 Transmission of	- Face coverings to be worn until social distancing in place to allow safe space	Staff / students /			
virus whilst using	for eating and drinking	customers/			
food outlets and	- Staggered breaks	visitors /			
seating areas at	- Individuals encouraged to use allocated food zone from their colour coded	Contractors			
outlets	building/area				
	- Restaurant and food outlet tables and seating to be arranged / removed to				
	maintain social distancing				
	- Individuals to ensure washed their hands or hand sanitised before eating and /				
	or drinking				
	- Groups to be kept apart as much as possible if space allows more than one				
	group at a time				
	- Social distancing to be enforced when queuing to be served with signage /				
	barriers				
	- Paying for purchase: Recommend Pre-paid on College ID card / Contactless				
	payments				
	- Tables / chairs to be cleaned down between groups				
	- Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean				
	- Information on food outlet requirements to be sent to all customers and how to				
	credit College ID card				
	- Catering staff monitoring queue				
	- Staff to monitor customers whilst in food outlet and seating area				
	- Hand sanitiser stations available at close proximity to food outlets				
	- Payment devices such as card reader regularly sanitised				
	- Vending machines to be sanitised periodically throughout the day				

- Disposable cutlery used	
- Condiments taken away and given out on request	
- Food handlers using appropriate level of PPE	
- Face to Face screening shields placed where identified	
- 'Help yourself' fridges and product shelving moved to stop cross	
contamination.	

7. COMMON USE AREA- LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC) What are the mitigating actions? Additional mitigating actions relevant to a What are the Action by Department/location/activity? hazards? whom? Face covering to be worn whilst in LRC 7.1 Transmission of Staff / students / Social distancing to be enforced with signage / barriers virus whilst using customers/ Individuals to ensure washed their hands or hand sanitised before entering and the facilities at LRC visitors / (Desks; Computer: leaving the LRC Contractors Hard drive, LRC staff to allocate seating location for individual Staff to arrange LRC so social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation Keyboards; Mouse adhered to where possible and reasonably practical books: magazines:) Screen to be place at LRC counter to allow staff and customers to be able to talk and exchange resources when unable to social distance Individual to only use the workspace allocated Tables & workspaces cleaned after use Cleaning materials available for individuals to use with instructions of how to use safely Touch points cleaned regularly throughout the day by KGB Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean daily Following national guidelines regarding library materials

8. COMMON USE AREA - STUDENT HUB/CORE/COMMON AREAS

What are the	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a
hazards?		whom?	Department/location/activity?
8.1 Transmission of	- Tables and seating to be arranged / removed to maintain social distancing of	Staff / students /	
virus whilst using	2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably	customers/	
facilities within the	practical.	visitors /	
student common	- Social distancing to be enforced with signage / barriers	Contractors	
use areas	- Individuals to ensure they have washed their hands or hand sanitised before		
(Tables; Desks;	entering the area and after leaving		
chairs; Computer:	- Staggered timetable to minimise numbers		
Hard drive,	- Wherever possible keep members of the same group together maintaining		
Keyboards; Mouse	social distancing		
books; magazines)	- Tables and workspaces to be clean after use		
	- Cleaning materials available for individuals to use with instructions of how to		
Please note the	use safely		
Hub will not be	- Touch points cleaned regularly throughout the day by KGB		
open in the Spring	- Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean daily		
Term (this will be	- Individuals to ask BTC staff / College Support Team for approved cleaning		
reviewed)	materials, if none already available		
	- Face coverings are mandatory in communal areas except where individual		
	exemptions apply		
	- Following government guidelines regarding individual exemptions (age, health,		
	disability)		

9. STAFF WORKROOMS / OFFICES					
What are the hazards?	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by whom?	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a Department/location/activity?		
9.1 Transmission of virus from individuals or surfaces	 Face coverings to be worn in staffrooms where social distancing cannot easily be maintained Reduced number of staff attending College Staggered breaks (Teaching staff and teaching support staff will need to have the same breaks as their student group) Redesigned / remove items to achieve social distancing measures in staff workrooms / offices Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably practical Keep the same teams together wherever possible when they have to come into College Ensure wherever possible that staff use the same area / building throughout the day Wherever possible no hot desk working Individuals can carry out their own cleaning of items regularly throughout the day, using only materials supplied by the College Wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds Ensure good ventilation within staff workroom / office Cleaning materials available for individuals to use with instructions of how to use safely Touch points cleaned regularly throughout the day by KGB Contract cleaner KGB carries out hygiene clean daily Hand sanitiser available in staff workroom / office Additional rooms may need to be allocated for staff workrooms / offices Individuals to ask BTC staff / College Support Team for approved cleaning materials, if none already available Where central welfare facilities exist, individuals to use own crockery/cups, etc 	Staff / students / customers / visitors / Contractors			

10. TEACHING AND LEARNING					
What are the	the What are the mitigating actions? Action by Additional mitigating actions relevant to a				
hazards?		whom?	Department/location/activity?		
10.1 Transmission of virus whilst teaching and learning undertaken within a classroom setting	 Face coverings are mandatory in classrooms Reduced number of attendees, if required Staggered breaks Redesigned / remove items to achieve social distancing measures in classrooms Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably practical. Ensure wherever possible that students and staff use the same area / building / classroom throughout the day / week 	Staff / students / customers / visitors / Contractors			

	Ι.	Soat students at the same dock when in the base classroom, where possible	
	-	Seat students at the same desk when in the base classroom, where possible Rotate subject specialist staff to student's base classroom	
	-	Wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water for at least 20	
	_	seconds (or use alcohol hand gel)	
		Ensure good ventilation within classroom	
	_	Classrooms cleaned daily by KGB cleaners	
	-	Activity risk assessment reviewed if unable to socially distance by 2m or 1m	
	-	with risk mitigation (where 2m is not viable) with guidance from the Health &	
		Safety Team. Activity not undertaken until revised final sign off	
	-	Staff to brief students on control measures within classrooms	
	-	14-19 years students classroom arranged side by side, facing forward, rows	
		2m apart, member of staff to be 2m from front of group	
	-	19+ students within 14-19 class to follow young person rules	
	-	19+ students classroom arranged 2m distance, side by side, facing forward,	
		rows 2m apart, member of staff to be 2m from front of group	
	-	Health & Safety Team to authorised maximum numbers in conference room	
		and theatres	
	-	Close contact teaching, risk mitigating actions to be put in place	
10.2 Transmission	-	Face coverings are mandatory in workshops	Staff / students /
of virus whilst	-	Reduced number of attendees, if required	customers/
practical teaching	-	Staggered breaks	visitors /
and learning	-	Redesigned or review social distancing measures to achieve social distancing	Contractors
undertaken within a		within practical area / workshop	
classroom/workshop	-	Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible	
setting		and reasonably practical	
	-	Ensure wherever possible that students and staff use the same area / building	
		/ classroom/workshop throughout the day / week	
	-	Use the same area / workshop for the same students if coming in on more than	
		one day	
	-	Rotate subject specialist staff to student's practical area / workshop	
	-	Use of PPE where applicable	
	-	Do not share PPE	
	-	Clean re-usable PPE following government guidelines on cleaning	
	-	Dispose safely disposable PPE in bins provided	
	-	Wherever possible allocate students / staff with their own equipment / tools	
	-	Allocated equipment/tools to be cleaned after use	
	_	Ensure good ventilation within practical area / workshop	
	_	Wash hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water for at least 20	
		seconds.	
	_	Practical area / workshop cleaned daily by KGB cleaners and between use if	
		applicable	
	l _	If unable to socially distance by 2m or 1m with risk mitigation (where 2m is not	
	_	viable) and have to carry out the activity, please contact Health and Safety	
		Team for advice and under no circumstances is the activity be undertaken until	
		this has been authorised by the Health & Safety Team.	
		Curriculum to look at timetabling of student groups to ensure there is minimal	
	-	movement of student and staff within an area / building and minimal movement	
		between other buildings on Campus	
	_	Staff to brief students on control measures within practical areas / workshops	

-	· 14-19 years students classroom arranged side by side, facing forward, rows
	2m apart, member of staff to be 2m from front of group
-	· 19+ students within 14-19 class to follow young person rules
-	· 19+ students classroom arranged 2m distance, side by side, facing forward,
	rows 2m apart, member of staff to be 2m from front of group
-	Close contact teaching, risk mitigating actions to be put in place

11. OTHER					
What are the hazards?	What are the mitigating actions?	Action by whom?	Additional mitigating actions relevant to a Department/location/activity?		
11.1 Transmission of virus during fire evacuation	 Ensure full compliance with statutory fire risk assessment Briefing given to all persons on site on hearing fire alarm to leave the building by nearest safe exit On arrival at fire assembly point maintain endeavouring to social distance by 2m or 1m with risk mitigation (where 2m is not viable) where possible Bitesize to staff and students on fire evacuation actions and posters and digital displays 	Staff / students / customers / visitors / Contractors			
11.2 Lack of communication resulting in the spread of COVID- 19	 Reviewing regular government advice and guidance and taking appropriate action as necessary Reviewing awarding bodies advice and guidance and taking action as necessary College information points are updated in line with advice and guidance as and when required Briefings to be used for communication Amending Risk Assessment and Operating Procedure in line with latest government advice College CV-19 Risk Assessment shared with staff, students and external visitors/contractors 	SMT			
11.3 First aid incident results in transmission of virus	 First aider guidelines and precautions for COVID-19 shared with first aiders First aid kits available in isolation room First Aid kits available on campus and supplies checked regularly Defib on campus and checked for operation ready. Contractor to identify their own first aid arrangements Contractor to consult with BTC if no first aid arrangements identified in their risk assessment 	SMT			
11.4 Transmission of virus following staff meetings	 Virtual meetings are the preferred method of communication (including intercampus) If travel is necessary then COV-19 guidance must be followed accordingly Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible and reasonably practical when attending face to face meetings 	Staff			
11.5 Staff and Students breach code of conduct resulting in transmission of virus	Code of conduct to be shared with all and included in induction Clear actions for breaching code of conduct and are consistently applied	Staff/Students			

11.6 Transmission	- Virtual meetings are the preferred method of communication.	Staff, students,
of virus following	- Discourage non-essential trips, encouraging use of telephone/electronic	employers
employer visit eg,	device/film recording/Teams	
apprentice, work	- Where virtual meeting is not practicable, purpose for visit must be clarified and	
experience, work	approved by Head/Manager before being undertaken	
placement	- If travel is necessary then Government and BTC COV-19 guidance must be	
p.a.co	followed accordingly	
	- Employers risk assessment undertaken on Covid-19 to be reviewed prior to the	
	visit	
	- Contact made prior to visit to ensure no coronavirus cases have been	
	identified within the setting	
	- Employer Covid-19 risk assessment adhered to during visit	
	- Timing of meetings arranged to reduce interaction and overlap between people	
	- Diary entries maintained to record details for test and trace	
	- If sharing transport with other members outside your household, maintain good	
	ventilation, non-face to face contact and limited contact	
	- Minimise number of employer visits per day, where possible travel from home	
	to venue/venue to home	
	- Regular cleanliness and hygiene when entering/leaving premises, including	
	used equipment	
	- Regular hand washing/hand sanitising	
	- Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible	
	and reasonably practical.	
	 Avoid large gatherings Personal PPE to be worn, where required at visit 	
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11.7 Transmission	- Duty Manager guidelines and Risk Assessment to be shared	Staff
of virus whilston	- Social distancing of 2m or 1m with risk mitigation adhered to where possible	
Duty Manager	and reasonably practical.	
duties	- PPE to be worn, where required	
	- Regular hand washing/hand sanitising	
11.8 Transmission	- Revised Off-Site Risk Assessment completed and authorised before	Staff, Students
of virus following an	activity/visit takes place	
off-site education		
visit		
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APPROVAL

POSITION	SIGNATURE	NAME	DATE
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HEALTH & SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE	97. c. Floranie	Mark Fitzmaurice	01/03/2021

Subject to review, monitoring and revision as guidelines change and/or further opening of facilities