

Elands Veterinary Clinic Risk Assessment Covid-19 June 2020

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Visitors to your premises • Contractors • Drivers • Vulnerable groups – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions • Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your business 	<p><u>Hand Washing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. • Stringent hand washing taking place. • See hand washing guidance. • https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/ • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. • https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/ • Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly • https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/ • Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not 	<p>Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues – Follow Catch it, Bin it, Kill it and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>Encourage staff to report any problems and carry out skin checks as part of a skin surveillance programme https://www.hse.gov.uk/skin/professional/health-surveillance.htm</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19</p>			

		<p>readily available</p> <p>Cleaning Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Social Distancing Social Distancing -Reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 2-metre (6.5 foot) gap recommended by the Public Health Agency https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p> <p>Taking steps to review work schedules including start & finish times/shift patterns, working from home etc. to reduce number of workers on site at any one time. Also relocating workers to other tasks.</p> <p>Redesigning processes to ensure social distancing in place.</p> <p>Conference calls to be used instead of face to face meetings.</p>	<p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by the reception team to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed. Signs up for this</p> <p>Staff to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it. Management checks to ensure this is adhered to. Signs up for this</p> <p>Owners should not enter clinic and should clip their dogs to a lead attached to railings outside front door so that social distancing can be maintained. Cats and puppies should be left in a suitable basket which should be wiped over with a disinfectant wipe before handling. Leads should be washed daily. Mask should be worn whenever meeting the public.</p> <p>Staff split into teams that do not come in contact with each outside of the team. Where two teams are working in the same building eg consulting and operating, they should remain in their respective areas and not meet under any circumstances.</p> <p>Reception team to keep to 2 meters and less than 15 minutes close contact with vets and nurses. Vets and nurses to follow this advice as much as possible. If need to hold an animal to help please wear face covering. Washable face coverings are available please use these and</p>			
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