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RISK ASSESSMENT

BATHGATE FLOORING LTD

Description of Activity:

Working in the Office



22/05/20

By Whom

Review:

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Risk

Rating

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• Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). It has since spread globally, resulting in an ongoing pandemic. As of 12 May 2020, more than 4.17 million cases have been reported across 187 countries and territories, resulting in more than 286,000 deaths. More than 1.45 million people have recovered.

• Common symptoms include fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, and loss of smell and taste. While the majority of cases result in mild symptoms, some progress to acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), multi-organ failure, septic shock and blood clots. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms is typically around five days but may range from two to fourteen days.

• The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact most often via small droplets produced by coughing and sneezing and talking.

• The droplets usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than travelling through air over long distances. Less commonly, people may become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their face.

• It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible before symptoms appear, or from people who do not show symptoms.

How might people be harmed

Inhalation of coronavirus in small droplets expelled from the nose or mouth of persons coughing, sneezing, breathing who are shedding the COVID-19 virus and contact with surfaces contaminated with the COVID 19 virus and transfer to the body through touching eyes, nose and mouth.

Transmission could result in possible infection, mild, moderate or serious illness and potential death through respiratory failure and /or associated complications.

Please note - Because of the number of potential individual variables such as age, general health, pre-existing medical conditions and length of exposure (which for most cases will be an unknown in itself) and also an individual's family and work colleagues adherence or otherwise to Government and HSE guidelines. It is very difficult to provide any definitive guidance as to risk levels. At present the likelihood is ever present and whilst we know that many, many people have recovered many others have died as a result. **Risk without controls Likelihood** = Very Likely (5) Severity = Very High - Potentially Multiple Fatalities (5) Assessed Risk = High (25)

Risk with controls Likelihood = Possible (3) Severity = High - Major illness with potential fatality (4) Assessed Risk = Medium (12)

 Assessed By:
 Andrew Hubbard

 Likely Harm
 Parties Affected
 Risk Rating
 Existing Controls
 Additional Control Measures Required / Comment

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	shedding the COVID-19 virus and contact with surfaces contaminated with the COVID 19 virus and transfer to the body through touching eyes, nose and mouth. Transmission could result in possible infection, mild, moderate or serious illness and potential death through respiratory failure and /or associated complications.	 Employees, contractors, visitors, employees, members of the public and employees' family members (They may receive and/or transmit) 				Employee and family to keep good hygiene / hand washing/ sanitising and social distancing	responsibilities or who have expressed concerns regards working from home will be prioritised for return to work over staff who do have care responsibilities or have expressed a preference to work from home (See line 25). Persons working from home have been issued with laptops and advised re the usual DSE workstation ergonomics and breaks from DSE and keyboard use etc. together with cleaning and sanitising of equipment used. Those working from home will be regularly communicated with re their working arrangements together with their welfare, health, physical health and personal security.	Employee			
Travel											
Travelling to and from work on public transport	Employees, contractors, visitors, employees and people at employees home.	 As above. Avoid public transport use where possible. If unavoidable wear mask and avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces (touching) and maintain social distancing wherever possible 	4	4	16		Ample Cycle racks for staff provided.		4 :	3 12	2
Travelling to and from work or between sites - alone in own car	As above unless confirmed no infection of individual*	3. As item 1. Clean steering wheel, door handles, vehicle controls and internal surfaces with sanitiser wipes. Minimise unnecessary travel.	4	3		Car owner(s) /driver(s) to monitor and maintain social distancing	Ample Car Parking on site.		4		
Travelling to and from work in shared vehicle	All persons within the vehicle risk transmission from an infected person or surface to others.	4. As 1 and 3 (passenger in rear seat)				Car owner(s) /driver(s) to monitor and maintain social distancing. One passenger maximum in corporate vehicles. Minimise any travel and implement all precautions.	as above		4		
At work - General											

Arriving at work and "clocking in" via biometric fingerprint scanner system	Transmission of virus to and from persons and /or to persons by contact with contaminated surfaces	All employees	4	3 1	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	The scanner will not recognise fingerprints recently coated with anti- bacterial sanitiser. As such then the process is that fingerprints are scanned first and then anitiser applied. The surface is then regularly cleaned utside of its normal use times. Hand sanitiser is available for employees after scanner surface contact on intering and leaving. An anti- bacterial spray is in use across all areas. This after 10 minutes of it being sprayed provides a bacteria free surface. Rotas are in place as are two different start / finish times have been introduced o avoid over crowding and to assist with the 2m rule.	(If, in the unlikely event, that issues are raised regarding cleaning of fingerprint touch entry systems consider use of visual inspection of ID or other contactless means of access/egress.	All employees	immediate	4		
Maintaining 2m social distance	Transmission of virus to and from persons and /or to persons by contact with contaminated surfaces	All subsequent employees	4	3 1	2	Barriered walkways created with 2m floor signs. Perspex screens are installed between desks and desk layouts have been changed to ensure social distancing. Desks and screens and all surfaces will be regularly cleaned / sprayed with anti bacterial spray	Monitor	Office Manager	Immediate	4	2	8
Working at Work Stations	Transmission of virus to and from persons and /or to persons by contact with contaminated workstation surfaces (desktop, keyboard, mouse and monitor) and telephones.	Anybody that uses the work station	4	3 1	2	All employees the clean their key boards, phones and calculators at the end of every day with anti bacterial wipes. Cleaner cleans all workstation every morring with anti bacterial products before the offices open.	Monitor	Employee's and cleaner	Daily	4	2	8
Cleaning	Transmission of virus to and from persons and /or to persons by contact with surfaces etc.	Cleaners (Martins Cleaning Services staff) and all employees			5	Revised cleaning protocol introduced via employees and Martins staff. As previously mentioned an anti- bacterial spray is in use across all areas and 10 minutes after use this provides a bacteria free surface. Martins Cleaning Services staff to be fully aware of in house rules and their own company arrangements		Office Manager and Martins Cleaners	Daily			
Making a drink and lunch times	Transfer of bacteria to cups , plates and cutlery. Cannot maintain social distancing in welfare areas.	All employees	4	3 1	2	Individuals to obtain own drinks and meals. Only one berson is allowed in the kitchen at any one time. There is an additional welfare portakabin provided which will be cleaned and sanitised and where social distancing will be maintained.	A drinks vending machine is installed and all crockery and cutlery removed. All	Office manager	12/06/2020	4		
						As previously mentioned different start times and rotas for departments have been introduced to avoid over crowding and breaching the 2m rule	Monitor	Office manager	26/05/2020	4		
						Provision has been made for individual boxes for peoples meals for the refrigerators. These will be emptied daily and at shift end. Individual microwave covers for heating food are available.	Monitor	Office manager	26/05/2020	4		
Moving around the offices and breaching social distancing	Transfer of bacteria	All employees	4	3 1		We will operate on reduced staff levels creating a rota for some teams to work alternate weeks at home/office. This will help maintain social distancing	Monitor	Office manager	As the Government issues advise	4	3	12
Using company toilets	Transfer of bacteria	All employees	4	3 1	2	The toilets are cleaned daily with anti bacterial products by the cleaner. Anti bacterial wet wipe are provided for each toilet so that the individual can clean the toilet seat before and after use	Monitor	Office manager	26/05/2020	4		
Occupying the offices generally	Transfer of bacteria	All employees	4	3 1	2	The offices, desks, door handles are cleaned as the new cleaning (Protocol) schedule. The list of requirements to be cleaned has expanded and the frequency increased. The cleaner signs daily to confirm all tasks have been completed	Monitor	Office manager	26/05/2020	4		

Operational (factory) areas	Transfer of bacteria	All employees	4	3	12	The area is cleaned as above with all like requirements in place. Where machines are close together then screens have been installed. PPE will continue to be worn where required. Additional masks (basic and FFP3 types) are available	Monitor	Factory area Manager				
First Aid	Transfer of bacteria	First Aiders / all employees	4	4		Employee temperature checks can be taken when appropriate. If suitable, those with temperature readings at 38oC or over retested after 30 minutes isolation. Staff will then be allowed to go home to seek medical advice.		Office manager		4	3	12
Leaving work and not maintaining social distancing	Transfer of bacteria	All employees	4	3	12	Supplies of surgical masks, hand sanitiser, wet wipes for use after washing hands and moving around the offices are readily available with a regular monthly order in place for same	Monitor	Office manager	As the Government issues advise	4		
Communication, information and Consultation		All employees				The risk assessment and any related information and / or updates will be displayed on notice boards and via the company intranet system "Bamboo". The HSE Covid 10 confirmation poster will be displayed. Tool Box Talks have been undertaken for those in the manufacturing / factory and those office staff who will be returning soon will all receive a 'return to work pack' detailing requirements and information together with a Tool Box Talk. All staff will also be requested to sign a prepared form accepting that they are aware of and agree to work to same etc. Workforce representatives were consulted (there is no Trade Union membership present or recognised) and this will be ongoing to ensure effective communication and consultation. Suggestions and feedback are welcomed and encouraged. Ensure cleaning staff are included in any procedures and changes to same.	Ongoing, monitor effectiveness were possible. Consideration to be given to what action may be taken and how if any staff breach related requirements.	Management / Office Manager	Ongoing			
Goods deliveries	Transfer of bacteria	All employees and including delivery drivers (none employee)	4	3	12	Deliveries are via sub-contract and primarily lorry deliveries only. Delivery drivers can use toilets following all in house procedures. There are external toilets	Monitor	Manager		4		
Existing procedures		All employees					Revise Business Continuity and Critical incident plans and procedures in line with any of the changes noted in this assessment. PPE and RPE (Respiratory Protective Equipment) are in use as per normal operating procedures and have previously been assessed as needed in the workplace,	Management	As appropriate			

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