# Historic Royal Palaces General risk assessment form

Area	Historic Royal Palaces All Sites	Dept.	Audit & Risk	Author	Andrew Favell HRP HSE Advisor	Date	29/01/21
Subject	Areas of Risk	and Con	trols for the COVID-19	Hazard in All Wo	ork Settings	Reference	COV-03

## Background

This document has been compiled by the HRP Audit & Risk Team as a generic Risk Assessment for dealing with the current COVID-19 hazard situation in the workplace. It has been put together using the relevant government guidance for working safely during COVID-19 published on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Further guidance will be published as more business areas reopen and this document should be reviewed with any change.

This version of the Risk Assessment has been updated as a result of the latest government guidance in January 2021.

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. The government is now advising on a new strain of coronavirus which is shown to have a higher transmission rate. Elements of this risk assessment have been adapted as a result of this.

This risk assessment may not cover all scenarios at each site and sites should consider their own unique circumstances and record further control measures on this form. All existing HRP risk assessments covering a wide range of activities and hazards must continue to be maintained, reviewed and communicated.

### Steps to complete this risk assessment

- 1. Heads of Palace or site should review each of the areas of risk and check that controls are in place for their relevant site.
- 2. If controls are in place answer Yes to the relevant section and if the control measure is not relevant to the site, answer Yes.
- 3. If there are controls that are relevant but not covered answer No and list what further action is required to reduce the risk in the "additional controls required" section of this assessment.
- 4. Complete the action plan with action owner and timescale for completion
- 5. Tasks should be identified where social distancing cannot be achieved and remove the activity or control the risk and this should be recorded in the section below titled, "additional controls required.."
- 6. Where social distancing can not be achieved, and PPE is required the COVID-19 PPE Matrix should be completed for these exceptional tasks, Health and Safety guidance can be sought for this.
- 7. When the site is confident that the controls are in place is the overall risk acceptable, the relevant director should sign and date a copy of the risk assessment.
- 8. The risk assessment as part of the communication plan must be shared with the workforce and made public.
- 9. The site can display the COVID-19 Secure notice on Page 20 of this document. The latest seven steps to staying COVID Secure have also been added from gov.uk.

Phase	Area of Risk	Who might be harmed	Describe the controls in place at present to prevent the harm	Departmental Action Owner	Controls in Place Y/N	Evidence
Hazaro	ls present when sites are closed, sta	ff on site	-			<u> </u>
1	Working at home (Corporate Guidance on WFH to be issued by HR; Heads of Palace to consider these issues for their operations teams)	HRP Staff	<ul> <li>Staff should work from home unless in roles critical for business and operational continuity.</li> <li>If staff cannot work from home, measures will be taken to ensure they stay at home, either by providing equipment, changing their role or through furlough.</li> <li>A review has been done to establish who is essential to be on-site.</li> <li>Review completed for the minimum number of people needed on site to operate safely and effectively.</li> <li>All staff working at home must comply with the HRP Working from Home Guidelines.</li> </ul>	Directorate Heads of Palace TOL Governor/ Head of Ops HR IS Health and Safety Team	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-005 Home Working Guidance
1	Clinically vulnerable and extremely vulnerable individuals (Guidance can be found at https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) (Corporate Guidance to be provided by HR)	HRP Staff, Visitors	<ul> <li>Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) individuals who have had a letter from their GP, should be advised not to come on site to work and should stay at home.</li> <li>Once shielding has been removed from the government guidelines CEV staff members should be offered the option of the safest available on-site roles, enabling them to stay 2m away from others.</li> <li>Employees who are classed as who are classed as clinically vulnerable (CV) will also be offered other options whilst working on site to enable social distancing.</li> <li>Personalised risk assessment (COVID-19) form RAO6 must be completed for vulnerable staff returning to work and should be reviewed on a regular basis.</li> <li>Maternity risk assessment form RAO4 to include COVID-19 strong advice to work from home if possible. This form is now available.</li> <li>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/pregnancy-and-coronavirus/</li> </ul>	Directorate Heads of Palace TOL Governor/ Head of Ops HR IS Health and Safety	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-005 Home Working Guidance

1	People who need to self-isolate (Corporate Guidance to be provided by HR)	HRP Staff, Visitors	<ul> <li>Ensure individuals who are advised to stay at home under existing government guidance do not physically come to work. This includes individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19, those who live in a household with someone who has symptoms, those who have tested positive for COVID-19, or anyone in their household has tested positive, as well as anyone who has been contacted by the NHS Test and Trace system.</li> <li>Ensure that stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection is made available.</li> <li>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance</li> </ul>	HR & Department Managers	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-005 Home Working Guidance 14-009 Outbreak Response
1	Work-related travel, inbound and outbound goods and Company Vehicles	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Minimise travel and prevent non-essential travel. Remote working should be used as a priority.</li> <li>Limit exposure to large crowds and rush hours where appropriate.</li> <li>If needed HCP will provide additional parking or facilities such as bike-racks; encourage and help people walk, run, or cycle to work where possible.</li> <li>Only one person should travel per vehicle wherever possible.</li> <li>Staff are required to clean vehicles before and after use, between shifts or on handover.</li> <li>Cleaning equipment available for vehicles.</li> <li>Minimise person-to-person contact during deliveries.</li> <li>In vehicles where workers have no alternative but to work within 2m, assess the risk and devise control measures. Face coverings should be worn in this circumstance.</li> <li>Make sure vehicles are well-ventilated.</li> <li>Pick-up and drop-off collection points and procedures have been revised with signage and marking</li> <li>HRP have minimised unnecessary contact at gatehouses security points, works yard and warehouses.</li> <li>HRP have considered reducing frequency of deliveries, e.g. larger quantities less often.</li> <li>Drivers must stay in their vehicles where this does not compromise safety.</li> </ul>	All Department Managers - particularly those with onsite vehicles (gardens/PE/ security)	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-003 14-006 Travel Policy

1	Social distancing (Staff interaction with other staff Staff interaction with contractors/visitors to site)	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>HRP are enforcing 2 metre+ social distancing in line with the government guidance wherever possible. This included arriving at and departing from work, while in work and when travelling between sites if needed.</li> <li>Capacities for all staff areas have specific guidance to meet the social distancing guidelines.</li> <li>Each HRP site will stagger arrival and departure times at work for staff to reduce crowding into and out of the workplace. Breaks will also be staggered to adhere with social distancing.</li> <li>One-way systems are in place where impossible to enforce social distancing.</li> <li>Staff are encouraged to wear face coverings when interacting with other staff when they cannot be socially distance.</li> <li>Training and inductions are in place for all employees returning to ensure they are aware of COVID-19 related procedures.</li> <li>Desks in use in office spaces have been signed to allow for social distancing.</li> <li>MRT will wear face coverings if completing work in public facing areas.</li> <li>Each MRT member has their own workshop and only they will be permitted to use this workshop. Breaks also to be taken in their own workshop.</li> <li>In areas such as the Gardens &amp; Estates offices partitions will be put in place for some desks and computers to reduce transmission risk.</li> </ul>	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-007 Capacity Modelling
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1	Moving around buildings and Common Areas	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Reduce movement by assessing non-essential trips and restricting access to some areas on sites.</li> <li>Encouraging use of radios or telephones, where permitted, and cleaning them between use.</li> <li>Encourage the use of stairs wherever possible instead of lifts.</li> <li>Reducing maximum occupancy for lifts with floor marking and signage.</li> <li>Installing screens to protect staff in receptions or similar areas</li> <li>Providing hand sanitiser for the operation.</li> <li>Regulating use of locker rooms, changing areas and other facility areas to reduce concurrent usage.</li> <li>Office spaces have been identified in each site. that will be used as office spaces. This is so we can make sure that staff members are only entering areas of the palace that are on the cleaning schedule.</li> <li>Due to the current transmission rate offices will be assigned to 1 person where possible.</li> </ul>	Department Managers Heads of Palace TOL Head of Ops	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-007 Capacity Modelling Site Access Procedure
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1	Workplaces and workstations (relating to all departments and essential office workers)	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Staff members will sign in/out each day they are on site.</li> <li>For people working on site, workstations have been allocated to allow staff members to maintain social distancing.</li> <li>Occupancy levels have been managed to enable social distancing.</li> <li>Layouts and processes in office spaces have been reviewed to allow people to work further apart from each other.</li> <li>Signage has been up in office spaces to state the capacities in each office spaces and what workstations should be used.</li> <li>Room capacities for meeting areas are also signposted</li> <li>Offices are cleaned on a daily basis in line with HRP's Hygiene Instructions.</li> <li>Staff are required to clean their workstation and equipment before and after use.</li> <li>All offices should maintain a clear desk policy, to facilitate cleaning and sanitising the desks.</li> <li>Cleaning / sanitising equipment is in place for staff to use.</li> <li>Site Access Procedure is now in place to monitor how many staff members are coming to site to use office areas. To reduce transmission risk as much as possible all office spaces are cleaned on daily basis, including toilets and kitchen areas. Staff who are coming in on a regular basis will be allocated an office and a desk where necessary to reduce the transmission risk.</li> <li>Use remote working tools as a priority to avoid in-person meetings. When meetings have to take place at work these should be requested via the Site Access Procedure and should be limited to as small an amount of people as possible</li> <li>(previous guidance was a max of 6 people).</li> </ul>	Department Managers	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-007 Capacity Modelling Site Access Procedure
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1	Ventilation	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Ventilation will help to reduce the transmission risk, so doors and windows can be propped open if they do not cause an environmental, collection, safety, fire or security risk.</li> <li>Sites should check whether they need to service or adjust ventilation systems, for example, so that they do not automatically reduce ventilation levels due to lower than normal occupancy levels. (See CIBSE Website below).</li> <li>Most air conditioning systems do not need adjustment, however where systems serve multiple buildings, or you are unsure, advice should be sought from your heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) engineers or advisers. Information about air conditioning and fans can be found here https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation of buildings both in use and when returning to buildings which have been closed, please see advice from the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineer.</li> <li>https://www.cibse.org/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-and-hvac-systems</li> </ul>	Maintenance and Facilities/ Department Mangers	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003
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January 2021       Cleaning the workplace and hygiene requirements for staff       Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth         Practice respiratory hygiene       HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Drivers Storing of sanitiser	<ul> <li>Staff are required to frequently clean work areas and equipment before and after use. This includes frequent cleaning of objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as door handles, handrails, phones, radios card payment machines, keyboards etc. Tools are provided to individuals, but any shared tool must be cleaned before and after use.</li> <li>Staff must clear workspaces and remove waste and belongings from the work area at the end of a shift, to enable cleaning.</li> <li>HRP has removed any touch points that are not needed and limit use of high touch items e.g. printers, copiers etc.</li> <li>There is enhanced cleaning for touchpoints, office spaces, mess rooms and toilets in the staff areas.</li> <li>HRP's contracted cleaners will follow the Government Guidance and supply risk assessments for COVID-19. These are reviewed regularly.</li> <li>HRP has provided regular reminders and signage to maintain personal hygiene standards.</li> <li>HRP have set clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets and will ensure sign off sheets are displayed.</li> <li>HRP has provided hand sanitiser in multiple locations and in washrooms.</li> <li>Sanitiser must be stored in line with COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002) and DSEAR (Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002). When not in use sanitiser should be stored in a fireproof cabinet and manufacturers guidelines should be followed, Decanting of sanitiser should be follow manufacturers guidelines and be decanted outside/away from the building.</li> <li>Spill kits are available and should be used to clean up any spilages. This should be reported to the Area and signage.</li> </ul>	Duty Manager/ Governor and Department Managers		COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-004 Hygiene Instructions
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1	First Aid	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable Groups, Members of the Public	<ul> <li>HRP will continue to provide first aid to all staff on site in line with guidance and training issued prior to opening on how to ensure distancing.</li> <li>PPE for first aiders is in the PPE section below.</li> <li>The site first aid risk assessment should be reviewed with any changes made for COVID-19 and this must be communicated to all first aiders.</li> <li>Number of first aiders to be reviewed by all sites.</li> <li>If you are cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then you should refer to the specific guidance and contact the Health and Safety Representative. (see above).</li> </ul>	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions 05-003 Provision of First Aid
1	Emergency response E.g. Salvage	HRP Staff, Contractors, Clients, Volunteers Salvage Team	<ul> <li>Salvage risk assessment has been updated to include COVID-19 protocols. These are:</li> <li>Primary measure: follow current government guidelines on social distancing and work at least 2m apart when moving and or working from a ladder.</li> <li>Wipe down (antibacterial wipes) handrail touch points after each use/move when moving with more than 1 person and or a different person is using the ladder.</li> <li>If a safe distance of at least 2m cannot be obtained wear the following PPE:</li> <li>FRSM (fluid repellent surgical mask) and Gloves (nitrile to be used)</li> <li>Limit the time required for these tasks to under 15mins if this cannot be achieved take regular breaks and continue.</li> </ul>	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-008 Emergency Evacuation Salvage risk assessment

1	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Face Coverings	HRP staff, volunteers	<ul> <li>PPE identified in the existing risk assessments for HRP should continue to be used in the same way.</li> <li>Where there is risk of transmission of COVID-19, and the social distancing guidelines and other protective measures cannot be used PPE will be supplied.</li> <li>Training must be given to all staff on the putting on and taking off and disposal of PPE.</li> <li>The matrix below contains the PPE available at HRP.</li> <li>Any use of PPE should be added to the additional controls required section below.</li> <li>Employees are not required by law to wear a face covering in the workplace, unless they are working alongside visitors indoors.</li> <li>We highly recommend that face coverings are worn when staff are interacting with other staff indoors, i.e. if there has to be an indoor meeting.</li> <li>It is important to use face coverings properly and staff must wash their hands before putting them on and taking them off. They should also wear the face coverings properly over the nose and mouth.</li> <li>Face coverings do not need to be worn whilst eating/drinking i.e. in mess areas.</li> <li>Visors and face coverings will be available to staff.</li> <li>A review on the use of face coverings for workers should be considered when there are changes in government guidance, safe operating procedure, capacities, and in areas where social distancing cannot be adhered to. The use of face coverings may want to be considered for events, etc as well.</li> </ul>	Duty Manager/ Governor and Department Managers	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions 05-003 Provision of First Aid
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1	Communication and Training	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Members of the Public Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Regular business updates will be given on COVID-19 related issues at a Corporate level, with updates at a site level as necessary.</li> <li>Staff are provided with clear guidance on social distancing and hygiene this will be provided before arrival, and on arrival to staff, visitors, contractors and tenants.</li> <li>Communicate to staff the need to remain shielding if vulnerable.</li> <li>Information campaigns e.g. posters for touch point cleaning, hygiene control, symptoms of COVID-19, social distancing and use of face coverings.</li> <li>For staff inviting visitors to site establish host responsibilities relating to COVID-19 and provide training for people who act as hosts.</li> <li>Coordinating and communication with landlords, tenants and shared working spaces.</li> <li>Staff and unions must be consulted on new safety measures.</li> <li>Risk assessments for each site must be produced prior to opening and communicated to all. These should be reviewed before any re-opening and/or if there is incident relating to COVID-19.</li> <li>Communication plan for return to work published before reopening.</li> <li>Signage strategy designed for all areas and covering all aspects of COVID-19</li> </ul>	Comms Team/Head of Palace TOL Head of Ops Department Managers	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions 14-005 Home Working Guidance 14-006 Travel Policy 14-008 Emergency Evacuation 14-008 Emergency Evacuation 14-009 Outbreak Response 05-003 Provision of First Aid
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1 Hazard	Staff mental health and wellbeing	HRP Staff, Volunteers itors, staff and	<ul> <li>The current COVID pandemic could cause poor mental health for our employees. We have the following control measures in place.</li> <li>Wellbeing advice and guidance available for all staff.</li> <li>Resources available such as the HR team, reading materials and procedures for adjustments work.</li> <li>Mental Health First Aiders can be made available to staff if required.</li> <li>Employee Assistance Programme in place and regular communication in place to promote this.</li> <li>Regular communication from Executive Board with any new information relating to the business.</li> </ul>	HR, Health and Safety Team Department Managers	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-005 Home Working Guidance
2	Site visits	HRP Staff, Volunteers, Visitors Cleaners Vulnerable Groups	<ul> <li>Site visits should be conducted remotely where possible.</li> <li>When site visits are required the number of visitors should be limited.</li> <li>Where site visits are required, site guidance on social distancing and hygiene should be explained to visitors and contractors on or before arrival (see communication section).</li> <li>Contact details must be kept for all visitors coming to site for NHS test and Trace purposes. All visitors must sign in and out with the relevant Security Office/Control Room.</li> <li>CN12 Information for Site Visitors during COVID-19 available and is communicated to contractors before they come to site.</li> <li>Face coverings must be worn by any visitors coming to site whilst they are in interior areas.</li> <li>Events Team have their own separate risk assessment relating to site visits.</li> </ul>	Marketing/Visitor Comms Team/ Duty Manager / Events Team	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 CN12 Information Sheet for Visitors and Contractors

Managing contractors on site Construction Sites Corporate Guidance to be provided by Palaces & Collections, and any other department who has visitors on site) 2 Hazards present when HRP is open to visitor	HRP Staff, Volunteers, Visitors Cleaners Vulnerable Groups	<ul> <li>Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) must be reviewed by the Health and Safety team to ensure all safety measures including the COVID-19 guidance are covered.</li> <li>CN12 Information for Contractors during COVID-19 available and is communicated to contractors before they come to site.</li> <li>All contact details must be kept for contractors in case we are contacted by the NHS Test and Trace programme. If in a group a lead persons details will be recorded. All contractors must sign in and out with the relevant Security Office/Control Room.</li> <li>All construction sites must comply with the government guidance on working safely during COVID-19.</li> <li>Face coverings must be worn by any contractors coming to site whilst they are in interior areas.</li> <li>Contractors must wear face coverings when working on construction sites, unless medical exemption. This makes up part of the RAMS review process.</li> </ul>	H&S Team and onsite Facilities and Maintenance Manager/ SOFD	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 CN12 Information Sheet for Visitors and Contractors
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3 January 2	Social distancing (Staff interaction with visitors) (Visitor interaction with other visitors) <i>Outdoor offer currently only at</i> <i>HCG/HCP</i>	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Members of the Public Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable Groups	<ul> <li>due to t transmi</li> <li>Admissi systems encoura</li> <li>Queuing 2metres</li> <li>Visitor f social d talks/in be prov to keep</li> <li>HRP will options coming</li> <li>Walk-in and HRP screens</li> <li>All visit details f contact Trace p booking on site a a Test a</li> <li>HRP Se searche teams, v physica informa</li> <li>Security wands t the nee</li> <li>Social o Retail S metres</li> <li>Shop til contact protect and visi</li> <li>A queue shops a capaciti met.</li> </ul>	eing system will be in place in Retail s well. They will be staffed to ensure ies and social distancing guidelines are will be formunicated to bring face	Heads of Palace TOL Head of Ops H&S Team Department Maintenance & Facilities Comms Team	Υ Ρage 1	COVID documents: 14-001 14-003 14-007 Capacity Modelling 14-008 Outbreak Response
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3	Public toilet facilities	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Members of the Public Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Posters on back of doors to build awareness of good handwashing technique.</li> <li>Signs on entry as a reminder of social distancing and limited capacity.</li> <li>Social distancing markers used at wash basins and queueing area.</li> <li>Adoption of a limited entry approach, with 2 in, 2 out.</li> <li>Soap and hot water available. Hand Sanitisers stations at entry of area.</li> <li>Setting clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets, with increased frequency of cleaning in line with usage.</li> <li>Use normal cleaning products, paying attention to frequently hand touched surfaces, and consider use of disposable cloths or paper roll to clean all hard surfaces.</li> <li>Doors will be propped open for ventilation and to allow users to self-regulate capacity.</li> <li>Some urinals, cubicles and basins will be closed to allow for social distancing and limited capacity.</li> </ul>	Heads of Palace TOL Head of Ops Maintenance Duty Manager/ Governor Maintenance & Facilities	Y	COVID documents: 14-001 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions
3	Catering - Takeaway and Eat in service	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Members of the Public Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>When the sites are open HRP's Catering Contractors must comply with the current guidance for restaurants offering a takeaway service.</li> <li>Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) must be reviewed by the Health and Safety team to ensure all safety measures including the COVID-19 guidance are covered.</li> <li>Seating areas must have no more than one household in one area. Tables will not be available due to the current restrictions.</li> <li>Groups must be asked to avoid social interaction with anyone outside their household.</li> <li>All contact details must be provided so that visitors can be contacted if needed by the NHS Test and Trace programme.</li> <li>Staff members and contractors working should wear face coverings when working inside.</li> </ul>	Heads of Palace TOL Head of Ops Duty Manager/ Governor Commercial Teams		COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions 14-007 Capacity Modelling CN12 Information Sheet for Visitors and Contractors

3	Outdoor Playgrounds Relating to the Magic Garden at HCP	HRP Staff, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers, Members of the Public Drivers Cleaners Vulnerable groups	<ul> <li>Due to the current restrictions in place the Magic Garden will be closed for the time being. When it is open to the public the following control measures are in place.</li> <li>In addition to preparations to ensure they are COVID-19 Secure, there will be general maintenance requirements. Play inspection and actions must be completed.</li> <li>Measures to support social distancing such as signs to remind users of the need for and adherence to social distancing in accordance with existing government guidance.</li> <li>Social distancing and other ways of minimising transmission risk should be communicated to the parents, guardians and carers, who should remain aware of the residual risk.</li> <li>Promoting responsible behaviour by children, parents, carers and guardians will be communicated.</li> <li>An advisory limit on the maximum number of users able to use the playground at any one time is in place and this will be communicated.</li> <li>Limit the number of users able to use a piece of equipment to minimise the transmission risk.</li> <li>Limiting the available number of seats on equipment.</li> <li>Using adjacent space for queues or waiting areas for users, parents, guardians and carers using barriers, markings or signs where it is safe to do so.</li> <li>Cleaning high traffic touch points frequently.</li> <li>Encourage effective sanitation by users, parents, guardians and carers.</li> <li>More frequent rubbish collection.</li> <li>Where practicable, providing hand sanitiser (automated where possible) at the entry and exit points)</li> <li>Use disposable paper towels in handwashing facilities where possible.</li> <li>Public toilets, portable toilets and toilets inside premises should be kept open and carefully managed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. They will be cleaned on a regular basis.</li> </ul>	Head of Palace Maintenance Health and Safety Team	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions 14-007 Capacity Modelling Magic Garden Risk Assessment 05-003 Provision of First Aid
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3	Outdoor Playgrounds (cont) Relating to the Magic Garden at HCP		<ul> <li>Current government guidance states that face coverings should not be used by children under the age of 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly. Parents should be aware that wearing a face covering in a playground setting could pose an additional safety risk and should use their judgement on whether their children wear a face covering.</li> <li>Encourage hand hygiene including washing/sanitising hands more often than usual, particularly at the beginning and end of play.</li> <li>Consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned.</li> <li>Consideration has also been given on how to assist those with disabilities in complying with the changes.</li> </ul>		
3	Places of worship	HRP Staff, Contractors, Clients, Volunteers Chapel Royal Staff Visitors	<ul> <li>Chapel Royal have sent their RAMS to the Health and Safety Team and have been reviewed to make sure they are in line with HRP's policies and procedures and the government guidelines in relation to places of worship.</li> <li>Any events/changes to this risk assessment will be reviewed alongside the Chapel Royal.</li> <li>For popular events pre booking will be available and capacities will be restricted.</li> </ul>	Head of Palace TOL Head of Ops Chapel Royal	COVID documents: 14-001 14-002 14-003 14-004 Hygiene Instructions 14-007 Capacity Modelling Chapel Royal Risk Assessment

Each role has been assigned a Tier, according to its activities to show the PPE needed.

#### Tier Definition Examples PPE Required

Tier	Definition Examples		PPE Required
1	Health care setting, within 2m of others	First Alders	Facemask, gloves, googles, apron
2 (Fixed)	Non-health care setting, within 2m of others, behind a screen	Welcome Centre, Retail	Gloves where needed
2 (Mobile)	Non-healthcare setting, within 2m of others, mobile	Admissions, retail, security	Face visor, Gloves where needed
3	Can stay 2m from others, may handle items others have handled	Yeoman Warders, Garden & Estates, Education	Gloves where needed

Should an individual be required to undertake an activity that doesn't adhere to these definitions then that activity must be assessed, and the PPE provided recorded below.

#### COVID-19 PPE Matrix

Tier	Activity	Reason and Context	Disposable Gloves*	Fluid-resistant surgical masks*	Face visors	Disposable Plastic Apron*	Hand Sanitiser	Anti- Bacterial Wipes
2	Gardener asked to unwrap statue at HCP. Requires two people less than 2 meters apart	Preparing gardens for opening	1	×	J	×	×	×
2	CCC staff need to move a painting	Salvage, indoors non- healthcare setting	1	×	1	×	×	×

\*Single use only

\*\* Face coverings do not count as PPE but will be used by staff members where applicable. This is depicted on the site risk assessments.

With the existing controls in place is the overall risk acceptable? yes / no (if no, stop the activity until additional controls reduce the risk to an acceptable level)

# Additional controls required

Ref.	What furthe	er action is required to reduce the risk further?		Who needs to carry out this action?	When does it need to be completed?
1	vulnerable'	the new guidance all returning staff who are classi should not be attending site to work. They should if they cannot work from home.	HR, Heads of Palace	Jan 2021	
2		essments should be reviewed and updated in line rernment guidance. Communication to staff should	H&S, Heads of Palace, HR, Internal Comms	Jan 2021	
3	relevant are	ould review their recirculating air conditioning unit eas. If there is sufficient natural ventilation in these urned off and isolated.		Maintenance, Heads od Palace	February Half term 2021
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## Review

Review date:	29/01/2021	Reviewed by:	Chelsea Ruffle- HRP Health, Safety and Wellbeing Officer

Once this risk assessment is complete you will need to share the results of your risk assessment with your workforce and display the notice below in your workplace to show we have complied with the relevant guidance.

Seven steps to protect yourself, your staff, visitors and customers during coronavirus.



**Complete a COVID-19 risk assessment.** Share it with all your staff. Find out how to do a risk assessment.

- **Clean more often.** Increase how often you clean surfaces, especially those that are being touched a lot. Ask your staff and your customers to use hand sanitiser and wash their hands frequently. Follow Follow Historic England advice when cleaning historic surfaces.
- Ask your visitors and customers to wear face coverings indoors or where required to do so by law. That is especially important if they are likely to be around people they do not normally meet. Some exemptions apply. Check when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own.
- Make sure everyone is social distancing. Make it easy for everyone to do so by putting up signs or introducing a one way system that your staff, visitors and customers can follow.
- **Increase ventilation** by keeping doors and windows open where possible and running ventilation systems at all times.
- **Take part in NHS Test & Trace** by keeping a record of all your visitors and customers for 21 days. This is enforced in law. Some exemptions apply. Where applicable, you must display an official NHS QR code poster so that customers and visitors can 'check in' using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details. Check <u>Maintaining</u> <u>records of staff, customers and visitors to support NHS Test and Trace</u> for details.

**Turn people with COVID-19 symptoms away**. If a staff member (or someone in their household), visitor or a customer has a persistent cough, a high temperature or has lost their sense of taste or smell, they should be isolating.

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