

The aim of this risk assessment is to document how VetCW Ltd will implement control measures to reduce to risks associated with the current outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid – 19) in order to minimise the impact on our services and patient care, and to reassure our staff, clients and host practices.

In addition to the control measures below, we would ask our host practices (as per their own Covid-19 risk assessments) to ensure all clients to notify us prior to attending if they are displaying any symptoms relating to Covid – 19 such as, a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of or a change to their sense of smell or taste (see www.gov.uk/coronavirus for current definition) or if they have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive with the virus. All staff have been asked to do the same.

What are the Hazards?	Who might be at risk?	What is the control measure?	How will the control measure be implemented?	Who needs to carry out the action?	Comments
Controlling the spread of Covid-19 in host clinics	Clinical staff, vets, nurses, office staff & visitors	Observe social distancing - staying 2 metres apart	<p>Host practices will be visited on a rota basis with the exception of an emergency</p> <p>Observing host practice Covid-19 secure guidelines alongside our own prior to attending clinic. Visors, facemasks and aprons will be worn around host practices</p> <p>Where physical distancing is not possible, suitable PPE must be worn (face masks) and staff working in close proximity will be kept to a minimum. Staff will be informed of this limit.</p>	All staff	Regular staff briefing & display signage detailing HSE/GOV guidance
		Personal hygiene control	Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds and before entering and after entering a working area. All staff will carry hand sanitiser and in addition this will be available at all shared workstations	All staff	Regular staff briefing & display signage detailing HSE/GOV guidance
		Equipment/work station hygiene	Equipment will be cleaned appropriately before and after use in addition to our stringent cleaning protocols	All staff	Regular staff briefing

			Work stations will be cleaned before and after each use with an effective product as provided by the host practice		
		Non PPE work clothing (scrubs/uniforms)	Work clothing should be changed on arrival and before leaving the workplace, bagged and washed before reusing. Work clothing should not be worn when travelling to and from the host practice	All staff	Ensure staff are provided with sufficient non PPE work clothing

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