

## HNC Risk assessment – Covid-19 (v10)

<b>Department / area</b>	Whole college environment
<b>Description</b>	This is the risk assessment covering risks associated with the College being open during the COVID-19 global pandemic

<b>Date of next scheduled review</b>	On-going
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<b>Person creating or updating the risk assessment</b>	
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<b>Date</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021

<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a separate HR sub-risk assessment and HR FAQ document that work in conjunction with this risk assessment</li> <li>○ There is a staff guidance document available on Moodle 'Staying Safe Together' that is live and updated as we learn</li> <li>○ Student/Parent information is disseminated in a variety of ways; Staying Safe booklet online, social media, tutorial, daily Principal's briefings to students and parents</li> <li>○ There is a lockdown plan in place for learning and services; MSC leading on T &amp; L and JTS leading on services</li> <li>○ <b>RAG</b> rating has taken place in terms of potential risk and mitigated risk. However, the 'contact points' of individuals on the college premises will affect all hazards identified in this assessment. Lower numbers (of staff and students, or just staff) will present a lower level of risk than the attendance of all staff and entire cohorts of students. An assumption is also made that the Risk Assessment is in place in the context of full campus opening. Again, the level of risk alters (lowers) with a partial opening of the site.</li> </ul>
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Ensuring college site is free from Covid-19 for re-opening	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		<a href="#">The entire college site had a deep clean in February 2021</a> to ensure there is reduced risk of the virus being present. <u>All</u> facilities, utilities and points of human contact have heightened disinfecting and cleaning. High use areas were identified and actioned. Another process will take place in April. Training and additional PPE for staff where required.	Additional measures implemented throughout closure: Flushing water system Checking for leaks in water system Ensuring water safety and quality Checking fire alarms and fire door mechanisms Check gas supply Check kitchen equipment (if planned for use). Ventilation systems Emergency lighting and electrics Lift inspection Rodent activity and infestation	Estates	
Spread of Covid-19	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		<b>Hand Washing</b> Hand washing facilities with soap and water in place. See hand washing guidance. <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/</a>  Hand dryers are now deemed safe to use and reinstated <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/assets/docs/talking-with-your-workers.pdf">https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/assets/docs/talking-with-your-workers.pdf</a>  Staff encouraged to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/emollients/</a>  Gel sanitisers available throughout the campus  <b>Social Distancing</b>	Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap. 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 made available throughout the workplace.  To help reduce the spread of Covid-19 (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice  Posters etc. displayed	All  JTS Covid team Marketing  Marketing	



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			<p>supply of these will be provided. Staff will be instructed on how to remove gloves carefully to reduce contamination and how to dispose of them safely.</p> <p><b>RPE (respiratory protective equipment) First aiders and SSA's delivering personal care</b> Public Health guidance on the use of PPE (personal protective equipment) to protect against COVID-19 relates to health care settings. In all other settings individuals are asked to observe social distancing measures and practice good hand hygiene behaviours</p> <p>Where RPE is a requirement for risks associated with the work undertaken the following measures will be followed-</p> <p>Tight-fitting respirators (such as disposable FFP3 masks and reusable half masks) rely on having a good seal with the wearer's face. A face fit test will be carried out to ensure the respiratory protective equipment (RPE) can protect the wearer. Wearers must be clean shaven for respirators.</p> <p><b>Symptoms of Covid-19</b> If anyone presents with a high fever at the reception temperature scanner or becomes unwell</p>	<p>To minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 during face-fit testing the following additional measures should be carried out –</p> <p>Both the fit tester and those being fit tested should wash their hands before and after the test.</p> <p>Those being fit tested with non-disposable masks should clean the mask themselves before and immediately after the test using a suitable disinfectant cleaning wipe (check with manufacturer to avoid damaging the mask). Training given.</p> <p>Test face pieces that cannot be adequately disinfected (e.g. disposable half masks) should not be used by more than one individual.</p> <p>Fit testers should wear disposable gloves when undertaking cleaning of the tubes, hoods etc. and ensure they remove gloves following the correct procedure (PDF) Reference <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/face-mask-ppe-rpe-Covid-19.htm">https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/face-mask-ppe-rpe-Covid-19.htm</a></p> <p>Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through line managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees/students in a fast changing situation.</p>	<p>First aid team or others where relevant</p> <p>All</p>	

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			<p>with symptoms in the workplace they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance (see staff guidance and HR sub risk assessment).</p> <p>Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time. Progress Tutors with students.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of staff and students to follow government guidance in arranging testing, reporting positive test results via HR and any track and trace system in place.  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works</a></p>	<p>Line managers will offer support to staff/student who are affected by Covid-19 or has a family member affected.</p> <p>See HR FAQ document for more information</p> <p>Any staff or students with confirmed cases of Covid-19 are now NOT reportable under RIDDOR.  <a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/riddor-reporting-Covid-19.htm#">https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/riddor-reporting-Covid-19.htm#</a></p>	<p>Line managers</p> <p>HR</p> <p>H &amp; S - MEL</p>	
Spread of Covid-19 (2)	<p>Staff</p> <p>Students</p> <p>Catering Staff</p> <p>Contractors</p> <p>External lettings</p> <p>Members of the public</p> <p>Transport/delivery services</p> <p>External visitors</p> <p>Anyone else with contact to the college</p>		<p>Mass test and go taking place for students 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, then 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tests 3-5 days apart when lessons on site</p> <p>All 3 test series to be completed by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and on third test – home kit given</p> <p>Staff home kits available from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021</p> <p>Option available to remain home learning until Easter if not participating in testing regime</p>	<p>Full plan in place</p> <p>Home kits used for some EHCP students (not mass testing)</p>	<p>JTS, MBS</p> <p>MSC</p>	
Cleaning of premises – including deep clean and disinfecting	<p>Staff</p> <p>Students</p> <p>Catering Staff</p> <p>Contractors</p> <p>External lettings</p> <p>Members of the public</p>		<p><b>Cleaning</b></p> <p>Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches and reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p>	<p>Extra hours employed from the cleaning team to provide additional cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, toilets etc.</p> <p>Covid-19 Safety Champions team appointed and re-deployment of a member of the student</p>	<p>Estates, Covid team</p> <p>JTS, MBS</p>	

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after daily use	Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		Extra lidded bins available for safe disposal of wipes, etc. Increased cleaning of all toilet facilities.  Increased frequency of bin emptying.	safeguarding team to lead the team for safeguarding in a Covid-19 context.  One in, one out, new signs fitted to multi-occupancy toilet doors (vacant/occupied) Specialist process for emptying bins, PPE to be worn, double bagged, and stored securely for 72 hours.		
Clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable staff	Staff		Identification of these staff and working arrangements altered to take into consideration the needs of individual staff; See HR sub risk assessment  <i>Shielding extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 so working from home arrangements extended</i>  Full individual risk assessments for all categories of staff; clinically extremely vulnerable, vulnerable, over 60, from a BAME background or pregnant  <i>(from NEU guidance August 2020)</i>	Identification of staff by HR Health Audit Self-identification by staff.  <i>All identified staff contacted</i>  Reasonable adjustments to facilitate this could include: a dedicated teaching room, provision of a full face visor, portable screens etc. These members of staff should also try to maintain a 2 metre social distance from others on Campus, wherever possible.	HR, SLT, line managers	
Students with specific educational/ health/ well-being needs/ vulnerable	Students		Identification of all vulnerable groups. Review of existing conditions affecting these students.  <i>Shielding extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 so learning from home arrangements extended</i>	Communication with parents/guardians/ carer/support services of these students.  <i>All identified students contacted</i>	Pastoral team, identified by LGD	

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			Review of existing risk assessments relating to these students.			
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Staff Students Catering Staff		Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Covid-19 outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help Reference - <a href="https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/Covid-19-and-your-wellbeing/">https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/Covid-19-and-your-wellbeing/</a> <a href="http://www.hseni.gov.uk/stress">www.hseni.gov.uk/stress</a>	Regular communication of mental health and wellbeing information and open door policy for those who need additional support.	HR, Staff wellbeing team	
Change to routines and behaviours and effective communication	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		All users advised before opening of the new guidance and guidelines for using the site.  All Professional Associations to be involved in the risk assessment process. Risk assessment available to staff <b>and published on the website</b>	External guidance is constantly changing – regular updates for all users will be required.  Any changes to working practise and systems to be communicated and new protocols provided.	JTS, HR, AWS, Marketing (as appropriate)	
Entry and Egress from college, and movement around College – proximity to spread infection	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		Observance of social distancing guidelines. Queueing to access college. Provision of 'disinfecting' stations at all entry/exit points and encouragement of use. Separate main entrance for year 12 and year 13 students. One-way system in place. Classroom doors not digitally locked. Closed for fire safety but accessible for students to enter directly to avoid queuing. Signage and floor markings in place.	Doors secured open where possible (if NOT a fire door).  Fill up from farthest seat from the door first and empty from the closest seat to the door.  Clear visibility of signage and communication.	JTS, Estates, Covid team  Staff	



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Shared resources; computers, laptops, books	Staff Students		<p>Students should bring their own frequently used items e.g. pens, pencils to College to use.</p> <p>Books, can be used and shared within the classroom 'bubble', but should be wiped down after use, using the wipes provided. If they can be left for 48 hours after use (72 hours for plastic), they can then be used again, without being wiped down.</p> <p>Sports, Arts and Science equipment cleaned frequently or rotated to allow for 48 hours non-use (72 hours for plastic).</p> <p>Photocopied resources can be distributed for student's sole use.</p>		All	
Available space in staff work areas to meet social distancing measures	Staff Students Contractors		<p>Rearrangement of staff work areas to observe 2m distance guidance.</p> <p>Removal of furniture.</p> <p>Controlled use of shared department 'kitchen' facilities.</p> <p>Information signs in each area.</p> <p>Screens fitted/extended on desks.</p> <p>Desk setup altered where possible.</p> <p>Conference calls instead of face-to-face.</p> <p>Hand sanitisers in all corridors.</p> <p>No shared workstations.</p>	<p>Department teams/staff restructure offices in line with guidance from Covid team.</p> <p>If 2m not possible, use departmental classrooms not in use, LRC etc.</p> <p>Some staff working remotely at points during the week.</p>	JTS, Estates, Covid team	
Staff team meetings for planning and departmental work –	Staff Catering Staff		<p>Use larger spaces to conduct meetings allowing 2m distance per person.</p> <p>Virtual meetings – Teams.</p>		All	

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proximity to spread infection						
Student team/group activities – proximity to spread infection	Staff Students		<p>All National Governing Body Regulations followed for each individual sport.</p> <p>Sports equipment cleaned frequently or rotated to allow for 48 hours non-use (72 hours for plastic).</p> <p>National professional body guidance and DfE guidance followed for higher risk group activities e.g. band rehearsal.</p>	<p>Individual participation risk assessments completed for each sport.</p> <p>Educational sport sessions essential to qualifications continued and sports participation can commence again following the end of national lockdown, following all sporting body and DfE guidelines.</p>	Relevant curriculum staff (Performing Arts, Sport)	
Travel to and from college – use of college transport or public services	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		<p>Observation of government guidance when using public transport.</p> <p>College buses; students to wear masks, social distancing recommended where possible but not required.</p> <p>Students make their own way to college without use of services.</p> <p>Covid-19 cleaning kits available for all transport for students and one kit stored in the College minibus.</p>	<p>Same direction parking.</p> <p>Ensuring the message that travel on public transport requires the mandatory use of face coverings.</p>	JFL, MSC	
Staff travelling to and from work by car	Staff Catering Staff		<p>Advise single car occupancy, no car sharing, unless sharing with same household members.</p> <p>If unavoidable, non-household car sharing; keep the car windows open, promoting good ventilation, wear a face covering.</p> <p>Park towards building at all times.</p>		All	

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			Maintain 2m distance walking to and from car. Maintain 2m distance entering the building.			
Accessing food on premises	Staff Students Catering Staff		Catering facilities <b>closed and dining areas closed</b> . Vending machines not operational.	Liaise with contract caterers.	JFL, CH & Co, Covid team	
First Aid provision	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		First aiders will require FULL BODY PPE/RPE as they will be in direct contact with patient. This applies to ANY contact for ANY first aid situation however minor. This is based on current industry guidance.  First aider training in line with current guidance from external UK agencies.	First aid is provided in line with guidance from external agencies. St. John's Ambulance guidance. <a href="https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/">https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/</a> UK resuscitation council guidance <a href="https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/">https://www.resus.org.uk/media/statements/resuscitation-council-uk-statements-on-covid-19-coronavirus-cpr-and-resuscitation/covid-community/</a>	First aid team	
Fire and other evacuation	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		Safety from fire, etc. overrides safety from Covid-19 so in this circumstance, exit procedure remains.	Staff and students advised that the one-way system does not apply in an evacuation situation.	Estates, Fire Marshalls	
High levels of sanitiser stored on site	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors		Stored in fireproof container away from College buildings.	Fire risk assessment updated accordingly.	Estates, Fire Marshalls	

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(flammable risk)	External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college					
Covid-19 outbreaks	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		Reference Covid-19 Positive case checklist (staff and students).	New dedicated DfE helpline available 0800 046 8687 (new guidance from SFCA 16/09/20).	JTS, MSC, LGD	
Any enhanced risk from suppliers / sub-contractors visiting site	Staff Students Catering Staff Contractors External lettings Members of the public Transport/delivery services External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		Check that all suppliers and sub-contractors (transport providers/grounds maintenance etc.) are following appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures.  Temperature scanner at main entrance for essential external visitors.	All contractors to complete risk assessments and submit to SLT lead.  Sub-contractors working within buildings to have assurance visits from IT/Estates to ensure compliance with SD measures.  Revised delivery area for suppliers without reception contact.  All essential external visitors and contractors to be sent the staff guidance to adhere to before visiting the campus.	JTS with Estates/IT   Staff arranging visit	

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External lettings/hire increasing risk of infection	Staff External lettings Members of the public External visitors Anyone else with contact to the college		All National Governing Body Regulations followed for each individual sport. Sports equipment cleaned frequently or rotated to allow for 48 hours non-use (72 hours for plastic).	Individual risk assessments completed for each letting (majority are recurring and well-established partnerships).	JFL, AHL, JMN, hirers	

Version	Date	Policy Owner	Comments	Feedback Route	Date of Next Review
1	19/05/20	JTS	Initial draft by CKY, MEL, GSS	Sent to JTS for review	27/05/20
2	27/05/20	JTS	Amended where necessary	Sent for review by Huddersfield University	29/05/20
3	29/05/20	JTS	Annotated with feedback from Andy Bamforth (Health and Safety Manager at Huddersfield University)	Sent to SLT for review	03/06/20
4	03/06/20	JTS	Feedback from SLT	Sent to Governor sub-group for review	05/06/20
5	05/06/20	JTS	Feedback from Governor sub-committee incorporated	Sent to Professional Associations for feedback	09/06/20
6	19/08/20	JTS	No changes from Professional Associations and updated for full opening from 20/08/20	SLT	14/09/20
7	16/09/20	JTS	Updated following changes in national guidance and lessons learnt from wider re-opening	Audit Committee and Professional Associations	22/09/20
8	30/10/20	JTS	Updated in light of national lockdown restrictions	SLT	06/12/20
9	30/11/20	JTS	Updated in readiness for the end of the national lockdown period	Audit Committee and Professional Associations	09/12/20
9a	05/01/21	JTS	Updated to move into third national lockdown	SLT	06/01/21
10	01/03/21	JTS	Updated to facilitate re-opening on 8 <sup>th</sup> March following national lockdown	Audit Committee and Professional Associations	TBC

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### Sources of information consulted

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2. Government publication safe working in education - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care-settings-including-the-use-of-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>
3. Sixth Form Colleges Association – actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020
4. NASUWT – checklist on preparation for the reopening of schools
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