

COVID Safe plan

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Our COVID Safe Plan

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[Terminology – ‘staff’ means both contractors and employees.](#)

Guidance	Action to mitigate the introduction and spread of COVID-19
Hygiene	
<p>Provide and promote hand sanitiser stations for use on entering building and other locations in the worksite and ensure adequate supplies of hand soap and paper towels are available for staff.</p>	<p>A hand sanitiser station is located in the waiting area. There are also hand sanitiser bottles located in each used room, including clinic rooms, admin office, reception desk, kitchen and staff room.</p> <p>Each of the 3 bathrooms has adequate supplies of soap and paper towels.</p>
<p>Where possible: enhance airflow by opening windows and adjusting air conditioning.</p>	<p>All but 2 rooms (excluding toilets) have its own air conditioning / heating system (usually a spit system). These are used whenever the room is occupied.</p>
<p>In areas or workplaces where it is required, ensure all staff wear a face covering and/or required PPE, unless a lawful exception applies. Ensure adequate face coverings and PPE are available to staff that do not have their own.</p>	<p>This site is not generally being used to see any clients. The only visits to this site are for necessary maintenance and administrative purposes, and for emergency client interventions.</p> <p>All staff wear disposable face masks when working, unless they are working in an office/clinic room alone. Clinicians were face shields when working with clients. Masks are then disposed of appropriately after each appointment. All staff have received training on the use of PPE. Staff do not use common areas of the building.</p>

<p>Provide training to staff on the correct use and disposal of face coverings and PPE, and on good hygiene practices and slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>	<p>Staff are trained in the use of PPE and their attendance at this training is recorded. Staff are monitored in the use of PPE. Staff has instructions regarding the disposal of used PPE.</p> <p>Staff follow good hygiene practices and administrative procedures that have been designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.</p>
<p>Replace high-touch communal items with alternatives.</p>	<p>With the workplace effectively closed to all but necessary maintenance and administrative functions, and to attend to emergency client situations, procedures have been developed to avoid use of high-touch communal items such as payment devices, kitchen taps, kitchen drawers etc.</p> <p>Other high-touch items such as door handles, counter-tops and kitchen and bathroom areas are part of our hourly sanitising routine.</p>

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Cleaning	
<p>Increase environmental cleaning (including between changes of staff), ensure high touch surfaces are cleaned and disinfected regularly (at least twice daily).</p>	<p>This site is not generally being used to see any clients. The only visits to this site are for necessary maintenance and administrative purposes, and for emergency client interventions.</p> <p>However, for client visits in emergency situations are necessary, clinic rooms are disinfected at the end of each client session including surfaces, chairs, door handles, and items used in the provision of therapy including administrative items such as pens, keyboards etc. If Administrative staff need to access the clinic, they clean and sanitise any touched surfaces before leaving.</p> <p>The waiting room is not used. Clients wait in their cars until being brought into the clinic. Then they travel directly to and from the clinic room. Toilets are disinfected when used by clients.</p>
<p>Ensure adequate supplies of cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant.</p>	<p>Adequate supplies of cleaning products, PPE, detergent and disinfectant are kept bearing in mind supply-chain disruption.</p>

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Physical distancing and limiting workplace attendance	
<p>Ensure that all staff that can work from home, do work from home.</p>	<p>This site is not generally being used to see any clients. The only visits to this site are for necessary maintenance and administrative purposes, and for emergency client interventions. Most client interventions and administrative functions are served by telehealth.</p>
<p>Establish a system that ensures staff members are not working across multiple settings/work sites.</p>	<p>No staff member works in more than one work site. If a clinic room is used for an emergency session, that clinic room is not used by more than one clinician per day.</p>
<p>Establish a system to screen employees and visitors before accessing the workplace. Employers cannot require employees to work when unwell.</p>	<p>Staff members are not required to work when unwell. Staff members monitor their own health and do not attend the clinic if they or a member of their household exhibit any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or if they or a member of their household are under lockdown or self quarantine, or are waiting on results of a Covid test.</p> <p>All clients must complete a COVID Health Declaration, and be cleared to attend before they attend their appointment. Only 1 x parent/guardian can accompany their child to the appointment, and no siblings are permitted in the clinic. The waiting room is not used. Clients wait in their cars until being brought into the clinic. Then they travel directly to and from the clinic room. Toilets are disinfected when used by clients. Any visitors / members of the public / suppliers are greeted at reception (if the building is open, or for necessary ad-hoc attendance such as delivery of supplies).</p> <p>Staff members can opt out of any situation they deem unsafe without censure or penalty.</p>
<p>Configure communal work areas so that there is no more than one worker per four square meters of enclosed workspace, and employees are spaced at least 1.5m apart. Also consider installing screens or barriers.</p>	<p>Communal areas (admin office, staff room) are used minimally. Staff members do not socialise and only attend the building for necessary tasks and leave when those tasks are complete.</p>
<p>Use floor markings to provide minimum physical distancing guides between workstations or areas that are likely to create a congregation of staff.</p>	<p>See above. No staff or clients will occupy the same room at any time except for the provision of clinical services. For clinical services, staff wear disposable face masks (replaced after every appointment), face shields, maintain a distance of 1.5m at all times and disinfect between clients.</p>
<p>Modify the alignment of workstations so that employees do not face one another.</p>	<p>Communal areas (kitchen, admin office, staff room) are not used minimally. Refer to use of individual clinic rooms that are not used by more than one person in a day.</p>

Minimise the build up of employees waiting to enter and exit the workplace.	The only visits to this site are for necessary maintenance and administrative purposes, and for emergency client interventions.
Provide training to staff on physical distancing expectations while working and socialising (e.g. during lunch breaks).	Staff have been informed of physical distancing expectations and their compliance with this training has been tracked. Staff members do not socialise and only attend the building for necessary tasks and leave when those tasks are complete.
Review delivery protocols to limit contact between delivery drivers and staff.	Delivery protocols have been developed that conform to physical distancing requirements.
Review and update work rosters and timetables where possible to ensure temporal as well as physical distancing.	Staff members do not socialise and only attend the building for necessary tasks and leave when those tasks are complete. No staff or clients will occupy the same room at any time except for the provision of clinical services. Even when emergency clinical services are provided, a maximum of 2 x clinical services will be provided at any one time.
Where relevant, ensure clear and visible signage in areas that are open to the general public that specifies maximum occupancy of that space, as determined by the ‘four square metre’ rule.	No area of the building is open to the general public. The front door is locked and only opened for anticipated visits using specified protocols. The only visits to this site are for necessary maintenance and administrative purposes, and for emergency client interventions. Clinic rooms are occupied by a maximum of 3 people (clinician, parent, client).

Guidance	Action to ensure effective record keeping
Record keeping	
Establish a process to record the attendance of customers, clients, visitors and workplace inspectors, delivery drivers. This information will assist employers to identify close contacts.	A workplace attendance register has been established recording all visits.
Provide guidance to staff on the effective use of the workplace OHS reporting system (where available).	An incident reporting system is in operation that includes COVID-19 incidents including potential infection scenarios.

Guidance	Action to prepare for your response
Preparing your response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case	
<p>Prepare or update your business continuity plan to consider the impacts of an outbreak and potential closure of the workplace.</p>	<p>Almost all areas of the business function via telehealth. In the event of an infection, the building will close to all visitors and will undergo an infection clean, and will not be reopened until this clean is complete.</p>
<p>Prepare to assist DHHS with contact tracing and providing staff and visitor records to support contact tracing.</p>	<p>Staff contact details are up-to-date. All clients are established and are well documented. A workplace attendance register has been established recording all visits.</p>
<p>Prepare to undertake cleaning and disinfection at your business premises. Assess whether the workplace or parts of the workplace must be closed.</p>	<p>In the event of an infection, the building will close to all visitors and will undergo an infection clean, and will not be reopened until this clean is complete.</p>
<p>Prepare for how you will manage a suspected or confirmed case in an employee during work hours.</p>	<p>If working via telehealth, that staff member will be asked to undergo testing for COVID-19. They will not be allowed to attend the building until They will not be allowed to enter the building until they are no longer showing symptoms and their Covid test is negative, or a period of quarantine has expired.</p> <p>If the staff member is attending the building, they will immediately isolate from all other staff and must undergo testing for COVID-19. They will not be allowed to enter the building until they are no longer showing symptoms and their Covid test is negative, or a period of quarantine has expired.</p> <p>If the case is confirmed we will advise WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60</p>
<p>Prepare to notify workforce and site visitors of a confirmed or suspected case.</p>	<p>All site visitors will be notified of a suspected or confirmed case of infection, or a staff member undergoing quarantine.</p>
<p>Prepare to immediately notify WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have a confirmed COVID-19 case at your workplace.</p>	<p>This will be reported.</p>
<p>Confirm that your workplace can safely re-open and workers can return to work.</p>	<p>This site is not generally being used to see any clients. The only visits to this site are for necessary maintenance and administrative purposes, and for emergency client interventions.</p> <p>This will not change until the following conditions are all met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is after 13th September 2. Speech Pathology / Occupational Therapy practices can remain open 3. There has not been an infection or suspected infection, or if there has been an infection in the building, the building has undergone deep cleaning. 4. The building satisfies all other requirements for reopening.

	<p>Individual staff members will only return to face-to-face clinical work if they meet all of these conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. They consider the environment safe2. They have not tested positive or are awaiting a test result for COVID-193. They are not showing signs or symptoms of Covid-194. They are not subject to quarantining for any other reason.
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I acknowledge I understand my responsibilities and have implemented this COVID Safe plan in the workplace.

Signed 

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