

COVID-19 Risk assessment

Company name: OEConnection Ltd (Chelmsford Office)

Date of risk assessment: 26th May 2020

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Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Visitors • Cleaners • Contractors • Vulnerable groups: Elderly Pregnant workers Those with existing underlying health conditions 	<p><u>Handwashing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handwashing facilities with soap and water in place • Stringent hand washing taking place • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels or hand dryer • Gel sanitisers readily available throughout the building <p><u>Cleaning</u></p> <p>Deep clean carried out on all areas, including carpets, before employees return to the office.</p>	<p>Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels or hand dryer. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and to avoid touching face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/collect/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance</p> <p>Posters, leaflets and other materials are on display</p>	Managers		

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		<p>Extra cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, particularly in areas of high use, such as door handles, light switches, reception area, printers, using appropriate cleaning products and methods.</p> <p>Sanitizing wipes, anti-bacterial spray and disposable gloves available for employees use.</p> <p><u>Social Distancing</u></p> <p>Social distancing – reducing the number of persons in any work area to comply with the 2 metre gap as recommended by HM Government.</p> <p>Seating plans are being reviewed to ensure social distancing is in place. Employees should not work face to face and should not share desks. Pens and other objects should not be shared.</p> <p>Employees will be allocated a desk. No hot desking permitted. Those who have taken screens home can, if they wish, bring one screen back into office so that they can continue working from two screens while either at the office or at home, by utilizing their laptop screen.</p> <p>Taking steps to review work schedules including start and finish times, working from home, etc. to reduce number of workers on site at any one time. Also, relocating workers to other tasks.</p>	<p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed.</p> <p>Staff to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it.</p> <p>Management checks to ensure this is adhered to.</p>	<p>Managers</p> <p>Managers All Employees</p>		

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		<p>One way system in place around the building. This is to be strictly adhered to.</p> <p>Conference calls to be used instead of face to face meetings wherever possible. Only absolutely necessary participants should share meeting rooms and should maintain a 2m separation throughout. Pens, etc. should not be shared. Any equipment used should be wiped down after use.</p> <p>Any unnecessary travel should be avoided and only one person to use the pool car at any one time. If two people are required to attend a meeting they must travel separately in separate vehicles. The cars to be cleaned in between uses.</p> <p>If any staff usually 'car share' this will need to be reviewed prior to returning to work.</p> <p>Workers should remain onsite and when not possible maintain social distancing.</p> <p>Only one person should use the lift at any one time. Wash hands after use.</p> <p>Outside areas should be used for breaks, weather permitting, whilst maintaining social distance.</p> <p>Outside benches will provide difficult to clean, therefore, employees should bring their own fold up chair to work. These can be used by the individual for both external use and internal meetings.</p>				

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		<p>Social distancing also to be adhered to in the smoking area. A maximum of 4 people will be permitted in this area at any one time. There will be areas marked out to ensure social distancing is adhered to.</p> <p>Drivers should leave an empty car parking space between their car and another employees car, wherever possible.</p> <p>Sneeze screen to be installed in the reception area to protect receptionist.</p> <p>Employees should use their forearm to open doors whenever possible and wash hands after touching bannisters.</p> <p>There are to be NO personal packages delivered to the office until further notice. Packaging from any other deliveries should be discarded promptly and thorough handwashing should then be carried out after handling any goods.</p> <p><u>Kitchen, Breakout Areas, Toilets</u></p> <p>Some areas of the breakout and kitchen areas will be temporarily closed until further notice.</p> <p>The coffee machine in the breakout area may be used. However, this should be wiped down before and after each use. Other tea/coffee making facilities will not be available until further notice.</p>		All Employees		

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		<p>Microwaves may be used. Again, they should be wiped down before and after each use.</p> <p>Fridges may not be used until further notice.</p> <p>Kitchen sinks may be used for both hand washing and general washing of items. Soap and paper towels will be provided. However, there will be no cloths available to use for washing crockery/utensils.</p> <p>Any items left in, or beside the sink will be disposed of.</p> <p>Plates, mugs, cutlery, etc. will be removed from all kitchen cupboards. Please bring in your own from home if required.</p> <p>Employees ideally should bring in their own flasks, packed lunches, fruit, snacks, etc. No fruit or milk will be provided until further notice.</p> <p>The cold water/hot water tap in the Breakout Area and the Zip hot water machine upstairs will remain in use, these must be cleaned before and after use. Floor markers will indicate a safe distance to wait to use these facilities.</p> <p>All other water dispensers not be available until further notice.</p> <p>All fabric booths will be unavailable until further notice.</p>				

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		<p>A thermometer will be available at the office for those that do not have one at home.</p> <p><u>Symptoms of Covid-19</u></p> <p>If anyone has symptoms of COVID-19 they should not attend the workplace and should arrange for a test to be carried out. They should self isolate for a minimum of 7 days, or until symptoms disappear. Symptoms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high temperature • new continuous cough • loss or change to sense of smell of taste. <p>If anyone becomes unwell with a symptoms of COVID-19 within the workplace, they will be sent home, advised to get a test carried out, and should follow the stay at home guidance.</p> <p>Line managers will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.</p> <p>If advised that a member of staff has developed Covid-19 and was recently on our premises they MUST use the NHS Test and Trace Service to help alert other people who may have been infected and who will then be required to self isolate.</p>	<p>Line managers will offer support to staff who are affected by Coronavirus or have family members affected.</p>	<p>Managers All Employees</p>		

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		<p><u>Mental Health</u></p> <p>Management will promote mental health and wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help.</p> <p><u>Emergencies</u></p> <p>In an emergency, for example, an accident, provision of first aid, fire or break-in, people do not have to stay 2m apart if it would be unsafe.</p> <p>People involved in the provision of assistance to others should pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards including washing hands.</p> <p>First Aiders should administer first aid from a safe distance if at all possible. If not, then PPE should be worn. CPR should be given via chest compressions and defibrillator only. NO rescue breaths are to be given. A towel, cloth or piece of clothing should be placed over the casualty's mouth before CPR is carried out.</p> <p>The weekly fire alarm test will continue to be carried out. However, should the fire alarm sound continuously, all staff must exit the building via the nearest fire exit even if it conflicts with the 'one-way' system that has been implemented for social distancing purposes</p>	<p>Regular communication of mental health information and open door policy for those who need additional support.</p> <p>With staggered work implanted, the number of Fire Marshals/First Aiders available during each working day will need to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Management</p> <p>First Aiders All Employees</p>		
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