RISK ASSESSMENT – Abbey View Produce

Task – Identifying and actively minimising both the spread and the threats posed by COVID-19 within the work place

Covid-19 is a newly recognised illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

Hazard?	Affected?	Controls Required	Additional Controls	Action by Who?	Completed?
The Spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus)	 Abbey View Produce Colleagues Labour Provider Colleagues Visitors to the 	Hand Washing Hand washing facilities in place for all colleagues. Production staff will utilise the main washroom area. Non-production staff has access to 2 separate bathrooms. Stringent hand washing taking place.	Employees to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels.	AVP – Engineering Manager	Yes
	premises Contractors Supplier Drivers Customer Drivers	Posters advising how to wash hands available in the washroom with supporting posters providing guidance. https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/	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. Colleague hand washing is observed by Team Managers prior to starting work and at the start and end of every break.	AVP – HR Manager	Yes
	 Delivery Persons Vulnerable Groups Including; 	Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/research-and-innovation/paper-towels-much-more-effective-at-removing-viruses-than-hand-dryers-17-04-2020/	All colleagues are encouraged to report any problems to the Management and HR teams. To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), regular updates to all colleagues are provided either via team meetings	AVP – Engineering Manager	Yes
	 Elderly Pregnant Workers Those with an existing underlying health condition. 	Gel Sanitisers are located at all entries prior to entering the Pack-house shop floor. Gel Sanitiser are located at the visitor reception, available for use prior to colleagues and visitors entering the main building.	or the staff communications board, using the government and public health England websites. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19- information-for-the-public Posters, leaflets, visuals, PowerPoint presentations and other materials are used and available for display. Including;	AVP – Engineering Manager	Yes



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		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-		
Anyone else who	a .	employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19		
visits and comes	Cleaning			
into contact with				
the business.	Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and	Rigorous checks are carried out by members of the	AVP –	Yes
	surfaces that are touched regularly, particularly in	management team, ensuring that the necessary procedures	Engineering	
	areas of high use, including;	are being followed to the appropriate standards.	Manager	
	• Door handles,	Supporting posters in place.		
	Bannisters,			
	Finger scanners,			
	 Canteen tables using appropriate 			
	cleaning products and methods.			
	Social Distancing			
	Where viable, Social Distancing - reducing the	Break times are staggered, reducing the amount of colleagues	AVP –	Yes
	number of persons in any one area to comply	in the staff canteen at any one time.	Operations	
	with the gap recommended by the Public Health		Manager	
	Agency, has been introduced.	Colleagues can eat in their cars and an additional external		
		bench facility has been provided to promote social distancing.		
	A review of work schedules, including break times		AVP –	Yes
	and swapping working days, promoting a	Staff to be reminded on a daily basis of the importance of	Management	
	reduction in the number of workers in any one	social distancing both in the workplace and outside of it.	Team	
	area, at any one time. This includes relocating			
	workers to other tasks.	Regular management checks to ensure Social Distancing		
		protocols are adhered to.		
	Actively promoting that all supplier and customer		AVP –	Yes
	communications are completed either via,		Management	
	telephone, Skype and conference calls. This is in		Team	
	place of face to face meetings.			
	Ensuring sufficient rest breaks for staff. Every 2.5		AVP –	Yes
	hours.		Management	
			ream	
	Social distancing protocols are adhered to in both		AVD	Yes
	the canteen and smoking area.			
	0		Colleagues	
	Social distancing protocols are adhered to in both		Team AVP – Colleagues	Yes



Wearing of Gloves			
Where Risk Assessment identifies wearing of gloves as a requirement of the job, an adequate supply of these will be provided. Staff instructed on how to remove gloves carefully to reduce contamination and how to dispose of them safely.	Staff to be reminded that the wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good hand washing.	AVP – Operations Manager	Yes
Symptoms of Covid-19			
If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, high temperature or a loss of taste and smell within the workplace, they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. HRM will maintain regular contact with staff members during this time.	Internal communication channels and cascading of messages through the Operations Managers will be carried out regularly to reassure and support employees in a fast changing situation. With the consent of the colleague, temperature readings will be taken if displaying the symptoms of COVID-19.	AVP – HR Manager	Yes
If advised that a member of staff or public has developed Covid-19 and were recently on our premises, in line with the government Test and Trace initiative, the AVP Management team will contact the Public Health Authority to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken.	If the colleague has been self-isolating or has been absent with symptoms of COVID-19, with the consent of the individual, regular temperature checks will be completed on their return to work, to early identify any potential reappearance of COVID-19 symptoms. The Management team will offer support to staff affected by Coronavirus or has a family member affected.	AVP – HR Manager	Yes
Drivers Procedures in place for Drivers to ensure adequate welfare facilities available during their work. https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/drivers-transport-	Communicate with companies who both deliver both to/from Abbey View Produce, ensuring they are aware of the welfare facilities available.	AVP – Engineering Manager	Yes
delivery-coronavirus.htm COVID-19-guidance on freight transport. Drivers are advised by the Supply Chain Department that persons should not share		AVP – Supply Chain Manager	Yes



vehicles or cabs, where suitable distancing cannot be achieved. Mental Health	Regular communication of mental health information and open	AVP –	Yes
Management will promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help-	door policy for those who need additional support.	Management Team	
https://www.mind.org.uk/information- support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/			

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To be reviewed – In line with government guidelines and recommendations.

