



## RISK ASSESSMENT

Chichester/Fareham/Havant office

27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 V.22

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal. This risk assessment has been created following the Health and Safety Executive Coronavirus guidance and has been produced by Jeremy Weeks, CEO, and Mikyla Bell, HR Director. A copy of this document has been emailed to all staff on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and is accessible on the Glanvilles staff intranet as well as the Glanvilles public facing website.

Risk level is based on 'Likelihood of risk' and 'Severity of risk'.

Responsibility lies with everyone. Management Team (Jeremy Weeks and Mikyla Bell) will ensure all Team Leaders are aware of Management responsibilities and will review this risk assessment on an ongoing basis to ensure up to date and communications are thorough.

<u>Known hazards</u>	<u>Risk x Likelihood level</u>	<u>Who might be harmed</u>	<u>Controls Required</u>	<u>Additional Controls</u>
<p>Contacting or Spreading of Covid-19 Coronavirus in common use high traffic areas or by not washing hands thoroughly or often enough</p> <p>As of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021, COVID19 alert level increased to</p>	<p><b>4 x 4 = 16</b></p>	<p><b>Staff</b></p> <p><b>Clients visiting the premises</b></p> <p><b>Cleaners</b></p> <p><b>Contractors and deliveries such as royal mail, DX, PHS wash groups, Warrens, TMCS etc.</b></p> <p><b>Vulnerable groups or at high risk – Elderly, Pregnant workers, those with existing underlying health conditions, older males, high</b></p>	<p>As outlined in this document i.e. social distancing, limited access to the office, hand washing and cleanliness, home working availability and flexible hours.</p> <p>If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.</p> <p>If you get symptoms while you're self-isolating, the 10 days restarts from the day after your symptoms started. You can do a rapid lateral flow test from day 5 of your self-</p>	<p>Government's advice is 'wash hands, cover face, make space and let fresh air in'. Stay Alert.</p> <p>Employees to be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tissues will be made available throughout the workplace. Our cleaning company will source hand soap and paper towels for the toilets at Fareham, at Havant this done by Arena managing company and at Chichester this is done by our receptionist/cleaning company.</p> <p>Staff are encouraged to report any problems and any level of sickness, such as; household members sickness, changes in medical notes or any H&amp;S notes. If a member of your household becomes</p>

<p>level four, meaning epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high and pressure on healthcare services is widespread and substantial or rising.</p>		<p><b>body mass index, BAME ethnic backgrounds</b></p> <p><b>Private Client team with hospital / care home appointments as well as outside home appointments for clients</b></p> <p><b>Anyone else who physically comes in contact with staff</b></p>	<p>isolation period (but not before) and another test the next day. You can stop self-isolating if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• both tests are negative</li> <li>• you do not have a high temperature</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Report your test result</a> after each test. You should stop testing after you've had 2 negative test results in a row.</p> <p>England's Plan B measures are to end from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</p> <p>As of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022, face masks will no longer be mandated, but still advised in crowding or with strangers.</p>	<p>unwell with COVID symptoms or tests positive, do not come to the office and call <b>01329 227927 Absence line</b> to discuss next steps.</p> <p>To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice via posters and regular emails.</p> <p>Rigorous checks will be carried out by line managers to ensure that the necessary procedures are followed. If any staff member is not adhering the rules and procedures as set out in this risk assessment then they may be referred to our disciplinary procedure; See policy 5.5 of the firm's operational manual for Disciplinary policy &amp; procedure.</p> <p>Private Client team not to attend hospital / care home / outside home appointments where they feel at risk.</p> <p>If you or a member of your household are in a category where shielding has been required, or you are a new or expectant mother, or you are not accepting COVID19 vaccinations, please report to your department head and HR, so we can ensure safeguarding is in place.</p>
<p>Self-Isolation</p>	<p><b>2 x 2 = 4</b></p>	<p><b>All staff</b></p>	<p>You can order a PCR at gov.uk</p> <p>NHS guidance can be found online at <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a></p> <p>Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home. This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.</p> <p>Fully vaccinated means a minimum of 14 days have passed since your final injection given by the NHS.</p> <p>You may be able to work from home during self-isolation at the approval of your partner in</p>	<p><b>Self-Isolate if you receive a positive LFT and/or PCR, or if you have COVID symptoms.</b></p> <p>Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR lab test as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>a high temperature</b></li> <li>• <b>a new, continuous cough</b></li> <li>• <b>a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</b></li> </ul> <p>You should also self-isolate straight away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus</li> <li>• someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)</li> <li>• you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive</li> </ul>

			<p>charge, however if you become unwell you must stop work and rest. This may then instead be reported as absent.</p> <p><b>It is our Firm's policy, if a household member has tested positive or displaying COVID-19 symptoms, even if mild, then staff member must inform HR and Partner in Charge, even if they do not need to self-isolate. So we can consider how to minimise any additional risks to the office i.e. Mandatory Face Masks, Daily Lateral Flow testing, Potential Home Working, Potential use of an office meeting room etc.</b></p>	<p><b>Travel Information:</b> You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. <a href="#">Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK</a></p> <p><b>When you do not need to self-isolate</b> If you live with or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS</li> <li>• you're under 18 years and 6 months old</li> <li>• you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial</li> <li>• you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons</li> </ul> <p>Even if you do not have symptoms, you're strongly advised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>do daily rapid lateral flow tests (1 a day for 7 days), if you're fully vaccinated, to protect yourself and others from COVID-19</b> - <a href="#">find out more about daily testing on GOV.UK</a></li> <li>• follow advice on <a href="#">how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19</a></li> <li>• consider limiting contact with <a href="#">people who are at higher risk from COVID-19</a></li> </ul>
Social Distancing	<b>2 x 2 = 4</b>	<b>All staff and visitors to the office.</b>	<p>Social Distancing – the government have removed the legal requirements of 2m or 1m plus. However, the government still recommends leaving at least a 2m gap between others especially in an indoor setting and face masks are now guidance only.</p> <p>COVID19 screen toppers/dividers will remain in place in all three offices where there is 1m or less,</p>	<p>Staff are reminded of the importance of social distancing especially when in an indoor setting.</p> <p>Fareham kitchens and toilet corridor recommended only one person at a time as there is no window for ventilation.</p> <p>All toilets, kitchens and meetings rooms to have hand soap available.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, for example, first aid or a fire, you must use alcohol based hand sanitizer or wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, and also wipe down any surface such as first aid box after use.</p>

			<p>or 3 or more to one working pod, or upon individual requests.</p> <p>Conference calls and video calls to be used where possible instead of face to face meetings.</p>	<p>All staff must each clean the kitchen facilities after use. We strongly suggest bringing your own bottles/flasks in and no tea/coffee making for anyone but yourself.</p> <p>Wearing of face masks around the premises are no longer mandatory but are welcomed and supported for all staff, visitors and clients. We continue to supply a stock of disposable one time use face masks for if a client or staff member requires one.</p> <p>We maintain a strict no hand shaking rule.</p> <p>Staff members are encouraged not to share car journeys in one vehicle. If this is not possible then face masks could help mitigate risks along with good ventilation of opening windows.</p>
Reception areas	<b>3 x 3 = 9</b>	<b>All staff and visitors to the office.</b>	<p>Keep reception areas and meeting rooms clean and safe for all.</p> <p>Posters are displayed in each offices to remind people to keep a suggested 2m apart.</p> <p><b>Clients to the office</b></p> <p>The partners support and welcome anyone who wishes to continue wearing face masks around the offices and in meetings etc. We must be sympathetic to the clients we see and be aware that some may still wish for us to wear a face mask whilst attending a meeting.</p>	<p>All receptions COVID19 protective screen barrier will remain in place.</p> <p>Reception staff have been provided with disposable gloves for post handling. Blue disposable gloves will be provided and kept on reception areas. As of January 2022, staff use of gloves remains low.</p> <p>Anti-bac wipes/spray will be available for reception and work rooms so staff can wipe rooms and surfaces after client meetings etc.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer continues to be available on reception and in meeting rooms as a priority, and around all the offices for staff use.</p> <p>Reception &amp; meeting room windows must be open where safely possible for at least 10 minutes after each client meeting.</p> <p>No personal belongings to be delivered to work.</p> <p>Reception must be made aware of arranged client appointments to ensure adequate space and time in between appointments to clean and ventilate the rooms. Clients will be asked to wait in a meeting room when they attend the office to minimise numbers in reception waiting area.</p> <p>We continue to promote online meetings or telephone appointments, however our offices are open to the public to drop in without pre-arranged appointments for paperwork, ID certifying, pay a bill etc.</p>

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	1 x 1 = 2	<b>Receptions and Wills and Probate staff for home appointments if required.</b>	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>GLOVES:</b> Risk assessment has identified that only specific staff may require blue safety gloves if they wish. As of January 2022 use of gloves remains low:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reception for handling post and parcels</li> <li>- Wills and Probate team for outside client appointments re house / care home or hospital visits.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff to be reminded that wearing of gloves is not a substitute for good hand washing.</p> <p>Private Client team members attending outside appointments in a care home / hospital or home setting should assess the risk level and if concerned report to either Sonia Green or Marie Callaway in the first instance.</p> <p>Risk assessment demonstrates that PPE, following HSE suggestions: we are in a non-clinical role excluding death bed wills/ hospital visits / visiting death and care homes. Workplaces should not encourage the precautionary use of extra PPE to protect against COVID-19 outside clinical settings or when responding to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.</p> <p>The sign in/out ipad at Fareham reception features a contactless option for signing in/out which staff and clients can use or there is a stylus pen and hand sanitizer kept next to the ipad at all times.</p> <p>Disposable one time use face masks are available on reception if a client does not have one, or if a staff member requires one to wear one for client appointments.</p>
Travelling to work - risk of COVID infection from others	3 x 3 = 9	<b>All staff</b>	<p>Personal vehicle, bike or walking to be conducted where possible to complete your commute to and from work.</p> <p>Aim to minimize the frequency and amount of time using public transport.</p>	Home-working is more limited and staff are now back in office mostly FT or a few on flexible arrangements.
Suspected case whilst working within the office	4 x 4 = 16	<b>All staff</b>	<p>If a staff member develops a high temperature or a new, persistent cough they should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Return home immediately and contact HR to report absence</li> <li>2) Avoid touching anything</li> </ol>	If a staff member develops COVID19 symptoms in office, that staff member must leave immediately and call HR on <b>01329 227927</b> to report their absence. Once that staff member has left, another staff member must use the medically graded disposable gloves kept on receptions and/or post areas and wipe down that staff member's desk and any touchpoint or surfaces that staff member may have touched (door handles, light switches, stair bannisters, kitchen facilities etc)

			<p>3) Obtain a PCR lab test within 2 days</p> <p>4) Self-isolate following the NHS Covid isolation rules.</p> <p>If advised that a member of staff or public has developed Covid-19 and were recently on our premises (including where a member of staff has visited other work place premises such as domestic premises), the management team (JRW and MWB) will contact the Public Health Authority after 5 positive cases to discuss, identify people who have been in contact with them and will take advice on any actions or precautions that should be taken. Areas where that member of staff or member of public has been will be cleaned and wiped down using anti-bac cleaning products.</p>	<p>with anti-bac wipes or spray. If possible, windows and/or doors must be opened for at least 15 minutes for fresh ventilation and staff in that office or floor will be asked to wash their hands thoroughly, following the NHS guidance, with plentiful soap for at least 20 seconds.</p> <p>We have purchased Triple 8 Protect Sani-Mist 500ml (tested to EN14476 for virus control) anti-bac Dettol spray which can be used lightly in air, on fabrics and on electrical equipment (keyboards, mice and phones). This product does not need to be wiped down after use. Before using any aerosol cans please consider staff members around the area you are spraying particularly those that are asthmatic.</p> <p>Professional Infection Control - cleaners will be considered if necessary to treat suspected outbreak: usually if one office has 5 or more positive cases within 14 days.</p> <p>We have 1x Infra-red non-contact thermometers at each office, kept at the first aid box station. They must be wiped down before and after use. A normal temperature must not be relied upon to consider if you have or do not have COVID; it is only ONE of the symptoms.</p> <p>If one office has 5 or more positive cases within 14 days, the local health authority must be alerted. COVID19 (Coronavirus) is a reportable virus under RIDDOR of the Health and Safety Executive. The reporting requirements relating to cases of, or deaths from, COVID-19 under RIDDOR apply only to occupational exposure, that is, as a result of a person's work.</p>
COVID19 tests and COVID19 vaccinations	1 x 1 = 2	All staff and visitors	COVID19 tests	<p>COVID19 tests can be taken too early or too late and they are not 100% accurate.</p> <p>You are strongly advised to carry out Lateral Flow tests weekly if you are A-symptomatic. There are various COVID19 A-symptomatic LFT test sites where anyone attending a workplace can be tested, for free, through a Lateral Flow Test. There are appointments available online for Hampshire or West Sussex, or you can order Lateral Flow test kits to do at home, currently free from the government/NHS.</p> <p>The Partners strongly encourage all staff attending the workplace to carry out Lateral Flow Test at least once or twice a week, and we support staff attending covid19 test sites during working hours where</p>

			<p>COVID19 vaccinations</p> <p>The World Health Organisation (WHO) have a website page dedicated to busting COVID19 and Vaccination myths. You can access this freely at any time here:  <a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters#5g">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters#5g</a></p>	<p>home test kits are unavailable. Once you have been tested you should receive a text and/or email notification of your results. Results do not need to be shared if negative. If results return as positive from the Lateral Flow Testing then the staff member must leave the office immediately, inform HR and also their Department Head.</p> <p>Any forms of discrimination against staff members, regardless of their position on vaccinations, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action; See policy 5.5 of the firm's operational manual for Disciplinary policy &amp; procedure.</p> <p>You are not required to send us proof or evidence that you have been vaccinated. However, if you are considering not to be vaccinated, whether that is on medical or religious grounds or other, it is strongly advised that you inform your team leader and HR so we can ensure the right levels of COVID19 safety measures remain in place for you.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that all members of the public receive their COVID19 vaccination and booster from the NHS when they become eligible and therefore when you do receive your COVID19 vaccination appointment, paid time off to attend the COVID19 vaccinations appointment will be granted. It is anticipated that attending the appointment should not take longer than up to two hours including travel there and back to the vaccination clinic.</p> <p>If you have already received your vaccination for COVID19, you must continue to follow government guidance and our COVID19 risk assessment. Anyone not following the risk assessment may be subject to disciplinary action. See policy 5.5 of the firm's operational manual for Disciplinary policy &amp; procedure.</p> <p>We will be led by the government on any easing or tightening of COVID19 safety measures.</p>
Access to the office	<b>3 x 3 = 9</b>	<b>All staff and visitors</b>	<p>We are allowing clients to drop in without a pre-arranged appointment.</p> <p>There is plentiful supply of anti-bac wipes and spray to use before and after each client</p>	<p>Social Distancing is no longer a legal mandatory requirement, however, we anticipate that the maximum number of staff, outside of national lockdown, in the office at any one time remains the same as:  <b>Havant</b> = 17: 14 upstairs and 3 staff downstairs  <b>Chichester</b> = 16: 14 upstairs and 2 staff downstairs  <b>Fareham</b> = 34: 20 upstairs and 14 staff downstairs</p>

			<p>appointment. We also encourage staff and reception to ensure windows are open for a well ventilated room.</p> <p>Whilst not mandatory from the government, it is recommended that staff continue social distancing especially in any indoor setting (2m / 1m plus).</p> <p>Regularly clean common contact surfaces in reception, office, access control and delivery areas e.g. scanners/printers, telephone handsets and desks.</p>	<p>Please be aware of clients and suppliers in reception areas. We must avoid congestion where possible.</p> <p>Partner heads to confirm staff attendance to the office are:  <b>Havant</b> = Marie Callaway  <b>Chichester</b> = Nicola Crookes-West  <b>Fareham</b> = Jeremy Weeks</p> <p>Do not touch other staff member's desks, equipment or items. Anti-bac wipes/spray will be available.</p> <p>We outsource our office cleaning to Equity Cleaning who clean all three offices out of hours. Havant and Fareham continues to be cleaned daily, Chichester continues to be cleaned Monday, Wednesday and Friday.</p> <p>Lifts are only present at Fareham and Havant office. You are encouraged not to use these.</p> <p>It is strongly advisable, that any inter-office travel should be kept to a minimum and only on a necessary basis. This is to ensure we remain in our 'office bubbles' and minimise any potential risk of more than one office closure.</p>
Welfare & hygiene - sanitary convenience s, rest areas and eating areas	<b>2 x 2 = 4</b>	<b>All staff</b>	<p>Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly. Use soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water is not available, and hand washing technique to be adopted as directed by NHS (20 seconds)</p> <p>Avoid touching your face/eyes/nose/mouth with unwashed hands and cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then throw it in the bin.</p> <p>We provide rubbish bins by all desks and in our toilet/kitchen facilities. Our cleaners will remove and dispose of the rubbish.</p>	<p>Havant office - Shared entry access and communal toilet facilities.</p> <p>Fareham office - Shared entry access at Fareham office and downstairs shared toilet facilities.</p> <p><b>Ventilation</b> - The meetings rooms at Fareham that <b>do not</b> have windows are room 1 and room 3. These rooms are therefore <b>out of use</b> for client appointments. All at Havant and Chichester have windows that can be opened.</p> <p><b>Ventilation</b> - Fareham and Chichester do not have air con, and it does get extremely hot in Fareham in the summer however windows can be opened to address this. We have been informed by Arena, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, that Havant office air-con is safe to use.</p> <p>Please wipe down surfaces in the kitchen after each use with anti-bac wipes or cleaning spray.</p>



			Tables and surfaces should be cleaned between each use in kitchens and communal areas.	No crowding at office equipment such as printers, scanners, postal areas etc.
Cleaning	<b>2 x 2 = 4</b>	<b>All staff</b>	Frequently cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces that are touched regularly particularly in areas of high use such as door handles, light switches, reception area using appropriate cleaning products and methods.	We have a professional cleaning agency at each office, Equity Cleaning. They provide their own equipment and risk assessments. Fareham & Havant office are cleaned daily, Chichester office is cleaned Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  All receptionists have anti-bac wipes/sprays to use when they wish to and to use after each client meeting.
Use of display Screen Equipment (DSE) to prevent musculoskeletal disorders	<b>1 x 1 = 1</b>	<b>All staff</b>	DSE assessment for home workers to be available on request to ensure controls in place remain effective.  Occupational health information available upon request.  Regular breaks from the screen are encouraged with regular stretching.	All staff working from home have been reminded about general health and safety, and use of DSE appropriately to ensure sound DSE setups.  Staff remain working at their usual desks or have limited time working from home. Those that are working from home are advised to follow usual practices of desk setup and have been offered the opportunity for a virtual desk assessment with HR. If a staff member working from home requires a virtual desk assessment with HR please contact Mikyla via email.
Stress and fatigue - including mental health and general wellbeing	<b>3 x 2 = 6</b>	<b>All staff</b>	Remote staff working from home to receive periodic contact via online team meetings, line management calls via Zoom or general telephone.  Management continues to promote mental health & wellbeing awareness to staff during the Coronavirus outbreak and will offer whatever support they can to help Reference – <a href="http://www.mind.gov.uk">www.mind.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.hseni.gov.uk/stress">www.hseni.gov.uk/stress</a>	Staff sickness – ‘Presenteeism’ has become more frequent. This is where staff continue to work through their sickness. If a staff member is unwell, whether Covid or cold or any other sickness, as per our usual sickness absence policy in chapter 5 of the operational manual you must call in the absence line to HR and report your absent – <b>01329 227927</b> .  Glanvilles have an open door policy for staff and managers. Staff should approach their Team Leader and/or HR to raise a concern with stress or mental health or any other related concerns. Glanvilles are committed to keeping an open door policy and continuously look for ways to help staff wellbeing.  Staff are reminded to take their usual breaks and annual leave as normal via the usual processes and systems in place.