

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Risk assessment			Control Measures
Establishment: Chace Care Home	Assessment by: Anthony Reeley Director	Date: 7 th December 2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents
Review Date: To be updated when changes to guidance or legislation.			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Who	Identify Hazard	What can be done to reduce the risk	Action to take	When/ How
Workforce Residents	Handwashing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection spreads easily from unclean hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff sanitise hands on arrival and to wash hands on entering the setting. • Residents to sanitise hands and enter the setting and staff take them to wash hands thoroughly on arrival and before leaving the setting, and before and after eating. Handwashing to take place after the use of bathrooms. • Encourage Residents to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth. • Clean your hands more often than usual, particularly before starting work, touching your face, blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing, and before eating or handling food. • We encourage staff and residents to wash their hands more often too. • To clean your hands, any staff members and the residents will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and running water and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered. 	Check stocks of soap and handwash as well as paper towels for drying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check stocks of hand sanitiser • Implement handwashing routines, on arrival at the setting • Complete and ensure all staff have completed relevant training for example, CEY smart handwashing course. Handwashing signs in bathrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we must ensure that residents clean their hands regularly, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when they arrive at the setting - when they use the toilet/bathroom - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly throughout the day

Workforce / Residents	Respiratory Hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus can be transmitted by being in close contact with those sneezing or coughing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will ensure the residents follow these instructions: - Where possible, avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose. - Cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues when you cough or sneeze. If one is not available, sneeze into the crook of your elbow, not into your hand. Dispose of tissues into a disposable rubbish bag and immediately wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use our resources to help Residents understand about coronavirus. • If someone is sneezing or coughing, check to see if they have other possible coronavirus symptoms. • Ensure a good supply of disposable tissues. Promote the catch it, bin it and kill it approach. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily
Workforce / Residents	Isolation Periods – Isolation periods vary on public health Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outbreak of COVID-19 in the setting. This may be declared if there are two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected. 	<p>Due to the changing legislation it is important to stay familiar with Government guidelines</p> <p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the prevention steps previously identified. • Follow health protection team/infection control or environmental health recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated staff will not be allowed to work at the Care Home <p>We will contact the DfE’s helpline and Local Authority Health Protection Team/ Infection Control. We will also notify CQC if someone in the setting or household has tested positive for Coronavirus. required is included.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenever two or more confirmed cases arise within 14 days.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A staff member or child in nursery becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, while we are together. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a staff member begins to display a continuous cough or a high temperature, they should be sent home to isolate per the guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise PCR test and isolate within guidelines 	When Required

Workforce	Asymptomatic Testing -• Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but may still pass it on to others in the setting undetected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily LFT can detect asymptomatic cases and help stop the spread of the virus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will take part in PCR testing weekly testing for all staff and residents. <p>Staff are expected to take a negative LFT before commencing work</p>	Tuesdays for PCR
Workforce	Attendance - Staff may attend the setting with non-listed symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff should only attend the home if they are symptom free, have completed the required isolation period or achieved a negative test result. • All staff should follow the system of controls to minimise the risks of spread of COVID-19. This will reduce the risks to all staff significantly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be vigilant on health and stay away if unwell. • Current government guidance to be followed. • Carers to receive a copy of policy and risk assessment documents. A copy will be retained at home, all staff to receive a copy electronically 	Daily
Workforce	Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) staff	Staff in settings who are CEV should currently attend their place of work if they cannot work from home. DHSC has published updated guidance	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/19-july-guidance-on-protecting-people-who-are-clinically-extremely-vulnerable-from-covid-19	
Workforce	Face Coverings / PPE - Coronavirus can be transmitted by air droplets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff will require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. PPE is worn in guidelines from the Government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable masks, gloves, apron and fluid resistant mask as well as eye protection to be available to staff to use appropriately. • Staff to be aware that PPE supplies are available and must be used appropriately i.e. one pair of gloves at a time. • All PPE should be used according to current guidelines. The touching of masks/shields should be treated in the same way as 	When required

			<p>touching a face. Hands will require washing for at least 20 seconds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) 	
Workforce	<p>Undertake regular cleaning regimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coronavirus can be transmitted on frequently touched surfaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. • This includes tables, chairs, resources, equipment, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, toilets, taps, and sinks. • Wear one pair of disposable gloves for cleaning and dispose of immediately after cleaning. • Follow Cleaning Schedules for each area / room. • Carpets, rugs and mats to be sprayed every evening with disinfectant • Using disposable blue roll, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water, then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. • We will follow the Public Health England (PHE) guidance on cleaning for non-healthcare settings • Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning. • Home thoroughly cleaned in line with schedules.. 	<p>Regularly review cleaning plan - how often cleaning is carried out and what needs cleaning most often.</p>	<p>In line with schedules</p>
Workforce / Children	<p>Poor ventilation and enclosed areas increases the risk of airborne transmission of the virus, as concentrations of the virus remain high.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving ventilation in the area will reduce the risk of transmission, either through Natural ventilation (opening windows to increase airflow) 	<p>Maintain a comfortable temperature in every occupied space by opening high level windows to reduce draughts.</p>	<p>Daily</p>
Workforce	<p>Disposal of potentially contaminated waste</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste from possible cases and cleaning of areas where possible cases have been, should be double bagged in a yellow bag and put into a suitable and secure place, marked for storage until: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double bag any potentially contaminated waste and identify where it can be stored for 72 hours or until the individual tests negative. 	<p>When required</p>

		<p>1) the individual tests negative; waste can then be put in with the normal waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the individual tests positive or results not known; then store it for at least 72 hours and put in with the normal waste 		
	Further Guidance			
REVIEWED BY:		COMMENTS:	To be read and signed by all Staff via Hellosign	
Anthony Reeley Director		To be regularly reviewed if and when government guidelines change		
<i>Date 7-12-21</i>			Available on Website. – Yes	