

Common Soil Covid-19 risk assessment and procedures

April 2022

As all Common Soil contractors, volunteers, members and beneficiaries work and engage in the outdoors, risk of transmission of Covid-19 is low. Nonetheless, the organisation takes the following general mitigating actions:

- Supply of antibacterial hand gel in toilets and vegetable packing shed
- Anyone displaying symptoms of respiratory illness will be asked to leave and to take a test for Covid-19

The following is a more detailed risk assessment with specific mitigating actions.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Controls	What further action do you need to consider to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?
Increased risk of infection and complications for vulnerable workers	Volunteers Contractors Members collecting shares	Ask people to self-identify if they fall into a category of vulnerable individual or groups at risk of poorer outcomes. Discuss with them what their personal risks are and identify what we need to do in each case to protect them through physical distancing and hygiene procedures.	- Put systems in place so people know when to notify someone and who to notify that they fall into one of these categories, eg they start chemotherapy or are pregnant	Georgie	April 2022
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Getting or spreading coronavirus by not cleaning surfaces, equipment and workstations	Members collecting shares Volunteers and contractors	Hand washing facilities. Scales – to be wiped down after each harvesting session. Contact with surfaces is otherwise reduced	- Provide information telling people who needs to clean and when Replenish cleaning products regularly – bulk	All contractors and volunteers	Weekly, after each harvesting session

		as much as possible by leaving open doors to washing facilities and packing shed. - Avoid sharing work equipment in a session; 3-4 days between uses.	order / on site refilling		
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Contracting or spreading the virus by not physical (social) distancing	Volunteers Contractors Members collecting shares	Maximum of two people in the packing shed at a time. All other work is carried out outdoors.	Put a notice on the shed to indicate that only two people should work in it at once	Allison	April 2022

Risk assessment based on:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/assets/docs/risk-assessment.pdf>

More info if needed:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-outdoor-events-guidance>