



<b>Title</b>	COVID 19
<b>Activity being assessed</b>	General site staff, visitors and contractors
<b>Location of Activity</b>	NAZF
<b>Risk assessment reference number</b>	18.0
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## Government statement

As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID-19), there are actions we can all take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others. These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infections, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people.

COVID-19, along with many other respiratory infections such as influenza (flu), can spread easily and cause serious illness in some people. You may be infected with a respiratory virus such as COVID-19 and not have any symptoms but still pass infection onto others. The risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 is greatest when someone who is infected is physically close to or sharing an enclosed and/or poorly ventilated space with other people. When someone with a respiratory viral infection such as COVID-19 breathes, speaks, coughs or sneezes, they release small particles that contain the virus which causes the infection. These particles can be breathed in or can come into contact with the eyes, nose, or mouth. The particles can also land on surfaces and be passed from person to person via touch.

You will not always know whether someone you come into contact with is at higher risk of becoming seriously ill from respiratory infections, including COVID-19. They could be strangers (for example people you sit next to on public transport) or people you may have regular contact with (for example friends and work colleagues). There are simple things you can do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk.

**This risk assessment incorporates them into daily life at NAZF**



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COVID 19	Staff and volunteers Spreading COVID 19 infection	<p><b>1. Vaccination</b> All staff and volunteers are recommended to be vaccinated, where medical feasible. Vaccination take up by the UK population is high:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2x dose = 87%</li> <li>○ Booster =68%</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Ventilation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vast majority of NAZF is outdoors</li> <li>• Wherever reasonably practicable indoor spaces will operate at maximum ventilation allowed by open doors and windows</li> <li>• Where temperature/conditions does not allow for constant door/windows open, rooms will be monitored with a Co2 monitor (see supplementary information box) and appropriate actions taken to rectify pore results.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Personal health</b> All staff members are requested and expected to comply with the infection control policy (shown below)</p> <p><b>4. Personal hygiene</b></p> <p>All staff and volunteers are encouraged to wash their hands more often - with soap and water for at least 20 seconds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When arriving at home or into work.</li> <li>○ When leaving or before entering any new building.</li> <li>○ Before eating or handling food.</li> <li>○ Before and after any interactions with animals.</li> <li>○ When you blow your nose, sneeze, cough.</li> <li>○ Use SAFE 4 ALCOHOL FREE, VIRICIDAL, BACTERICIDAL DISINFECTANT hand sanitiser if hand washing is not available</li> </ul>			



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands</li> <li>○ Safe 4 10:1 hand sanitisers located around site and at all buildings</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Face coverings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disposable face coverings are available to all staff at their own discretion for close space work</li> <li>● Disposable face coverings are available to all staff to comply with personal health rules</li> </ul>			
	<p>Staff on outreach Spreading COVID 19 infection</p>	<p><b>1. Vaccination</b> All staff and volunteers are recommended to be vaccinated, where medical feasible. Vaccination take up by the UK population is high:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2x dose = 87%</li> <li>○ Booster =68%</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Ventilation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Subject to venue standards</li> <li>● NAZF staff will request doors/windows to be opened if it is felt extra ventilation is needed</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Personal health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As above</li> <li>● It is accepted that some venues will still require a negative lateral flow test result before admittance. NAZF will keep a stock off LFD's for such events</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Personal hygiene</b> All staff and volunteers are encouraged to wash their hands more often - with soap and water for at least 20 seconds:</p>			



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	<p>Contractors Spreading COVID 19 infection</p>	<p><b>1. Vaccination</b> Vaccination take up by the UK population is high:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2x dose = 87%</li> <li>○ Booster =68%</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Ventilation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vast majority of NAZF is outdoors</li> <li>● Wherever reasonably practicable indoor spaces will operate at maximum ventilation allowed by open doors and windows</li> <li>● Where temperature/conditions does not allow for constant door/windows open, rooms will be monitored with a Co2 monitor (see</li> </ul>			



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		<p>supplementary information box) and appropriate actions taken to rectify pore results.</p> <p><b>3. Personal health</b> A contractor working @NAZF is expected to comply with the same rules as a staff member (itemised above)</p> <p><b>4. Personal hygiene</b> The same hand washing and sanitising facilities are available to contractors as are to staff members</p> <p><b>5. Face coverings</b> Contractors may be asked to use a face covering in certain areas, particularly enclosed spaces with NAZF staff present. In this circumstance disposable face coverings can be supplied by NAZF</p>			
	<p>Visitors Spreading COVID 19 infection</p>	<p><b>1. Vaccination</b> Vaccination take up by the UK population is high:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2x dose = 87%</li> <li>○ Booster =68%</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Ventilation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vast majority of NAZF is outdoors</li> <li>• Wherever reasonably practicable indoor spaces will operate at maximum ventilation allowed by open doors and windows</li> <li>• Where temperature/conditions does not allow for constant door/windows open, rooms will be monitored with a Co2 monitor (see supplementary information box) and appropriate actions taken to rectify pore results.</li> </ul>			



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		<p><b>3. Personal health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors, including keeper experiences and animal encounters are asked at booking not to attend if they are symptomatic or have tested positive in the last 6 days</li> <li>• Visitors able to reschedule bookings due to COVID 19</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Personal hygiene</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular hand washing stations throughout site</li> <li>• Regular hand sanitiser stations throughout site</li> <li>• Regular signage reminding of the need for good hand hygiene throughout site</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Face coverings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whilst face coverings are no longer mandatory in any public areas visitors are free to wear a face covering in any location</li> </ul>			

**COVID 19 ventilation guidance:**

- CO2 measurements should be used as a broad guide to ventilation within a space rather than treating them as 'safe thresholds'.
- Outdoor levels are around 400ppm and indoors a consistent CO2 value less than 800ppm is likely to indicate that a space is well ventilated.
- An average of 1500ppm CO2 concentration over the occupied period in a space is an indicator of poor ventilation.
- You should take action to improve ventilation where CO2 readings are consistently higher than 1500ppm.

## **Infection control policy 2022**

### **Minor cold symptoms with no raised temperature**

- Wherever possible carry on as normal
- Face coverings in enclosed areas, until symptoms clear

### **Testing**

Noah's ark zoo farm will keep a stock of lateral flow device type tests, anyone showing early symptoms of a COVID 19 infection are encouraged to take a test. For their own, and their colleague's piece of mind.

### **Sickness and diarrhoea**

- Stay away from work until 48hrs after last episode
- Do not return to work with a raised temperature

### **Respiratory symptoms with a raised temperature without a COVID 19 test**

- Stay away from work until 48hrs after temperature returns to normal
- Then use face coverings in enclosed areas, until symptoms clear

### **Positive COVID 19 test**

- Stay away from work for 5 [whole] days from test date, or date of symptoms start
- Do not return to work with a raised temperature
- Then use face coverings in enclosed areas, until symptoms clear

### **Contact**

If you are a contact of someone with COVID-19 but do not live with them or did not stay in their household overnight, you are at lower risk of becoming infected.

### **Overnight contact or Household contact**

- avoid colleagues you know who is at higher risk of becoming severely unwell if they are infected with COVID-19,
- limit close contact with colleagues, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- use face coverings in enclosed areas [5 days for overnight contact, 3 days after household infection clears]

If you develop symptoms of a respiratory infection follow the guidance for people with symptoms.