

Policy Statement

A pandemic is where the number of infections of a disease exceeds expectations, and the disease is widely distributed. The main pandemics in recent years have been caused by varieties of Covid-19; for that reason, 'Covid' is used in this policy to represent any pandemic disease.

In the event that an increased infection (R Rate) alert being declared by HM Government then this will trigger Central Training Group and its Partners to adjust training for learners. Should this occur, the Managing Director will take advice and implement Central's Pandemic Plan.

Readiness for Lockdown

The following preparations are in place for the implementation of any further Pandemic Lockdown Plans:

- Central have ensured that all learner next of kin details are on the management system.
- All learner inductions include the infection prevention processes and information on remote learning.
- All learners are required to confirm the IT facilities in their home.
- All learners are required to submit their email address and join tutor group WhatsApp groups.
- All staff will be informed by telephone, and/or emails in the event of a lockdown situation.
- All learners and their employers will be informed by telephone or email in the event of a lockdown situation.

When Central has been advised that the threat of infection has receded then staff and learners will be advised so that they can return to the premises following the above control processes.

In the case of a further Full Nationwide Lockdown

1. All learning sessions and visits to employers will be cancelled.
2. All learners will be sent home and informed that Centre centres are closed.
3. All communal areas and offices will be closed.
4. Any learners or staff who are feeling unwell will be advised to seek medical attention to determine the cause.
5. Staff will be advised to work from home. In addition, some staff will have caring duties, of children or other relatives, which may prevent them from working their normal working hours, especially if schools close.
6. Cleaning staff, wearing appropriate PPE, will concentrate on removing rubbish (e.g., used tissues) and on cleaning the training areas, bathrooms and kitchen, especially hard surfaces, door handles and door edges, which will be major sources of contamination. Appropriate training will be given, and personal protective equipment must be worn and used.

National Restrictions (Plans if re-introduced)

1. All learning sessions will continue in CTG Centres but visits to employers will be cancelled.
2. Learners will be informed that they should continue to attend college or be assigned a college centre to attend if they are trained within a salon environment.
3. All communal areas and offices will remain open, and everyone will follow sanitisation procedures.

4. Any learners or staff who are feeling unwell will be advised to seek medical attention and follow any subsequent advice.
5. Staff will continue to work in the CTG centres unless Government Guidelines change and advise staff to work from home.
6. Cleaning staff, wearing appropriate PPE, will concentrate on removing rubbish (e.g., used tissues) and on cleaning the training areas, bathrooms and kitchens, especially hard surfaces, door handles and door edges, which will be major sources of contamination. Appropriate training will be given, and personal protective equipment must be worn and used.
7. The Internet will be used to communicate with staff, learners and employers to ascertain if there are any illnesses connected to the pandemic related to Central to enable decisions to be made regarding contacting PHE/DfE for guidance.

Vaccinations

Staff and learners are advised to take advantage of any subsequent vaccination programme if put in place, and wear masks if advised to do so.

Fresh Air

Central strongly encourage fresh air within all their training spaces. The amount of respiratory virus in the air can build up in poorly ventilated areas. This increases the risk of spreading disease and other respiratory infections, especially if there are lots of infected people present. The viruses can also remain in the air after an infected person has left.

Bringing fresh air into a room by opening a door or a window, even for a few minutes at a time, helps remove older stale air that could contain virus particles and reduces the chance of spreading infections. Trickle vents (small vents usually on the top of a window) or grills can also be useful for bringing a little fresh air constantly. The more fresh air that is brought inside, the quicker any viruses will be removed from the room.

Single Point of Contact

The Director of Compliance and Safeguarding is Central Training Group's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) in the event of a pandemic. The SPOC is supported by the Board of Directors and the Senior Management Team.

The SPOC and supporting team's role is to support both learners and employers by:

- Preventing any cases of Infection by advising the Board of Directors and Apprenticeship Employers on control measures for Central and employer workplaces
- If required, report any confirmed case of infection within Central to PHE and seek guidance from DfE.
- The SPOC and team can be contacted on 0800 783 2901 or sarahludlow@centraltraininggroup.com.

Risk Assessments

Central have in place full comprehensive Risk Assessments for staff, learners, and clients. All risk assessments have been issued to staff, learners and clients and are available to reference on the Central intranet. Risk assessments are updated at least annually or in the event of changes implemented by Government.

System of Controls Procedures in event of a Pandemic

During a Pandemic, Central will have strict procedures for entering the training centres.

1. Staff, learners, and clients must firstly queue at 1m intervals outside of the centre before being asked to enter.
2. On entering a centre, the member of staff, learner or client must sanitise or wash their hands, and wear a mask.
3. Staff, learners, and clients must confirm that they are not experiencing any infection symptoms each time they attend.
4. If re-introduced - Staff and Learners must confirm they have completed a Lateral Flow Device test with a negative result, twice a week. The NHS confirmation email should be sent to Julie Menzies twice a week.
5. Staff, learners, and clients are prompted to wash their hands more thoroughly than usual for at least 20 seconds.
6. Good Respiratory hygiene is promoted by posters and tutors to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' .
7. Central have implemented enhanced cleaning regimes throughout all centres.
8. Throughout Central, contact between individuals has been minimised and social distancing is maintained at 2m.
9. All staff, learners and clients wear PPE in line with Government advice for each vocational industry.

Related Documents:

General Staff Risk Assessments.

Health and Safety Policy

Staff Handbook