



Coronavirus(COVID-19) Policy 2023

Policy Promotion and Engagement

All staff working for eVolve your future Ltd are required to read our policy documents and sign to confirm that they have done so.

EYF policies are reviewed annually unless there is a legislative or ethical reason for change to policy during the year. All colleagues are provided with an update document detailing any changes that have occurred following the last review. Each review is dated and version controlled. These changes are discussed in Team meetings with all staff and the understanding of these updates is also confirmed by a signature sheet.

Policies are in place to ensure that the company and it's staff are compliant with statutory legislation, partner regulations and the company specific requirements.

All relevant Policies can be accessed from the eVolve your future website, found at:

www.evolveyourfuture.co.uk

Learners are made aware of the availability of these policies when they are signed up to our courses.

Policies are available to partners on request.

1. Policy brief & purpose

This company policy includes the measures we are actively taking to mitigate the spread of coronavirus. You are kindly requested to follow all these rules diligently, to sustain a healthy and safe workplace in this unique environment. It's important that we all respond responsibly and transparently to these health precautions, eVolve Your Future Ltd assure you that we will always treat your private health and personal data with high confidentiality and sensitivity.

This coronavirus (COVID-19) company policy is susceptible to changes with the introduction of additional governmental guidelines. If so, we will update you as soon as possible by email.

1.1 Scope

This coronavirus policy applies to all of our employees who physically work in our office(s). We strongly recommend to our remote working personnel to read through this action plan as well, to ensure we collectively and uniformly respond to this challenge.

1.2 Policy elements

Here, we outline the required actions employees should take to protect themselves and their co-workers from a potential coronavirus infection.

2. Sick leave arrangements:

- If you have cold symptoms, such as cough/sneezing/fever, or feel poorly, request sick leave or work from home.
- If you have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, you can return to the office *only after* you have fully recovered, with 2 consecutive days showing a clear test result.

3. Working from Home

At the commencement of any lockdown period, all employees and associates of eVolve Your Future Ltd are required to work from home. To do this safely, employees and associates should complete a working from home risk assessment. This should be submitted to the relevant line manager.

3.1 Work from home requests following the close of lockdown:

- If you are feeling ill, but you are able to work, you can request to work from home.
- If you have recently returned from a country with a high number of COVID-19 cases (based on Government announcements), we will ask you to provide the negative test. If you show any symptoms you will be asked to work from home for 5 calendar days and return to the office only if you are fully asymptomatic. You will also be asked not to come into physical contact with any colleagues during this time.
- If you've been in close contact with someone infected by COVID-19, with high chances of being infected yourself, request work from home. You will also be asked not to come into physical contact with any colleagues during this time.
- If you're a parent and you have to stay at home with your children, request work from home. Follow up with your manager or departmental leader to make arrangements and set expectations.
- If you need to provide care to a family member infected by COVID-19, request work from home. You'll only be permitted to return to the office 5 calendar days after your family member has fully recovered, provided that you're asymptomatic or you have a negative test result, confirming you don't have the virus. You will also be asked not to come into physical contact with any colleagues during this time.

4. Travelling/commuting measures

- All work trips and events will be cancelled/postponed until further notice in the case of a lockdown period.
- In-person meetings should be done virtually where possible, especially with non-company parties (e.g. candidate interviews and partners).
- If you normally commute to the office by public transportation and do not have other alternatives, you can request to work from home as a precaution.

5. General hygiene rules

- Wash your hands after using the toilet, before eating, and if you cough/sneeze into your hands (follow the [20-second hand-washing rule](#)). You can also use the sanitisers provided in the office.
- Cough/sneeze into your sleeve, preferably into your elbow. If you use a tissue, discard it properly and clean/sanitize your hands immediately.
- Open the windows regularly to ensure open ventilation.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands to prevent from getting infected.
- If you find yourself coughing/sneezing on a regular basis, avoid close physical contact with your co-workers and take extra precautionary measures (such as requesting sick leave).

This link is helpful to keep up with current government guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed at least annually by eVolve your future's Managing Director, Kay Brockall.

Date of latest review: December 2022

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Brockall', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

This policy is next due for review June 2023