



2020 sees yet another health risk affecting the world, so the Water Jetting Association would like to remind their members and indeed all drainage contractors of the risks involved with all known diseases found in sewage.

Information on the COVID 19 is limited so we advise you update Risk Assessments regularly based on the latest information from official sources (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public?>).

The following points are given for further guidance:

1. We would remind you of the importance of protecting employees by issuing appropriate Water Proof, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to minimise the risk.
2. Ensure that your employees understand the need for regular intensive hand washing with soap and water preferable using an Anti-Bacterial Gel.
3. Also disinfecting all PPE at the end of each work task.
4. It would appear that there is an increased risk from water vapour we would therefore recommend that any Risk Assessment considers the use of Respiratory Protection (RPE).
5. By following the PPE & RPE Guidelines in the WJA Codes of Practice (Red & Blue) and monitoring regular updated information affecting your area, you will have considerably reduced the risk.

**NOTE:** Keep watching this website for further updates.

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