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## 1. OVERVIEW

This policy describes the approach taken by Edge Osteopathy to minimize the risk of transmission of Coronavirus during operation of the practice. It has been developed following a formal risk assessment in line with Institute of Osteopathy guidance and demonstrates compliance with Osteopathic Practice Standards A2, D5 and D11.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies only to the practice at Suite 2, Alderley Medical Centre, Cheshire.

## 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the practice owner to ensure that the requirements of this policy are met.

## 4. REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1. Risk Assessment

A documented risk assessment shall be carried out to identify the risks and the mitigations required. This risk assessment shall be repeated as circumstances change and annually as a minimum.

### 4.2. Patient Screening for Covid-19

Patients entering the practice shall be pre-screened to minimise the risk of someone introducing Coronavirus. Patients failing this screen and thus prevented from attending shall not be charged.

### 4.3. Patient Screening for personal risk

Patients shall be pre screened to identify those at higher risk from Covid-19. Additional precautions may be required.

### 4.4. Social distancing

Social distancing shall be maintained by only having one patient in the practice at any time. Only one parent or chaperone shall be encouraged. Waiting shall be remote from the practice suite.

Online booking and card payment shall be used.

Remote consultation shall be offered where the practioner feels appropriate

### 4.5. Cleaning and disinfection

As a minimum contact surfaces in the practice shall be cleaned after each patient. The suite shall be aerated for a minimum of 10 minutes after each patient.

The practitioner shall ensure that cleaning and disinfection procedures are in place for areas shared with other practices. e.g Toilet facilities

Practitioners and patients will be provided with hand sanitizer.

**4.6. Personal protective equipment (PPE)**

The practitioner shall wear appropriate PPE which may include face covering, apron and gloves.

Patients shall be asked to wear face coverings.

**4.7. Clinic materials**

Patient contact materials such as pillow cases, plinth covers and towels shall be single use, either disposable or laundered after each use.

**4.8. Process in the event of a practitioner or patient testing positive for Covid-19**

Despite the above pre screening (4.2) there still remains a possibility that a patient could develop symptoms and test positive for Covid-19 shortly after their visit. Similarly a practitioner might develop symptoms and test positive for Covid-19 shortly after treating patients.

There shall be a written procedure in place detailing the actions to be taken in the above situations. The procedure shall cover requirements for self isolating and communication.

**4.9. Communication**

This policy shall be made available to all patients on request.  
This policy shall be available via the Edge Osteopathy website.

Patients shall be made aware of their responsibilities under this policy before attending the practice.

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**APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1: Revision History**

Issue No.	Issue Date	Description of Change
a)		Initial issue.