



Covid-19 Update

29 September 2020

Last week the Prime Minister announced that Covid-19 government guidelines were becoming mandatory and that working from home should be done whenever possible. In the absence of specific guidelines for our profession, registrants are reminded that if they choose to work face to face in their consulting room, they can do so if they can keep their premises Covid-secure. A full list of what needs to be considered when risk assessing and making the consulting room safe is available in the [FAQs section of the BPC website](#).

Registrants are reminded to:

1. Assess the need of the patient for face to face work.
2. Assess if social distancing be maintained.
3. Are there measures in place to sanitise the consulting room?
4. Are there measures in place to ensure social distancing in the building eg in any waiting room?
5. Is there regular sanitisation of toilet facilities?
6. Has the registrant got a clear policy on masks in place? (Masks are mandatory unless 2 metres is maintained, although there are exemptions, please refer to [government information about face coverings](#) and to our FAQs)
7. Can the room be ventilated?
8. Has the registrant discussed risk with their patients?

We strongly advise registrants to check with their insurance provider for any potential changes to their insurance policy.