

Will's Photoimaging Covid-19 risk assessment – Photo sessions

This document details the additional steps in place to be pro-active in protecting against Covid-19 transmission during photo sessions.

Assessment Date	11/05/21	Lead Assessor	William Brown	Assessment Number	1
Activity / Task					
Pre-session checks - Clients	Clear expectations communicated with clients before their arrival				
Control / mitigation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients knowing that there will not be a financial penalty if they cancel the session due to any Covid related matter • Clients undertaking a self-check that they do not have any of the known Covid-19 symptoms • Clients communicating prior to the photo session that they are symptom free • Clients communicating if they have recently had a test and the result of that test • Emphasising for clients to only bring in what they need for the photo session • If any doubt then postpone the photo session • Understanding that anyone accompanying the client must be from the same household as themselves • Covid clean clothes worn for the session 				
Who Might be affected	Will	Client ✓	Contractor ✓	Visitor ✓	
Activity / Task					
Pre-session check - Will	Self-check of my current health condition				
Control / mitigation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated with 2 Phizer/Biontech jabs, the last one on 08/05/21 • Booster jab November 2021 • Negative Lateral Flow test within the previous 3 days • Check that symptom free prior to the session • If any doubt then postpone the photo session • Covid clean clothes worn for the session 				
Who Might be affected	Will ✓	Client	Contractor	Visitor	

Activity / Task				
Home Studio photo session procedures	Creation and maintenance of a Covid-secure environment within the studio space and linked areas. This also applies to sessions where I am setting up a temporary studio space at an alternative location.			
Control / mitigation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-session Covid clean of the studio space and linked areas. This includes: Using an appropriate anti-bacterial and anti-viral chemical to wipe down contact areas in the studio, changing room, bathroom, toilet and hallways; Clear air refresh; Where possible removal of unnecessary items from the studio space and changing room • Setting up and cleaning of iPad for client image review • NHS Covid-19 App running during the session • Wearing of face coverings / masks when possible • Hand gel or hand washing on arrival / at the start of the session, paper towels for hand drying • Client/s to be responsible for their own personal hygiene steps to prevent Covid spread in line with the Government guidance, hands, face, space • Hand gel freely available in the studio space and changing room • Window open in the studio room and elsewhere to create airflow • Providing 2 metre distancing reminder markings and for this distance to be maintained during the session • No physical contact between the photographer and client (not that this would normally happen in any case) • Providing easy to clean 'hard furnished' seating for accompanying person, if there is one • Clothing changes etc taken straight to the changing room • Any client items, such as phones, that are brought into the studio should also be wiped down with antibacterial wipes, which will be readily available • Photo session conducted efficiently so as to not take any longer than is necessary to achieve the photographs that the client wants, this requires lighting setups and settings to be completed in advance of the start of the session apart from adjustments that need to be made to accommodate the person's height etc • To minimise contact transmission risk and to keep the length of the session to what is required, refreshments will not be supplied, client's can bring their own alcohol-free refreshments if they so desire • If a break is required then the client will take this in the changing room or, if the weather is suitable, in the garden • Minimum of 1 hour between sessions to allow for change of air and cleaning of surfaces • Images reviewed and rated by the client using the iPad and Capture Pilot or ShutterSnitch App • Client cleans iPad after their use 			
Who Might be affected	Will ✓	Client ✓	Contractor ✓	Visitor ✓

Activity / Task				
Location photo session procedures	Creation and maintenance of a Covid-secure environment on location photo sessions			
Control / mitigation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-session Covid clean of equipment that I will use • Setting up and cleaning of iPad for client image review • NHS Covid-19 App running during the session • Wearing of face coverings / masks when possible if appropriate • Hand cleaning with gel at the start of the session and any other time during the session when it is appropriate • Client/s to be responsible for their own personal hygiene steps to prevent Covid spread in line with the Government guidance, hands, face, space • Separate hand gel available for client/s and myself • Providing 2 metre distancing reminder markings where possible and for this distance to be maintained during the session • No physical contact between the photographer and client (not that this would normally happen in any case) • Photo session conducted efficiently so as to not take any longer than is necessary to achieve the photographs that the client wants • To minimise contact transmission risk and to keep the length of the session to what is required, refreshments will not be supplied, client's can bring their own alcohol-free refreshments if they so desire • If a break is required then the client will take this a good distance from myself • Images reviewed and rated by the client using the iPad and ShutterSnitch or Capture Pilot App • Client cleans iPad after their use 			
Who Might be affected	Will ✓	Client ✓	Contractor ✓	Visitor ✓

Please note that although the photographer has put in place safeguards to minimize the risk of a client contracting COVID-19, it is not possible to eradicate the risk completely. Therefore, the client takes responsibility for their own personal health and safety and must make a personal risk assessment in order to identify whether they deem the residual risk to be too high.