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Activity: Canine massage therapy in a client’s home/practitioner’s clinic or client or practitioner’s garden

Hazard	Who is affected?	Risk (L)	Control Measures	Residual Risk
Persons experiencing symptoms of Covid-19	Practitioner and Clients	HIGH	<p>Practitioner visiting client’s houses will not attend if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 present and will inform the client accordingly.</p> <p>The practitioner will not visit any household which is isolating because one or more family members has symptoms, or any member of the household has been advised to isolate. Clients should inform the practitioner as soon as possible before they attend the client’s home. The appointment can then be rearranged to a later date under the current guidelines.</p> <p>Clients should also notify the practitioner if they receive a positive COVID-19 test within 10 days of the appointment.</p>	LOW

Location:

Clients Home

Presence in the client's home	Practitioner and clients	HIGH	<p>The practitioner will wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before entering the client's home.</p> <p>Some of the consultation may take place over the email/phone/zoom calls this will lessen the time spent in the client's home, therefore reducing the risk of contamination or possible exposure.</p> <p>The client should ventilate their home as much as possible, opening windows and doors as required.</p> <p>A quiet area of the home should be made available for the treatment to take place, with room for the dog and practitioner to sit on the floor, and ideally the client will reduce the number of people in the room where treatment is taking place.</p> <p>The practitioner will not normally wear a face mask but is happy to do so if the client requests, provided this does not impact or distress the dog. Gloves will not be used but good practice of hand washing, and hand sanitising regularly will be adhered to.</p> <p>A clean blanket or bed should be provided by the client for the practitioner and the dog to use during the visit, this can then be cleaned in the washing machine once the session has finished.</p> <p>Where the client remains in the room with their dog, wherever possible social distancing should be maintained between the client and practitioner, although this may not always be possible if the dog requires owner support.</p>	LOW
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