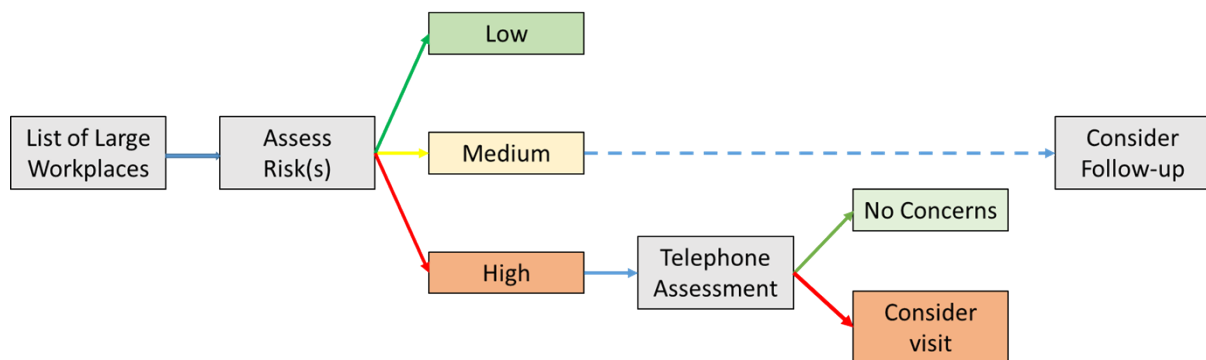


Risk assessment process for large commercial premises (Covid 19)

Background:

There is a risk of clusters of Covid 19 developing at large workplaces, due of the nature of work undertaken and difficulties in maintaining social distancing. Proactive assessment should be made of the risks posed by individual settings and contact made with those considered high risk, to support the implementation of control/ mitigation measures.



Steps:

1: Develop / compile list of workplaces using available databases and soft intelligence.

2: Initial risk assessment, categorising settings as high, medium and low risk

Risk factors may include:

- Meat processing and packing plants.
- Large workforce - 250 plus
- In absence of workforce size, throughput can be used as a proxy.
- Staff who are likely to share HMOs and or/ transport
- Wet, cold, poorly ventilated enclosed working environment.
- Low/ no natural light.
- Production lines where it would be hard to socially distance.
- Previous history regarding regulation/ compliance

Meat processing plants will have FSA staff on-site and can provide intelligence, for EHO action

3: Call settings, prioritised by risk, to talk through risks / mitigation

Guidance for reopening Manufacturing premises can be accessed via Health Working Wales: [LINK](#)

Food Innovation Wales have produced a risk assessment for workplaces (May be applied to non-food premises): [LINK](#)

4: Following telephone assessment, consider visits to settings deemed at high risk