

British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) Guidance for Healthcare Workers with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Liver Disease on Immunosuppression (moderate risk groups)

Clean Space in the Working Environment

The [recent advice by the BSG, BASL and RCP](#) (26.3.20) to healthcare professionals on immunosuppression classified as Moderate Risk (see Risk Grids [here](#) and [here](#)), who are undertaking stringent social distancing and yet working within a hospital environment, states that it is essential to have adequate office space in an appropriate 'clean' environment.

This further document defines what is meant by 'adequate office space' in a 'clean environment'.

- An office space should be identified which (as a minimum) must have a telephone and a PC with internet connection. Wi Fi access to support video calls is preferable.
- The space should only be occupied by the health care professional on immunosuppression, identified at 'moderate risk.'
- There should be clear signage indicating that the space is 'clean' and reserved for at risk personnel only.
- No one should enter the clean space other than the designated occupant.
- The individual entering the clean space must wash their hands or use hand gel, upon entering the space.
- In exceptional circumstances, more than one person could use the space providing that strict social distancing rules are observed e.g. desks a minimum of 2 metres apart.
- None of the at risk individuals sharing 'clean' space can work in a COVID-19 contact area of the hospital or be undertaking regular non-COVID-19 face to face patient contact.

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