

5.1 General

Actions should be considered to recover a facility in the event of 'COVID-19 related' assessment with either the organisation or the HSE directing closure. The organisation should have documented procedures to restore and return business operations from the temporary measures adopted during a 'COVID-19 related' incident. These should address relevant audit and corporate governance requirements. The purpose of recovery is to re-establish business activities to support normal working following a disruption, i.e. cleaning, re-allocation of resources, etc. Returning to business as usual can be achieved by:

- cleaning all surfaces that the infected person has come into contact with including:
- all surfaces and objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids;
- all potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as toilets, door handles, telephones, counters, work stations, mechanical handling equipment;
- migrating operations from temporary locations/premises back to the restored primary business location;
- continuing to defend against the spread of Covid-19 in accordance with Clause 3 (Defence).

How best to return to business as usual will depend on the severity of the Covid-19 outbreak and estimates of how long it could take to establish the necessary facilities.

The documented procedures should provide for a detailed assessment of the situation and its impact, the determination of tasks and steps for recovery. A checklist of possible recovery operations can be found at the end of this section.

The documented procedures for recovery should include provision for the resumption of all activities and not just those identified as prioritised activities. The recovery process should include provision for COVID 19 requirements as referenced from risk assessment within revised facility and process layouts for example. The recovery process also recognises that activities with a lower priority need to be resumed at some point in time and have resource requirements that need to be met.