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Briefing Note

CECA Scotland Member Briefing:

COVID-19 - CECA SCOTLAND UPDATE

Introduction

CECA Scotland will be producing regular updates to keep member companies updated on new developments relating to the Covid-19 coronavirus and its impact on the Scottish civils sector. This briefing will be delivered daily and posted on our website. If you would like further information or to share your experiences about how COVID-19 is impacting on your business, contact Chief Executive Grahame Barn: 07976 199615 or grahame@cecascotland.co.uk.

COVID-19 - Looking Beyond Lockdown

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has today (23rd April) opened a Scottish Government led discussion on the “new normal”, outlined in [COVID-19 - A Framework for Decision Making](#).

Over the next few weeks, based on the evidence and expert advice, options will be considered, including:

- Easing of restrictions in a phased manner.
- Opening up different parts of the economy sector by sector.
- Considering different restrictions in different areas dependent on how the pandemic is progressing and considering options for different groups of the population.
- Easing restrictions on some outdoor activity before indoor activities - however, all of this will be evidence led.

The Scottish Government emphasise that easing restrictions will not mean returning to how things were before the virus; physical distancing, hand hygiene, and other critical behaviours will be essential in each sector. Easing restrictions in particular settings is likely to see the continuation of physical distancing and other hygiene measures (such as 2 metre distancing when premises re-open and/or limiting the number of people that can be in confined spaces at the same time).

Read the full document [here](#).

COVID-19 Financial & Employment Survey

Thanks to CECA Scotland members who participated in the above survey; the [results](#) will be invaluable in our discussions on your behalf with the Scottish and UK Governments.

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Offsite Ready Project

The Offsite Ready Project was launched today (23rd April) at the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre, with the objective of developing a series of training resources to improve the quality of offsite construction training. Download the brochure [here](#).

CECA National Briefing - Covid-19 & Human Resources

Click [here](#) to access a CECA National briefing that collates information of relevance to Covid-19 and Human Resources, published today. Please bear in mind that not all content will be applicable in Scotland, for example, in relation to social distancing rules.

HSE Updated Advice on maintaining social distancing for drivers

Loading and unloading goods vehicles can put drivers and other workers at risk. It is important to consider all risks to the health, safety, and welfare of drivers delivering to and collecting from sites and take reasonable and practical steps to safeguard drivers, for example by providing a dedicated waiting area with welfare facilities for drivers. This helps to reduce the risks of unintended drive-away incidents during loading or unloading and of drivers being struck by forklift trucks or other vehicles if they are walking around the site.

At the current time, it is important to maintain [social distancing](#) as much as possible to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and [Scottish Government guidelines on social distancing](#) should be followed. If existing facilities allow drivers to maintain social distancing, there may be no need to make any changes. However, if social distancing cannot be maintained, it may be safer, as a temporary measure for drivers to remain in their cab during loading or unloading or waiting areas to be relocated. If changes are made to current arrangements, further consideration will need to be given to how pedestrians and vehicles can continue to circulate in a safe manner, avoiding the risk of drive-away incidents and how drivers can be allowed to safely access welfare facilities.

HSE Guidance on Lone Working

Due to social distancing, lone working has become far more common. The HSE have recently revised their leaflet, [Protecting lone workers: How to control the risks of working alone](#), to include advice on work-related violence, keeping in touch, and the impact of lone working on stress and mental health. HSE Guidance on lone working can be accessed [here](#).

Scottish Government Advice:

The Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 advice for businesses can be read here:

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice>.

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