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Following a recent rise in COVID - 19 cases please refer to the following guidance documents and videos to ensure that you are aware of the safety measures that must be adhered to in order to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus further.

We also recommend you download and install the free NHS COVID-19 App onto your mobile phone to support the governments track and trace service.

Guidance Information

Review the latest bulletin detailing government guidelines and restrictions - Click Here

Key Messages:

- People in England are now legally required to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. Those who do not comply risk being fined £1,000, increasing up to £10,000 for repeat offenders or serious breaches.
- The Construction Leadership Council has updated its guidance for wearing face coverings on site. It recommends that masks are worn where workers on site are not required to wear Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) and their workplace (which may include welfare and changing facilities, offices and meeting rooms) meets all of the following criteria:
 - o an enclosed space;
 - o where social distancing isn't always possible; and
 - o where you come into contact with others that you do not normally meet

Face coverings must also be worn in site canteens except when seated at a table to eat or drink.

For a full copy of the updated guidance click here.

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Anyone who tests positive and then knowingly provides false information about their close contacts will also be fined. Please familiarise yourself with our Site Operating Guidance – Click Here and Video – Click Here

This guidance is intended to introduce consistent measures on sites of all sizes in line with the Government's recommendations on social distancing.

Key messages:

- Self-Isolate and do not go into work if you are showing symptoms of COVID-19
- If you or a colleague start to show symptoms whilst at work return home immediately
- Travelling to work where possible this should be alone and using your own mode of transport, where this is not possible refer to the below Safe Working Guidance video
- Where possible maintain a 2m distance from colleagues
- Regularly wash hands and use hand sanitiser
- If you cough or sneeze do so into a tissue and dispose of the tissue cleaning hands afterwards
- Stagger start times, breaks and end times to reduce site congestion
- You must wear a face covering where required to do so
- Follow signage and one-way systems that may be in place on site
- Ensure that PPE is properly cleaned after use or disposable PPE is used where possible

For the avoidance of doubt an example of good practice can be found <u>Here</u>

If you're travelling to/from work in a shared vehicle please refer to our Getting to Work Safely Guidance – Click Here

This guidance is intended to provide more in-depth information on how to safely travel to work if you cannot travel on your own.

Key messages:

- The driver should wear a clean pair of latex gloves and dispose of them at the end of each journey
- The driver should wipe down all surfaces including handles, seat belts, and the steering wheel before passengers enter the vehicle and on departure of passengers
- Passengers should stand at least two metres apart whilst waiting to enter the vehicle and when having exited and waiting to retrieve items from the boot
- The driver and passengers should be seated as far apart as possible
- Windows should be kept open during the journey to allow clean air to circulate and aircon set to bring in fresh air and not recirculate air
- We recommend also wearing a face covering during the journey

Should you have any questions or concerns please ensure that these are raised/discussed with a health and safety manager or a SkyBlue/Fortel representative.

Further documentation and guidance on COVID-19 can be found on our website www.Fortel.co.uk

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