

Overview

Coronavirus [COVID-19] is a highly contagious disease that can have severe effects on people, especially those who are vulnerable. The virus is likely to pass from person to person in communal areas and where it is not possible to maintain safe distances between persons. If a person is infected while working, it can be passed on through families and other contacts.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

During the COVID-19 pandemic it is essential that the workforce is protected to minimise the risk of the infection spreading.

A risk assessment will be provided in order to facilitate this process.

Artel Facades are aligned to the CLC guidance document on Site operating procedures:

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk>

Communication

Good communication is essential for health and safety management on construction sites. It is vitally important that contractors, managers and supervisors engage and consult with workers, as it is an effective way of identifying hazards and controlling risks.

The points on the following pages are the current measures that will be considered on our projects.

The site-specific risk assessment procedures will be carried out taking these into consideration, knowing that these may change when further advice becomes available. The points should be considered as non-exhaustive.

This checklist is based on Version 3 of the CLC Site operating procedures.

This is a rapidly developing situation – please ensure that you follow the latest Government guidance as it is published.

Hazard: COVID-19 Airborne transmission of virus

Control measures

- Instruct workers not to attend work if they have symptoms of Coronavirus [COVID-19] and to follow guidelines.
- Reduce the number of personnel on site to maintain social distancing measures.
- Stagger start and finish times to reduce congestion and contact at all times.
- Increase the number of site access and egress points to enable social distancing.
- Use signage and floor markings to ensure the two-metre distance is maintained between people when queuing.
- Minimise the number of people in attendance at meetings and site inductions. [Consider virtual meetings and holding meetings outdoors wherever possible.]
- Increase ventilation.
- Where loading and off-loading arrangements on site will allow it, all delivery drivers should remain in their vehicles.
- Rearrange tasks to enable them to be done by one person, or by maintaining social distancing measures [two metres].
- Consider alternative or additional mechanical aids to reduce worker interface.
- If it is not possible to undertake a work activity whilst maintaining a two-metre distance, you should consider whether the activity should continue.
- Ensure arrangements are in place for monitoring compliance.

Hazard: COVID-19 Surface transmission of virus [cross-contamination of surfaces]**Control Measures**

- Remove or disable entry systems that require skin contact [for example, fingerprint scanners].
- Provide facilities to allow all workers to wash their hands for 20 seconds using soap and water or hand sanitiser [minimum 60% alcohol based] when entering and leaving the site.
- Enhance cleaning regimes for commonly used areas and surfaces, such as access and egress points, reception, offices, welfare and toilet facilities, access control areas and delivery areas.
- Where drivers are required to exit their vehicle, they should wash or sanitise their hands before handling any materials.

Ensure arrangements are in place for monitoring compliance.

o Hand washing

Provide additional hand washing facilities [for example, pop-ups] to the usual welfare facilities.

Consider the dispersal of facilities on a large, spread out site or where there are significant numbers of personnel on site, including plant operators.

Allow regular breaks to wash hands.

Ensure adequate supplies of soap and fresh water are readily available and kept topped up at all times.

Provide hand sanitiser [minimum 60% alcohol based] where hand washing facilities are unavailable.

Regularly clean the hand washing facilities.

Enhanced cleaning procedures should be in place across the site, particularly in communal

areas and at touch points, including procedures for cleaning at the end of each break and shift.

- o Entry and exit points – gate handles, turnstiles and clocking in and out points.
- o Taps and washing facilities.
- o Toilet flush and seats.
- o Door handles and push plates.
- o Handrails on staircases, corridors, scaffolds and work platforms.
- o Lift and hoist controls.
- o Machinery and equipment controls.
- o Tools and equipment being used by more than one person.
- o Workstations – workbenches.
- o Welfare units – microwaves, refrigerators and kettles.
- o Food preparation and eating surfaces.
- o Chairs, seating areas, door handles, vending machines and payment devices.
- o Locker rooms – doors, handles, seating and surfaces.
- o Telephone equipment.
- o Keyboards, photocopiers and other office equipment.

o Rubbish collection and storage points should be increased and emptied regularly throughout and at the end of each day.