COVID-19 Prevention Measures

**All members reported carrying out Covid-19 risk assessments that look at maintaining 2m social distancing at all times. Specific issues that are being taken into consideration include:**

* Management of communal areas where there is a high amount of human traffic – e.g. canteens, toilet facilities
* Travel arrangements to ensure workers remain isolated to and from site
* How to maintain 2m distancing during operations where this a challenge – e.g. clearing blockages
* Accommodation – securing places to stay where deep cleaning and 72 hour post occupancy periods have been observed to ensure they are free of Coronavirus contamination.

Below are specific measures Members are taking

1. On-site accommodation to reduce travel and ensure a clean environment for operatives
2. Self-application of first aid where applicable to ensure 2m distancing is maintained, wearing masks where 2m distance cannot be ensured/cover the nose and mouth of IP and first aider.
3. Employee monitoring to see if staff are living with high-risk people/are a high-risk person themselves – at risk people or those with at risk dependents in their household are then excluded from site
4. Where possible use people who live close to the job site in order to reduce the need to commute large distances and reduce potential exposure times in travelling to and from site
5. Shorter working hours to reduce need for break – e.g. 6 hour shifts so there is no need for a lunch break in a communal canteen.
6. Segregating/closing canteens to reduce social interaction and opportunities for infection
7. Use paper towel to dry hands as air dryers are may spread the virus
8. Tying doors open to reduce contact with handles etc
9. Use of one-way corridors through welfare facilities
10. Ensuring walkways are 2m wide with passing places to ensure 2m distance can be maintained.
11. One-way Entrance/Exit doors to ensure 2m distance
12. Restricting number of people in vehicles (e.g. Vans/trucks) to ensure 2m distance
13. Promoting travel to work in own vehicles to reduce contact
14. Electronically distributing guidance/advice to reduce contact with paper documents that may otherwise become contaminated
15. Reduced exchange of physical documents by reporting to managers/offices with photos & emails to reduce contact
16. Creating WhatsApp groups for faster communication throughout the business
17. Introducing Day/Night shifts to reduce no. of people on-site (@supply chain level) to reduce social contact

It was also noted that during this time everyone is under greater than normal stress and this creates a mental health challenge for site teams and back-office staff alike. It was noted that individuals have different attitudes towards working at the moment, with some very concerned about the risk they may be asked to undertake through to those who are happy to continue. In some cases staff are being furloughed.