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# Briefing Note

CECA Member Briefing:

## Covid-19: CECA update

### Introduction

This short briefing has been prepared on behalf of the UK construction sector to brief companies and individuals on the ongoing repercussions of the Covid-19 coronavirus for our sector. This briefing will be delivered daily by CECA over the coming weeks – if you would like further information, or to input your views, contact CECA chief executive Alasdair Reisner on 07977151912 or e-mail [alasdairreisner@ceca.co.uk](mailto:alasdairreisner@ceca.co.uk).

### [Support the fight against Coronavirus](#)

The UK Government has asked industry to offer support to those fighting coronavirus. If your business can offer support in any of the following circumstances:

- Protective equipment for healthcare workers, such as masks, gowns, and sanitiser;
- Hotel rooms;
- Transport and logistics, for moving goods or people;
- Manufacturing equipment;
- Warehouse or office space, for medical use or storage;
- Expert advice or consultancy on IT, manufacturing, construction, project management, procurement, or engineering;
- Social care or childcare;
- Community support.

Please use [this link](#) to offer your help.

### [CECA Workload Trends Survey 2020 Q1](#)

CECA's Workload Trends Survey for 2020 Q1 is now live. The deadline for the survey is the close of business on 4 May 2020 - please complete it so we can gather the most accurate picture of the current state of our industry and feed back to Government and other stakeholders. The survey is available [here](#).

### [CECA Webinar for Members - Covid-19 - Today](#)

Please click [here](#) to register for a CECA National webinar for members at 2.00pm on Thursday (9 April 2020). Once you register your place, you will be sent your invitation to the event. We recommend logging on at least 5-10 minutes prior to the event to make sure you can log in. The lobby will open 5 minutes prior to the event starting. If you do not receive an invitation e-mail, please check your spam and clutter folders. If you have any queries, e-mail [jemma@ceca-yorks.co.uk](mailto:jemma@ceca-yorks.co.uk).

*Please note that the Government has confirmed that furloughed workers can take part in webinars whilst they are furloughed.*

### [Guidance on safely maintaining work](#)

To support businesses that remain open during this period in England, the government has published additional guidance to assist employers, businesses and their staff in staying open safely during coronavirus (COVID-19). For specific settings please refer to sector specific guidance. To read the guidance specific to the construction industry, click [here](#).

The guidance also provides advice on private car usage saying: "When using a private vehicle to make a journey that is essential, cars should only be shared by members of the same household. Those who normally share a car with people

who are not members of their own household for a journey that is essential, e.g. getting to work, should consider alternatives such as walking, cycling and public transport where you maintain a distance of 2 metres from others.

"If the journey is essential, such as travel to work, and there is no option but to share a car with people who are not part of the same household, journeys should be shared with the same individuals and with the minimum number of people at any one time.

"Good ventilation (i.e. keeping the windows open) and facing away from each other may help to reduce the risk of transmission. Private vehicles that are used by people from multiple households should be cleaned regularly using gloves and standard cleaning products with particular emphasis on handles and other areas where passengers may touch surfaces."

### Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

It was confirmed yesterday by HMRC that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme should come online on 20 April, with first payments made by the end of the month.

### Boosting cashflow

The Construction Leadership Council has prepared a briefing note to encourage the whole industry to work together to make sure cash continues to flow to all parts of the sector. A copy of the briefing is available [here](#).

### Rules relaxation

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has published a list of rules for business that have been relaxed during the current Covid-19 crisis. Read it [here](#).

### Case Studies

The Construction Industry Coronavirus Taskforce is seeking to build a resource of case studies that showcase good industry practice in reference to Covid-19. If you would like to contribute to this work or to discuss further, contact [marieclaudhemming@ceca.co.uk](mailto:marieclaudhemming@ceca.co.uk).

### Mental health support

Industry mental health charity Mates in Mind is working in partnership with CECA to deliver free mental wellbeing workshops. These workshops are aimed at employees; and managers (including supervisors). The live online workshops will take place on 15,16, and 21 April, and will be delivered by trained mental health practitioners. Delegates will be able to see and interact with the tutor and with each other:

#### Mental Wellbeing Workshop for Employees (45 minutes)

- Understand how the current environment impacts our mental health and wellbeing
- Identify ways in which to spot issues in ourselves and our colleagues
- Explore how to look out for your own wellbeing as well as our co-workers
- Understand how to support someone in crisis and have a better understanding of relevant professional support services available to us.

#### Mental Wellbeing Workshop for Managers (60 minutes)

- Identify the pressures facing their teams during the current climate and identify how they can affect their mental health
- Recognise how managers can spot the signs and issues and know what to say and do
- Identify how to help someone in crisis
- Provide details of organisations and support services that can provide help, information and advice
- Provide some guidance on what managers / supervisors can do to look after their own mental health

Anticipating level of interest, places are initially limited to 2 delegates per organisation. We have confirmed that furloughed employees are allowed to take part in this training without affecting their furloughed status. Book your place [here](#).

### Covid-19 Webinars

ACE has announced a new online webinar series to help its members and the wider industry through the coronavirus crisis. Hosted by ACE chief executive Hannah Vickers, Navigating COVID-19 covers the major issues currently facing our industry including finance, people, communications and procurement. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask virtual questions to the panel of experts on specific announcements, such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme or Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. The webinars are open to anyone with an interest in the topics covered. Sign-up now to upcoming webinars through the links below:

#### [Communicating in a Crisis \(09.04.20, 1.30pm\)](#)

With special guest [Andy Walker](#), editor of *Infrastructure Intelligence*, we will explore the steps you need to take to communicate effectively externally, internally and with stakeholders and clients. [Stuart Young](#), BEIS joins us to help answer any questions.

[Find out more and replay previous episodes here.](#)

#### [CECA Training & Development Update \(2 April 2020\)](#)

Read CECA's latest training & development update in reference to Covid-19 [here](#).

#### [Training & Development E-Resources](#)

Click [here](#) for a list of CITB-supported training & development e-resources.

#### [CECA Employment Briefing - Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme \(Updated 31 March\)](#)

Read CECA's Employment Briefing on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme [here](#). Please note this briefing will be updated as further information becomes available.

#### [CECA Employment Briefing - Coronavirus](#)

Read CECA's Employment Briefing on the impacts of Covid-19 [here](#).

#### [New CECA Guidance \(30 March\) - Temporary Suspension of Sites](#)

CECA has published new guidance on the temporary suspension of sites. Read it [here](#).