

7th May 2020

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 our Chief Executive, Grahame Barn: 07976 199615 or grahame@cecascotland.co.uk.

Lockdown Extended for until 28th May

First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon MSP, has today formally announced that the lockdown in Scotland will be extended for another three weeks, until 28th May, when the next review will take place.

The First Minister highlighted the R number is still hovering around 1 just now - which means that any significant easing up of restrictions at this stage “would be very very risky indeed.” It is thought that the R number is currently higher in Scotland than it is in other parts of the UK and therefore “extreme caution is needed to avoid a rapid resurgence of the virus”. It was restated that all guidance remains the same as it was at the beginning of the outbreak and that businesses and the public should act accordingly.

The only possible change to lockdown measures currently being considered is the one form of exercise a day rule; this may be relaxed to permit exercise more than once a day. An announcement on this will be made in the next few days but the FM stated dropping the “Stay at Home” message at this stage would be “catastrophic”.

Four nations approach

The First Minister confirmed that there would be a call between the leaders of all four governments today to discuss the way forward. She outlined that it remained her preference to maintain a four nations approach but that this would require all parts of the UK operating at the pace of the slowest. If this is not possible then a regionalized approach will be necessary.

You can read today’s statement in full [here](#).

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Support for SME Housebuilders

The Scottish Government has today (7th May) announced a new £100 million loan fund for SME housebuilders with liquidity issues due to the temporary closure of construction sites. Loans of up to £1million will be available to SMEs with a turnover of less than £45million. Read more [here](#)

CICV Forum Social Media

The Construction Industry Coronavirus Forum is now on Twitter and LinkedIn. Follow them here:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cicvforum>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cicv-forum/>

The CICV Forum now has 22 members, including CECA Scotland - you can read more about it's work in helping the sector recover from COVID-19 [here](#).

CECA Dayworks

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, CECA National has had to temporarily close its bookshop, however, to ensure **members** can still access their free copy of the CECA Schedules of Dayworks, it is now available in a digital format. Please contact Grahame Barn to receive your copy.

CECA Safe Working Poster

Click [here](#) to download a CECA safe working poster.

Cross Party Group on Construction

The next Cross-Party Group on Construction will be held via Microsoft Teams on Friday 15th May, at 1.30pm and will focus on collaboration during and the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the construction industry. To attend, please contact CPG Secretary, gordonnelson@fmb.org.uk

Construction Scotland Innovation Centre Webinars

The CSIC are hosting a number of webinars during May which may be of interest to CECA Scotland members. Details are below:

- 14th May, 2pm - [Future Development Plans: Aberdeen and Dundee](#)
- 14th May, 3pm - [Innovation in Construction Training and Practice](#)
- 26th May, 10am - [COVID-19: The Industry's Response](#)
- 27th May, 10am - [Developing Tomorrow's Workforce](#)

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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