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# 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](mailto:grahame@cecascotland.co.uk).

### First Ministers Daily Update, 30<sup>th</sup> June

Nicola Sturgeon confirmed today that an update would be given on the 2m rule this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, as well as on the changes due to come into force this weekend, such as relaxing the 5m leisure travel rule. She warned that the Scottish Government, "may *still have to take some really tough and unpopular decisions in the weeks ahead*" to keep COVID-19 under control. She highlighted the Scottish Government's public health campaign - FACTS - which advises 5 things we should all do to stay safe, protect others and save lives:

- Face coverings should be worn in enclosed spaces such as shops and public transport.
- Avoid crowded places.
- Clean your hands and hard surfaces regularly.
- Two metre distancing remains the rule.
- and Self isolate, and book a test, if you have symptoms.

Read today's statement in full [here](#)

### Prime Minister Boris Johnson's speech on the economy, 30 June 2020

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has made a [speech on the economy](#), announcing a "New Deal" which puts jobs and infrastructure at the centre of the government's economic growth strategy. The Prime Minister announced the bringing forward of £5bn of capital investment projects, supporting jobs and the economic recovery. In the Autumn, the government will publish a National Infrastructure Strategy, setting a clear direction on core economic infrastructure, including energy networks, road and rail, flood defences and waste.

The UK Government also intends to bring forward funding to accelerate infrastructure projects in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland and will carry out a review to look at how best to improve

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road, rail, air and sea links between our four nations to create a more connected kingdom. Find more [here](#).

### Change Management and Maintaining Work Life Balance during Covid-19

**Webinar: Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm:** In collaboration with master certified coach and Leadership Consultant Lee Chalmers, Equate Scotland are offering a free webinar for women in STEM to take stock of the changes that have impacted on their lives. COVID-19 has meant adjusting to considerable change in our personal and work lives for all of us; changes in where we work, how we work, and even if we work. Many of us are navigating these changes while juggling other pressing and new commitments in our lives, whether that be home schooling and entertaining children, caring for those isolating or shielding, or taking on voluntary roles in our communities. You can register [here](#)

### New COVID-19 Guidance for Shoppers

New guidance has been issued today for shoppers on how the retail experience in shops, tourism and hospitality businesses is changing due to coronavirus. Read it [here](#).

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Phase 2: Scotland's route map update - translations

Arabic, Gaelic, Polish and Mandarin translations of Phase 2 in Scotland's route map through and out of the crisis are now available and can be downloaded [here](#).

### HSE Guidance: Protecting Vulnerable Workers

Employers have a legal duty to protect workers from harm and you should make sure you consider the risk to workers who are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus and put controls in place to reduce that risk. Shielded workers are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus. They cannot return to workplaces before at least 31 July 2020 in Scotland, from 1 August 2020 in England and from 16 August 2020 in Wales when shielding is paused.

You can find guidance on shielding and protecting workers, explaining who is clinically extremely vulnerable, from [Public Health England](#), [Health Protection Scotland](#) and [Public Health Wales](#).

Read the HSE's latest advice and guidance on [protecting vulnerable workers](#) from COVID-19.

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### SCDI Green COVID-19 Recovery Plan

SCDI have today published a plan for a Green Recovery from COVID-19 which you can read in full [here](#). The report contains 12 “big ideas” to immediately or quickly boost the recovery, including an ambitious ‘Green Stimulus’ to kick-start the economy, creates new green jobs and apprenticeships and support clean growth. It also makes recommendations to support laid-off workers, to change procurement and deliver better work life balance through continued encouragement of home working post COVID-19.

### Mandatory MOT testing to be reintroduced from 1 August

Mandatory MOT testing is to be reintroduced from 1 August 2020. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, drivers were granted a 6-month exemption from MOT testing in March. However, as restrictions are eased when safe to do so, all drivers whose car, motorcycle or van is due for a MOT test from 1 August will be required to get a test certificate to continue driving their vehicle. Find out [more here](#).

### Coronavirus job retention scheme: flexible furloughing video

Watch a video on the coronavirus job retention scheme with information on flexible furloughing and watch other videos about the support available to help deal with the economic impact of coronavirus. Find out more [here](#).

### New Insolvency Law

Major changes to insolvency law have come into force following the passing of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act has received Royal Assent and came into force on 26 June 2020. It introduces new corporate restructuring tools and temporary easements to give distressed businesses the breathing space they need to get advice and seek a rescue. Read more [here](#).

You can access the Scottish Government’s latest COVID-19 Construction Sector guidance [here](#).

Access Phase 2: business and physical distancing guidance [here](#).

Read Returning to Work Safely guidance [here](#)

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