

COVID-19 Update for UK Employees | 17/08/2020

The Continued Impact of COVID-19 on UK businesses



Since the start of the global Coronavirus pandemic, the impact on UK businesses has been profound – we have never faced such a serious health threat affecting everyone. The pandemic has developed at different speeds and timescales across the world, but cases are still accelerating in some countries, and in others there are signs of a second wave.

Many UK businesses have been seriously affected, not just by closure of operations and people in lockdown at home but by the human toll of the pandemic. It has been confirmed that the UK is now in a recession caused by COVID-19, although thankfully the construction sector has performed much better than many others.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) reports that in England alone there have been some 8000 reported cases of COVID-19 in workers linked to occupational exposure and more than 100 work-related deaths from the coronavirus since reporting began.

- From 10 April to 11 July 2020, 7971 cases of COVID-19 in workers where occupational exposure was suspected were reported to enforcing authorities (the HSE and councils) over the period.
- 119 deaths were reported — 48 in the health sector and 46 in residential care – with the remainder in other industries.

As at early August 2020, there have been over 300,000 confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in the UK, according to official figures, and in excess of 40,000 deaths. Thankfully in CEMEX UK we have had just 2 confirmed positive cases of COVID, both of which were non-work related, which is testament to the safe behaviours and controls adopted by everyone...Thank you for continuing to Look After Yourself and Each Other.

We must all continue to follow the Four Behaviours That Save Lives

This reminds us all to keep following the **FOUR COVID-19 BEHAVIOURS** shown below – keep vigilant at home with your families, out with your friends, and when you are at work.



Identify and Inform



Personal Hygiene



Physical Distance



Protect yourself & Others

Please follow the required procedure if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus:

- **Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.**
- **Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.**
- **Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.**

The virus is still circulating and if we drop our guards we could cause further spread and seriously impact others' lives.

Please continue to stay alert and keep yourself and your family safe.