

18th 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](mailto:grahame@cecascotland.co.uk).

### COVID-19 Recovery Routemap

The First Minister will announce on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Scotland's COVID-19 recovery "Routemap", setting out a phased approach to ending the lockdown measures. The first phase will start from the next formal review date of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

- Within a few days of 28<sup>th</sup> May, more outdoor activity will be allowed - such as being able to sit in the park, meet up outdoors with someone from another household, as long as you stay socially distanced; some limited outdoor sporting activities; the opening of garden centres and recycling facilities; and the resumption of some outdoor work.
- Thursday's Routemap will also set a phased of a return to school
- Also, from Thursday, guidance will be published for key industries on the changes they will need to make to ensure their employees and customers are safe in advance of further changes, as well as setting out advice on travel and transport.

Read the First Ministers statement from today in full [here](#).

### Mental Health Awareness Week, 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> May

CECA Scotland are supporting Mental Health Awareness Week, which runs up till the 24<sup>th</sup> May. You can find or more and access useful resources on our website [here](#).

### Cross Party Group on Construction

The re-arranged virtual meeting of the Cross Party Group on Construction will run from 10.00-11.30am this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May via MS Teams. [The link to join the meeting is here](#). This will

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activate at 10am on Thursday. The meeting will be chaired by Monica Lennon MSP and will include three presentations:

- Collaboration during the Covid-19 Crisis: the CICV Forum- Alan Wilson CICV Forum Chair & SELECT MD.
- The economic position post pandemic and what this could mean for the construction industry - Ian Hill, Senior Research Analyst, CITB
- Post-Pandemic Recovery, the future for the Scottish Construction industry -Hew Edgar Futures, Chair of the CICV 'Future' sub-group /Head of UK Government Relations and City Strategy, RICS

### Last Call: "Ken Yer Bairns" webinar

Today is your last chance to sign up for "Ken Yer Bairns" webinar, to be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, at 11am. The aim of the webinar is to reach out to those who have children or manage/work alongside young people (especially those classed as Generation Z) and to provide a bit of guidance on how to deal with them around the house, but more importantly, to understand the motivations and drivers of the youngest element of our work force and how to tap into their enthusiasm and passion for the benefit of the company and wider construction industry.

Delivered by Bob Cummins of [SODAK](#), you can sign up [here](#)

### Update to Coronavirus Symptoms

The four UK Chief Medical Officers have stated [today](#) saying that as well as a new continuous cough or fever, a key sign of Coronavirus is "anosmia" - a loss or a change in your normal sense of smell.

### UK Parliament - Scottish Affairs Select Committee Inquiry

The Scottish Affairs Committee has begun an inquiry into [Coronavirus and Scotland](#). The committee is accepting written evidence on this until 23rd June. In particular, the Committee is considering the effectiveness of the "four nations approach", the implications of different lockdown measures north and south of the border, key worker status and the effectiveness of business support available. You can find out more and submit evidence [here](#).

#### Scottish Government Advice

The Scottish Government's latest COVID-19 advice for businesses can be read here:

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice>. For issues not dealt with on the website, call the Scottish Government [Helpline](#) on 0300 303 0660.

**HMRC Tax Helpline:** 0800 024 1222, open 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

#### UK Government Advice

UK wide guidance, detailing all Scottish and UK Government support can be read [here](#).

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