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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. 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).

### CICV Call for School Building Action Plan

The Construction Industry Coronavirus Forum, of which CECA Scotland is a key member, has called for a school building action plan to help pupils return to full time education safely. The Forum has written to [Kevin Stewart, MSP](#), the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, outlining a series of practical proposals including repurposing existing vacant property near schools and building temporary accommodation in suitable locations with a common design approach, including fit-out, to ensure compliance with site operating procedures (SOPs). Read more [here](#)

### CECA Scotland Dinner 2020 - Rescheduled to March 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, continued restrictions on physical distancing and Scottish Government guidance on large gatherings, we have again postponed the CECA Scotland Dinner and Awards from 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to 18 March 2021. The venue remains the Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Central. All table bookings will be carried over to the new date. Read more [here](#).

### First Ministers Daily Update: Move to Phase 3 on 9<sup>th</sup> July

In today's Daily Update, the First Minister announced that on Thursday, Scotland will move to Phase 3 of its Routemap to recovery. In addition, ahead of the UK Chancellor's statement tomorrow, she reiterated calls for an £80 billion stimulus package for the UK along with greater borrowing powers for Scotland.

Read her update in full [here](#) and a reminder of key changes in early Phase 3 [here](#).

### Restrictions Lifted in Dumfries and Galloway

Local restrictions in Dumfries and Galloway have been lifted following a cluster of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases last week in the Annan and Gretna areas. The outbreak is now contained so travel is no longer restricted to five miles. Read more [here](#)

### Expenses and Benefits during COVID-19

HMRC Guidance was updated yesterday to provide guidance on the provision of COVID-19 tests (taxable - treated as a “benefit in kind”) and PPE to employees (non-taxable). Read more [here](#).

### CECA Workload Trends Survey

The latest CECA Workload Trends Survey for 2020 Q2 is now online and can be completed [here](#) by CECA Scotland members only. The results of this survey will be especially relevant in our discussions with government, given it covers the COVID-19 lockdown period for the industry in Scotland and your help would be greatly appreciated.

The deadline for responses is close of business 13<sup>th</sup> July.

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](#)

<https://cecascotland.co.uk/covid-19/>

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