

## Coronavirus Update – Keeping Sites Operational

The message from Government continues to be that construction sites can continue to operate but must implement the [Site Operating Procedures](#), developed by Build UK and published by the Construction Leadership Council (CLC).

As discussed with the majority of our Contractor members this morning, this is not an easy time for anyone and those making decisions about whether to keep sites operational know full well that whatever they decide will have an impact on people's lives and jobs, as well as their own businesses.

The CLC has confirmed that all construction sites should assess their situation and **those sites that cannot implement the Site Operating Procedures published by the CLC should not remain open.**

Our members are taking this seriously and a number of them have now stopped their construction activities to look at how they can implement these procedures effectively.

Reduced services on public transport, particularly in London, are also presenting a specific challenge for workers travelling to and from sites due to overcrowding. The CLC has stated that *“if people cannot get to site whilst complying with the Government's guidance, then they should not do so”*. Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, confirmed this afternoon that people need to maintain two metres social distancing when using public transport and has called for an increased tube service to be provided.

We recognise that this has significant implications for sites in city centres, particularly those in London.

We are working closely with the CLC and Government on these issues, including identifying what work should be classed as essential work or cannot be stopped without significant safety or operational implications. As further information becomes available, we will of course share it with you.

Businesses should continue to follow the most up-to-date [Government guidance](#) and members can contact [Build UK](#) with any construction-specific queries. We cannot guarantee to respond to every message; however, if we are aware of sector-specific issues we have the opportunity to address them collectively.

The situation continues to develop rapidly and please follow Build UK on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates.