

Working on site

COVID-19 may survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours. A combination of good personal hygiene and management of social distancing can protect from infection.

Key control measures for managing the spread of the virus on construction projects

Symptoms

Do not attend site if you or a member of your household has symptoms. The most common symptoms are a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or a change to your sense of smell or taste. If you have symptoms, you must self-isolate for at least seven days. If you live with someone who has symptoms, everyone in the household must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the first symptoms appeared, or for seven days after the last person gets symptoms. See [more details on the Public Health England website](#).

General health

If you, or someone in your household, are at high risk [as defined by the NHS](#), you must consider if there is a heightened risk from attending work.

Travel

If possible, commute to work alone, and using your own transport. Only use public transport if no other means of travelling is available.

Hand hygiene

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water, and then dry them properly. If soap and water are not available, use sanitiser. Rub your hands together until they are dry.

Social distancing

Maintain two-metre (2m) separation as far as possible while working and when using toilets, canteens, drying rooms etc.

Also follow social distancing when travelling to and from work and in your daily lives, to limit exposure.

Respiratory hygiene

Always cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow. Dispose of tissues in a bin. Wash your hands immediately afterwards.

Cleaning

Ensure that all frequently touched objects and surfaces are regularly cleaned and disinfected. This includes shared tools.

Site management

Facilities

Ensure facilities are provided and maintained for regular hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Risk assessments and method statements

Review risk assessments and method statements for all work on site to address the risk of COVID-19, and the associated control measures required.

Particular emphasis will be required for 'close working', ie where people work within two metres of each other.