



## **GBN Services Limited.**

### **Business Continuity Management**

Corona Virus – Covid-19 – Policy V7



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## Introduction

This policy forms part of GBN Services Business Continuity Management.

In this document we identify potential business impacts and provide a framework of measures to minimize any impacts.

Our aim is to safeguard as far as possible our workforce from the effects of the Covid-19 virus, to maintain our professional reputation and brand, and to help protect other organisations with whom we interact. This policy aligns with the governments rules that came into effect on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

As a pandemic we accept that there is a very high possibility of many, if not most, employees catching the virus as some point; therefore our target is aligned with the UK government target of minimizing the spread in order to only have a limited number of staff off work at any one time. By doing all we can to ensure that staff are safe at work we are also assisting the NHS Test and Trace service and the NHS generally. This includes agency workers and contractors as well as our own employees.

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Associated documents are: Managers Guide; Covid-19 On-site RAMS; and Covid-19 Off-site RAMS.

## Assessing Risks.

Critical operations are; booking work onto our WeighSoft 5 system; allocating work to drivers; delivering, exchanging and collecting etc. skips; processing waste; invoicing work completed; and maintaining the vehicle fleet and site operations.

Critical Operation	Worst Case	Impact
Booking work onto WeighSoft 5	Covid-19 is brought into an office and the entire office staff are all off at the same time. Office staff placed on self-quarantine for no less than 10-days.	Other offices should be able to pick up the workload. Where possible, office staff will work from home, this has senior management approval. Remote access to WeighSoft and other IT Resources has been pre-configured. Any staff already with Laptops can work remotely. All sites telephones can be redirected to any other number. Impact is therefore limited.



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Allocating work to drivers	Covid-19 is brought into an office and the entire office staff are all off at the same time. Office staff placed on self-quarantine for no less than 10-days.	Other offices should be able to pick up the workload. Where possible, office staff will work from home, this has senior management approval. Remote access to WeighSoft and other IT Resources has been pre-configured. Any staff already with Laptops can work remotely. All sites telephones can be redirected to any other number. Impact is therefore limited.
Delivering, exchanging, collecting skips etc from customer sites.	Covid-19 is brought into the workforce and the majority of drivers at a site would be unavailable for work.	Significant financial and business reputational impact. Loss of income and loss of future work. Impact is very high
Weighbridge operations	Covid-19 is brought into the workforce and the majority of drivers and weighbridge staff are off work at the same time.	Only essential weighbridge and office staff are permitted into weighbridge offices. Weighbridge interactions with others are achieved through a window and the weighbridge staff must wear either an orinasal face cover, or a full-face face shield when dealing with others via the window.
Processing waste	Covid-19 is brought into the workforce and the majority of yard staff are off work at the same time.	After a short period of time we would be unable to receive any more waste at the site. Waste can be diverted to other GBN Services sites, or to other waste companies. Impact is medium.
Invoicing work	Covid-19 is brought into an office and the entire office staff are all off at the same time. Office staff placed on self-quarantine for no less than 10-days.	Staff in another office would be able to pick-up the workload. Any physical invoices can be printed at an alternative depot for posting where necessary. Impact is medium.
Maintaining vehicle and plant fleets.	Covid-19 affects a workshop and closes the workshop for no less than 10-days.	Vehicles and plant missing planned works, inspections and MOTs, this should make the plant or vehicle VOR. Impact high.



Employees and agency staff visiting high risk countries	An employee or an agency staff returns to work and inadvertently infects co-workers.	Anyone returning from time abroad is to notify their manager before returning to work. If they have visited a high-risk country, then the UK government guidance will be followed. Impact medium.
Company meetings.	Covid-19 is brought into a meeting space and all those in the meeting have to enter quarantine for no less than 10-days. This has significant company implications if any or all of the Senior Management Team are involved in the meeting.	Meetings must be kept to the minimum possible people in one room. Social distancing must be followed, and PPE must be worn. The use of on-line meeting services is the preferred method of meeting.

## Responses to risks

### Booking work onto our Weighsoft 5 system

Several staff have laptops that have been configured to be able to work from home. Several laptops have been purchased and are setup as back-up machines. Remote Access has been setup for self-quarantined staff using spare IT equipment that is available or a working home computer that they are comfortable to use for these purposes.

All desk phones can be diverted to other depots or mobile phones, so calls are not lost, and the customer service is maintained.

### Allocating work to drivers

Several staff have laptops and do work from home. Additional laptops have been purchased and configured as back-up machines. Remote Access has been setup for self-quarantined staff utilizing pre-configured back-up machines. Staff with a working home computer they are comfortable to use for these purposes, these machines can be configured remotely.

All desk phones can be diverted to other depot or mobile phones so calls to and from drivers are not lost.

CCTV for sites can be accessed remotely, so office staff can see what is happening at a site they are assisting remotely.



### Delivering, exchanging and collecting etc. skips

Drivers are using hand-held devices, and generally work alone. Driver interactions will be limited as much as we are able to during working operations.

The hand-held devices that drivers use require a customer to handle the device and this constitutes a health hazard risk to both the driver and the customer representative, therefore, for the period of the pandemic the driver will not hand the device to the customer. The driver will stand approximately 2-metres from the customer representative and will take the customer's name. The driver will write the customer's name into the tablet on the customers behalf, the driver will then write in the customers signature box "Covid-19".

It is unlikely that a driver will need to work from a different depot as the drivers tend to work alone and so are at reduced risk of being infected or passing on an infection.

### Weighbridge Operations

The weighbridge operator and driver/visitor interactions are via a window, this naturally limits the potential for virus transmission, and the length of time these interactions takes is normally very limited.

However, in order to ensure the risk of virus transmission is minimized as far as possible, the weighbridge staff should always wear a face-covering as additional (belt-and-braces) protection.

As many weighbridge operations as possible are conducted without interaction, but weighbridge tickets must be transferred to some drivers and received from some drivers. These interaction times need to be minimized, and wherever possible received weighbridge tickets should be wiped with a disinfectant wipe as a precaution, provided this does not interfere with the data on the ticket.

### Processing waste

If one person on a picking line contacts the Covid-19 virus it is likely that all persons on the picking line will be affected. Where there are two picking lines, break times must be staggered to minimize potential cross-infection. Ideally the start and finish times for the picking lines should also be staggered to reduce cross-infection risks.

Where staff on a picking line are within two metres of each other then Perspex or equivalent dividing material must be used to keep the workers separated from each other. In some cases the screening may have to be hinged to permit access, in which case both hand sanitizer and screen cleaning materials must be supplied adjacent to the hinged screen, and used whenever the hinged screen is moved to both disinfect the employee touching the screen and the screen itself.



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If a picking line is affected, then immediately some drivers will be directed to tip waste at another GBN Services site, so the build-up of unprocessed waste does not become excessive and risk breaching our Environment Agency permits and licenses.

To reduce any cross-infection risks, visits by other organisations will be refused, this is to protect both GBN Services staff and the employees of the organization wishing to visit.

Staff on picking lines will maintain at least a 2-metre separation distance at all times, and will always wear a simple facemask whenever an FFP2 mask is not required. Ideally staff should work further than 2-metres apart. Hand washing / cleaning stations are to be provided at entrances/exits at picking lines. At every break / shift finish the picking line area is to be cleaned and left clean.

We cannot refuse visits from regulators, but they must conduct themselves in a Covid-19 secure manner.

Where maintenance companies working on-site is a necessity, then the staff from maintenance companies must not directly interact with GBN Services staff other than to collect or return operating keys or controls. A separate area must be provided for staff from maintenance companies to work within. Contact between the maintenance company staff and GBN Services management and staff is to be via telephones to prevent close interaction. Necessary paperwork must be exchanged electronically whenever possible.

### Invoicing work completed

Invoicing is carried out at depot level. Several staff have laptops and are able to work from home. Additional laptops have been purchased and configured as back-up machines. Remote Access has been setup for self-quarantined staff utilizing pre-configured back-up machines. Staff with a working home computer they are comfortable to use for these purposes, these machines can be configured remotely.

All desk phones can be diverted to other depot or mobile phones so calls to and from drivers are not lost

### Maintaining the vehicle fleet and site operations

Losing a workshop will have a major impact on vehicle and plant operations. To try and stop any cross-infection, drivers and plant operators must not enter a workshop. They should park their vehicle or mobile plant outside the workshop and phone the workshop staff with details of any work required. All vehicle defects must still be reported in the normal way via the tablet computers, and all mobile plant defects must be recorded on the daily checklists (we are testing a system using tablet computers ).

Where we have external contractors in to undertake works, we must keep a distance of at least 2-metres from the contractors or their staff. Contractors must supply their own tools and equipment and must not utilize GBN Services owned equipment, though GBN Services may order-in parts for the contractor.



### Employees and agency staff visiting high risk countries

For the duration of the pandemic, any employee or agency staff employee, must before returning to work, contact the site manager and inform them of the countries they have visited. The site manager will check using <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> and will follow the directions given by the NHS 119 service and will relay this data to employee / agency employee. Covid-19 tests should, with the employees consent, be ordered on-line by the manager and the staff member not permitted to return to work until a clear test result has been received, managers are to book the tests online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>

### Documentation

This policy is to be circulated both electronically to all staff with computers including via WhatsApp to all drivers tablets, and copies are to be placed on all notice boards.

The company website will be updated to display this document for viewing, and our social media will be updated with links to the document.

Regulators and customers will be advised and emailed the documentation upon request also.

The appendices to this document are to be printed and distributed to appropriate places. For example:

- The hand washing information needs to be in place in all toilet areas close to the wash hand basins;
- Dos and Don'ts needs to be at places where staff are most likely to see it (mess rooms, etc.).

Due to the fast changing circumstances of the pandemic, this policy will be reviewed whenever guidance from HM Government or the NHS is amended and this policy will then be updated and reissued.

### Other Preventative Actions

Wherever possible one-way circulation within offices and workshops has been introduced. Where this is not possible then 2-metre zones of clearance are designated at areas where congestion may arise, such as doorways and stairs. Where there are drivers/customers lobbies and delivery points, these are restricted to one person at a time.

Where staff in offices or workshops are within two metres of each other then Perspex or equivalent dividing material must be used to keep the workers separated from each other. In some cases the screening may have to be hinged to permit access, in which case both hand sanitizer and screen cleaning materials must be supplied adjacent to the hinged screen, and used whenever the hinged screen is moved to both disinfect the employee touching the screen and the screen itself.





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Every depot has increased its holding of hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial wipes and sprays and facemasks. A selection is maintained at points of interactions such as weighbridge offices and drivers' windows.

Stocks of cleaning and washing materials have been increased, and cleaning regimes have been stepped up to ensure that washing facilities are never run out of necessities.

Managers have been pointed to factual advice on both the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website and <https://111.nhs.uk/covid019> and a Managers Guide has been produced and circulated.

Any member of staff with the symptoms of fever; cough; and shortness of breath, must contact NHS 119 immediately. If NHS 119 recommend self-isolation they will issue a note to this effect, this note is to be forwarded to the depot manager so SSP can be paid to the individual.

If a member of staff does not want to come to work due to Covid-19 fears, then they will be dealt with sympathetically, and will be permitted to take either annual leave or unpaid leave. The taking of unpaid leave is not normally allowed but will be permitted for reasons connected with Covid-19, and only for the length of the pandemic. Putting someone onto the Coronavirus Job Support Scheme (furlough) will be a last resort measure in most cases, though for vulnerable and extremely vulnerable staff this will be seen as the best solution if the staff member is unable to work in a Covid-19 safe manner.

Site visitors' books need to be used for every visitor to the site who will be on site for more than 15-minutes. Couriers, parts delivery, other companies tipping-in, 3<sup>rd</sup> party companies bulk loading-out, etc. who are not on-site for more than 15-minutes do not need to be recorded in a visitors book. For all visitors on-site for more than 15-minutes, we need to capture their contact details, in case we are asked to provide these details to the medical authorities. Due to GDPR rules the visitor's books will need to be one-page per person so that others cannot gather data about previous visitors. Use of a Word document or Excel spreadsheet may be more suitable. This can be created through Office 365 and other staff at the site invited to contribute, so that anyone on site can capture visitors' details in a way that isn't open to abuse by visitors. NHS Test and Trace will require this data as part of their systems workings.

Access to sites needs to be restricted, if road barriers are available they must be used. In this way all visitors, customers and sub-contractors to the site, who may be on-site for more than 15-minutes, can be stopped and their details captured.

It is GBN Services policy to cooperate with regulators and other statutory bodies in the pursuance of their goals, so information about staff, agency staff and visitors will be passed to those requiring this information so long as they have a legitimate reason for requiring the information. This information will NEVER include anything of a medical nature.

If an employee requests managerial assistance with interactions with the NHS Test and Trace service then the employee must provide us with written consent to do this prior to any managerial assistance being given.



Other companies that we interact with may have their own processes and procedure with regard to Covid-19, we will comply with these processes and procedures when on the other companies' sites.

Multiple cases of positive Covid-19 tests at one workplace must be rapidly notified to the Group H&S Manager ([07834729422](tel:07834729422)/[David.wolfenden@gbnservices.co.uk](mailto:David.wolfenden@gbnservices.co.uk)) who will then contact the Local Health Protection Team (<https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>). In the absence of the Group H&S Manager, this notification requirement will cascade to the Site Manager.

The health protection team will undertake their own risk assessment and where necessary establish a multi-agency Incident Management Team to manage the outbreak.

If an outbreak is directly linked to any GBN Services worksite then the incident is reportable to the HSE as a notifiable disease. This must be notified promptly as it falls into the category “**any disease attributed to an occupational exposure to a biological agent**”. RIDDOR reporting will normally be undertaken by the Group H&S Manager ([07834729422](tel:07834729422)/[David.wolfenden@gbnservices.co.uk](mailto:David.wolfenden@gbnservices.co.uk)) however, in his absence the duty is cascaded to the relevant Depot Manager.

### Testing

Compliance with these rules will be checked often during ad-hoc senior manager visits to sites.

Laptops and people working from home will be checked to ensure they are able to access all necessary data from a remote location.

### Annual Leave

We have a number of staff cancelling booked annual leave as their holiday companies / destinations are affected by Covid-19. We have a duty of care to ensure that all staff have adequate time off throughout the year.

Any member of staff cancelling their annual leave should re-book their annual leave at the earliest possible time, to be taken during the current annual leave year (Jan. to Dec.) if possible. Any leave not taken as a result of Covid-19 may be carried over to 2021, and subsequently to 2022 if not used in 2021, and the carry-over can be shown to be related to Covid-19.

The rules surrounding the booking of leave are not changed, appropriate advanced booking is required except in rare and exceptional circumstances.



## Appendices

**A - Catch-Bin-Kill** to be circulated thoroughly and posted at numerous sites around all sites

**B - Handwashing Techniques** to be placed adjacent to all sinks at which someone may wash their hands.

**C – Do’s and Don’ts** to be circulated thoroughly and posted at numerous sites around all sites

**D – Coronavirus: What you need to do** to be circulated thoroughly and posted at numerous sites around all sites

**E – NHS Test and Trace** to be circulated thoroughly and posted at numerous sites around all sites

**F – NHS Test and Trace** to be circulated thoroughly and posted at numerous sites around all sites

Appendix A

# CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



# BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



# KILL IT

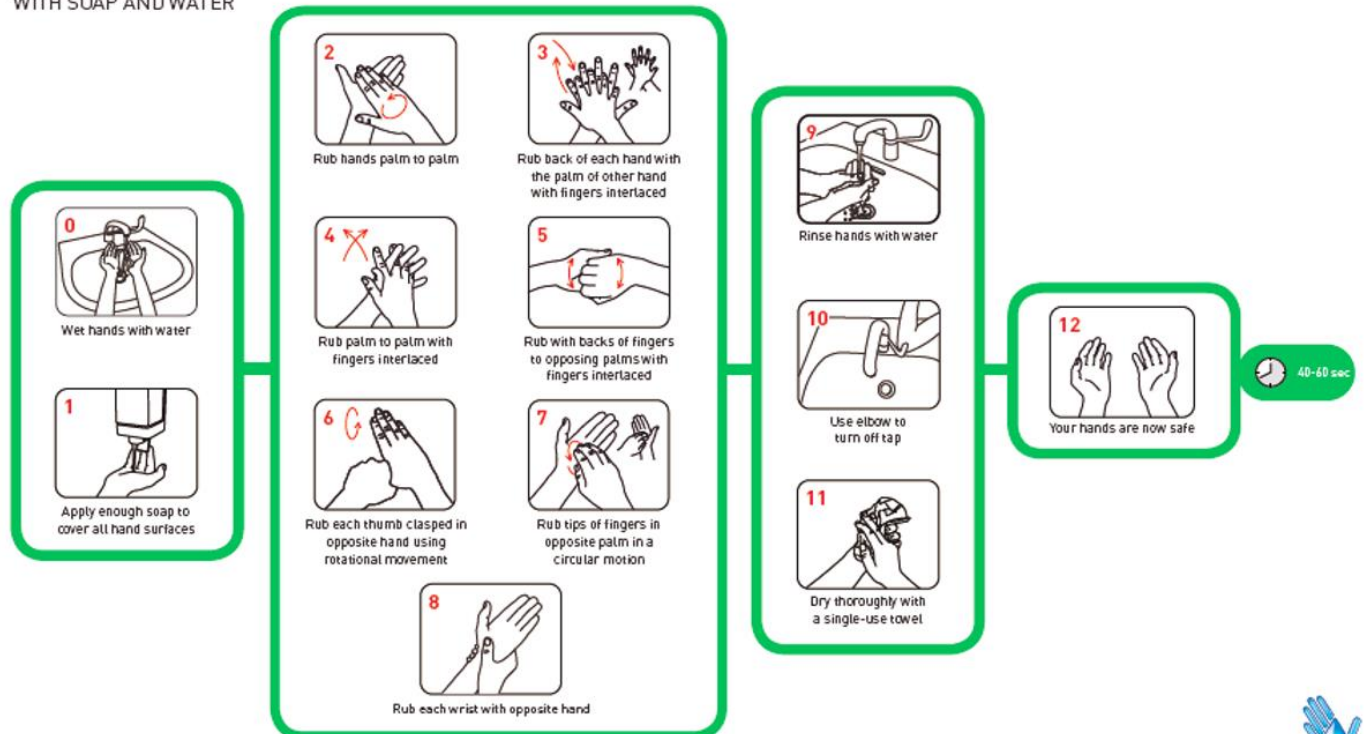
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



## HAND CLEANING TECHNIQUES

### How to handwash?

WITH SOAP AND WATER



[www.npsa.nhs.uk/cleanyourhands](http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/cleanyourhands)

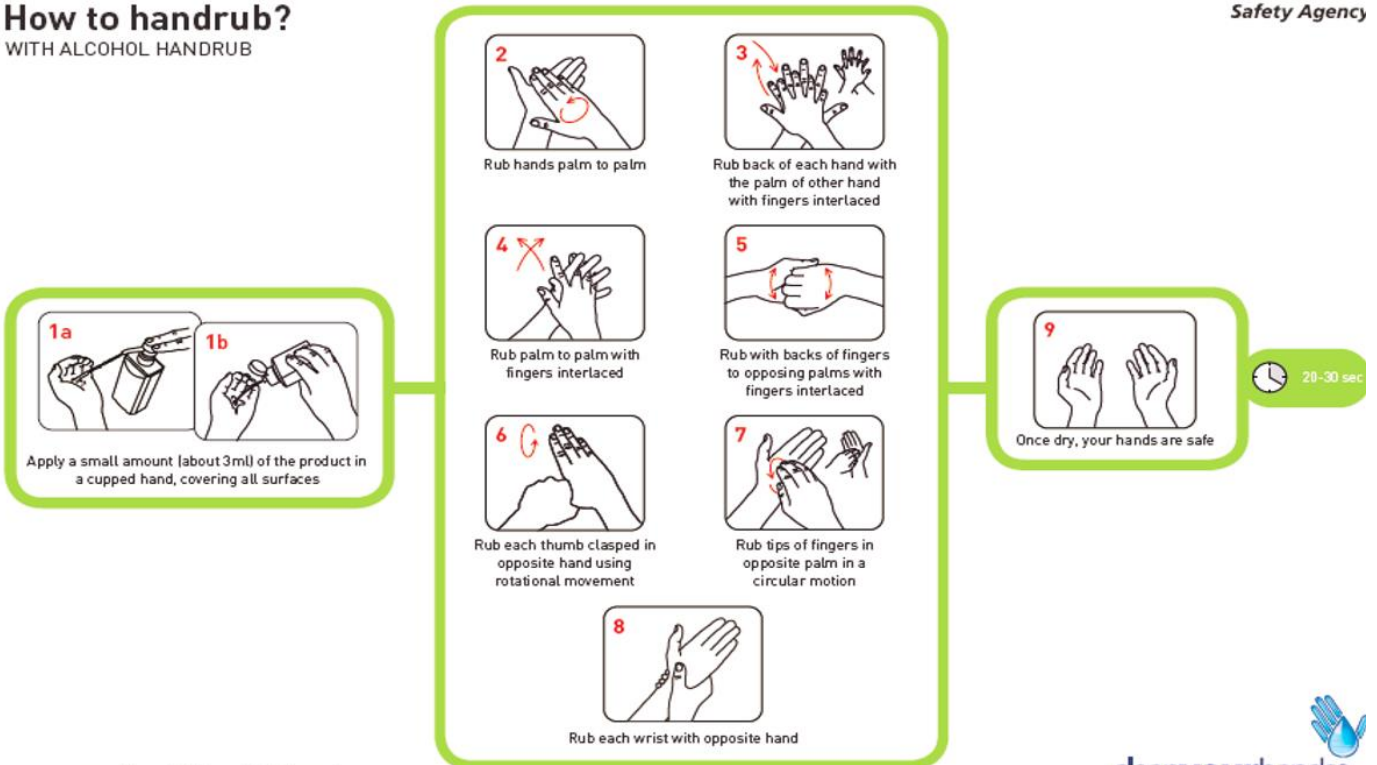
Adapted from World Health Organization Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care



HAND CLEANING **TECHNIQUES**

**How to handrub?**

WITH ALCOHOL HANDRUB



[www.npsa.nhs.uk/cleanyourhands](http://www.npsa.nhs.uk/cleanyourhands)

Adapted from World Health Organization *Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care*



## Appendix C

**Do**


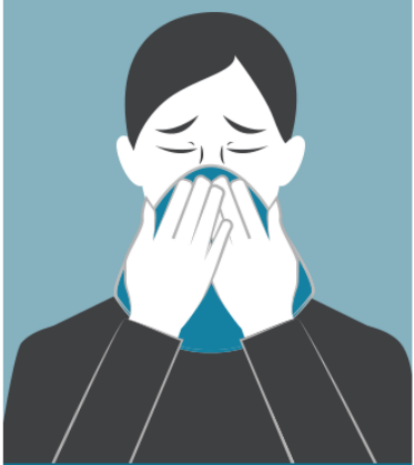

- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- ✓ only travel on public transport if you need to
- ✓ work from home, if you can
- ✓ avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- ✓ avoid events with large groups of people
- ✓ use phone, [online services](#), or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

**Don't**

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- ✗ do not have visitors to your home, including friends and family

Appendix D

### Coronavirus: What you need to do

		
<b>Wash your hands</b>	<b>Use a tissue for coughs</b>	<b>Avoid touching your face</b>



# NHS 'TEST AND TRACE': WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?



**Do you show symptoms?**  
Immediately self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms: cough, fever, loss of smell



**Get tested**  
Call the NHS on 119 and arrange for a test. If your results are positive, a clinician will interview you to figure out who you've been in close contact with



**Close contact means:**

- Those who have been within one metre
- Those who have been within two metres for 15 minutes or more
- People in your household



**Got a call from the NHS?**

- You will be interviewed by a clinician about your recent whereabouts
- You will likely be asked to self-isolate immediately



Appendix F

**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY ALERT**  
**TO STAY SAFE**

- ✓ Keep a safe distance from others
- ✓ Stay home as much as possible
- ✓ Keep washing your hands regularly

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**