



A few people have asked for guidance around your staff and what you should/shouldn't be doing. Here is the Government guidance:

- businesses and workplaces should encourage their employees to work at home, wherever possible
- if someone becomes unwell in the workplace with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they should be sent home and advised to follow the advice to stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days. Anyone who lives with others who have a high temperature or a new, continuous cough should self-isolate for 14 days. People do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If people have no internet access, they should call NHS 111.
- employees can return to work after self-isolating on day 8 if they are symptom free.
- employees should be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds more frequently and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues
- frequently clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are touched regularly, using your standard cleaning products
- employees will need your support to adhere to the recommendation to stay at home to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) to others
- those who follow advice to stay at home will be eligible for statutory sick pay (SSP) from the first day of their absence from work
- employers should use their discretion concerning the need for medical evidence for certification for employees who are unwell. This will allow GPs to focus on their patients
- if evidence is required by you as an employer, then those with symptoms of coronavirus can get an isolation note from <https://111.nhs.uk/> and those who live with someone that has symptoms can get a note from the <https://www.nhs.uk/>
- employees from defined <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people> should be strongly advised and supported to stay at home and work from there if possible

We have had a request for help with some ventilator parts. Can you help with the following (I trust this will mean something to some of you manufacturers out there):

Rotary Pot – Contelec or Megatron

We are struggling to find 5,000 units for next week of the two below options (5,000 of either spec or a combination even would be considered).

Manufacturer	Part Number	Shaft Size	Notes
Contelec	WAL308 (OEM Custom)	8mm	1500 next week
Megatron	MHP32 R1K W20% L2%	8mm	3500 in 2 weeks, 5000/week TBC

If you find an alternative we are open to investigating if it will work with our design.

Please let me know if you can help.

In response to many of the queries being raised by businesses, we are holding a webinar on Wednesday morning 8.30 – 9.30am via the Zoom platform. You do need to register to attend (virtual attendance):

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UEk1ZmnGRFuMPPhr_gD6wWA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

We have a panel of people :

Paul Dixon, Partner at Molesworths Bright Clegg

Lisa Wilson, Tax Partner at Cowgills Chartered accountants

Anthony Rollins CEO at Atlantic & Pacific Insurance Group

Steve Rumbelow, Chief Executive of Rochdale Borough Council will share with us details of the local response to the coronavirus crisis, both here in Rochdale and across Greater Manchester.

The event will be hosted by Chris Maguire, award winning journalist.

Regards

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