

Update 03.06.2020 Environmental Health Advice for Businesses

COVID-19 is putting the business community under extreme pressure, resulting in unprecedented challenges. Our Health and Wellbeing Department wishes to support businesses at this difficult time by providing advice to help, support and signpost local businesses to the latest information and practical advice.

Changes to your business operations

If there are any changes to your existing business operations please contact our Environmental Health service on 0330 137 4024 or email <u>ehealth@nmandd.org</u>

Food businesses

You may have changed your business model to include new aspects of food production or include a delivery service because of COVID-19, please see below some useful links to assist in ensuring that you continue to meet the high standards of food hygiene expected and to ensure that food is safe for consumption by the public.

Reopening and adapting your food business during COVID-19 Businesses that supply or produce food on the move Distance selling, mail order and delivery Safe catering Guidance for community cooking and food banks Guidance for businesses on bulk freezing food products originally intended to be ambient or chilled products Guidance for consumers on coronavirus(COVID-19) and food Allergen guidance for businesses Food delivery and takeaway guidance Safe shopping guidelines Guidance for convenience stores/small supermarkets offering delivery Q&A document for all manufacturers and retailers

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New food businesses

New food businesses need to register with the Council.

Health and Safety and General Advice

Sample Risk Assessment for COVID 19 (Risk assessment provides links on hand washing and social distancing) 2m Social Distancing Advice Hand washing video

COVID-19 signage

Limiting the number of customers entering the shop Maintain 2m social distance when queuing in and outside a shop Keep a 2m distance at all times

Further advice

Further advice is available from the <u>nidirect</u> <u>FSA Website</u>, <u>COVID-19 guidance for</u> <u>food businesses</u>, <u>Public Health Agency</u> and <u>Guidance for employers and</u> <u>businesses about COVID-19</u> is available from the Gov.uk website.

You can also contact the Council's **Environmental Health Service on 0330 137 4024 or ehealth@nmandd.org,** where you will be put in contact with the appropriate officer.

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