

COVID 19 Daily Brief – 26th June

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InterserveFM Ltd Update

- Today the proposed sale of Interserve Support Services to Mitie has been announced.
 - The combined organisation will be the largest employer in the UK Facilities Management sector, with over 80,000 people delivering services to a broad range of public and private sector customers.
 - This will be a very positive step for us and our clients and will position us well for future long-term sustainable growth and financial stability.
 - The completion of the deal is subject to certain conditions, including the approval of Mitie's shareholders. If all these conditions are met, the sale is expected to complete by the end of 2020. Following this, the integration of the two businesses will begin, which will understandably take some time.
 - The business will continue to focus on delivering our business plans which will be supported by our functional teams.
 - More details to follow via separate briefings.
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Use of face Coverings – HSE Advice for Employees

As you will have seen in the news, the use of face coverings is becoming common practice and mandatory on public transport etc, which we will incorporate into our C19 risk assessment where required. Please review the advice below when using a face covering:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on, and before and after removing it.
 - When wearing a face covering, avoid touching your face or face covering, as you could contaminate them with germs from your hands.
 - Change your face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it.
 - Continue to wash your hands regularly.
 - Change and wash your face covering daily.
 - If the material is washable, wash in line with manufacturer's instructions. If it's not washable, dispose of it carefully in your usual waste.
 - Practise social distancing wherever possible. You can make face-coverings at home and can find guidance on how to do this and use them safely on GOV.UK.
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MoC Update – 25th June

Debunking the myth: Hand sanitiser in cars DO NOT pose a fire risk

Following widespread news coverage claiming that hand sanitiser kept in vehicles can pose a fire risk, the National Fire Chiefs Council has refuted these reports and confirmed there have been no cases of such fires in the UK.

NHS Property Services issued a warning about what it considered to be the dangers of keeping sanitisers in vehicles to its front line staff. It has now retracted this advice following further evidence.

Roy Wilsher, NFCC Chair said: "We want to reassure people that this product will not combust if left in a car - even on the hottest day. For hand sanitiser to cause a fire it would need to come into contact with a spark.

The full report is available on the MoC website & online if you would like to know more.
