

COVID 19 Daily Brief – 12th June

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Introduction – HSE Alert

A substantial number of face masks, claiming to be of KN95 standards, provide an inadequate level of protection and are likely to be poor quality products accompanied by fake or fraudulent paperwork. These face masks may also be known as filtering facepiece respirators.



KN95 **must not** be used as PPE at work as their effectiveness cannot be assured. Masks that are not CE marked and cannot be shown to be compliant must be removed from supply immediately.

If these masks have not been through the necessary safety assessments, their effectiveness in controlling risks to health cannot be assured for anyone buying or using them. They are unlikely to provide the protection expected or required.

If any are CE marked, suppliers must be able to demonstrate how they know the documentation and CE marking is genuine, supported by Notified Body documentation showing compliance with the essential health and safety requirements as required by the Personal Protective Equipment Regulations (EU) 2016/425.

SL Guidance Note

As of Monday 15 June, face coverings will be required while using public transport in England: [Face coverings to become mandatory on public transport](#)

This includes if you use public transport to travel to work. The requirement to wear a face covering extends to Sellafield Ltd operated buses and minibuses. It should be noted that face coverings are not the same as face masks.

The government announcement highlights:

“Face coverings are not the same as face masks. It is important that people do not use medical grade PPE masks to ensure these remain available for frontline staff. Last month, the government set out advice for people on how to [make their own face coverings easily at home](#), using scarves or other textile items. These face coverings should cover the mouth and nose while allowing the wearer to breathe comfortably and can be as simple as a scarf or bandana that ties behind the head to give a snug fit.”

Toolbox Talks have been produced (does not include travel) which has information on wearing face coverings at Sellafield. These Toolbox Talks are available on the Management of Contractors (external) website and can be found in folder “Covid-19” sub folder “Toolbox Talks”

For commuting to work, please use your own face covering. As on-site and inter-site shuttle buses are reintroduced, there will be further communication with regards to requirements and arrangements for face coverings.

For more information or advice, please contact the infrastructure.travel.team@sellafieldsites.com

Operational Security Site Notice

Access Control and COVID-19

Returning to Work



As operations and projects begin to restart across the business, many of us will be returning to work for the first time since the end of March. This communication is to remind you of your responsibilities of a pass holder and to inform you where you can obtain assistance if you require it, there are also a number of small changes we have made around our access control measures to ensure we remain COVID secure.

Safe Keeping of your Pass

Many of us have been working or isolating at home for a number of weeks now and have not used your P4 since late March, ensure your pass is still where you think it is, keep it secure until your return to work, lost passes **MUST** be reported immediately to the Access Control team on x76995, this office is manned 24/7.

Dated Passes

If your pass has expired during lockdown ensure you arrange to have it renewed at the Pass Office **PRIOR** to attempting site access, access will be denied for those holding out of date passes.

Pass Hygiene

Remember your own pass is probably touched hundreds of times a day by yourself. Ensure to clean your pass regularly and don't place it in your mouth when removing it from your bag.

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Accessing Site

From the beginning of the pandemic we quickly removed the requirement for our CGF officers to carry out a physical touch during pass checking. To ensure a positive pass check can be carried out at access control points please ensure you follow these simple steps;

On approaching the site gates ensure your pass is ready for inspection. Clearly present your pass to the Officer for visual inspection, we have found the most effective way to do this is by holding it out at arm's length, this can be done from the holder. Never attempt to access site prior to receiving a positive pass check.

Using Access Control Equipment

We have already seen a rise in the number of individuals forgetting their pass PIN numbers, if you require a reminder of your security PIN you can obtain this from B113 Pass Office, Main Gate Reception or HSA1 Sector D-B314. Do not call the Access Control Team; your PIN number will NOT be given to you over the phone.

PIN Readers remain in operation, although clearly a touch point they are touched less than door handles. Hand sanitiser will be in place at convenient locations for use AFTER interaction with Access Control equipment.

Security passes will work on readers from a little distance, there is no need to physically touch a card reader while swiping your pass, only touch readers when there is a requirement to enter your PIN number.

Social Distancing Reminder

Ensure to obey social distancing measures whilst queuing at turnstiles, we have implemented a small number of one way systems at our high usage areas at HSA2 (NNL) and HSA1 Sector D-B314 and Sector N-B932. Please be patient and ensure to follow signage displayed at the access / egress points.
