

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Client/s

Following the Prime Minister's statement last night and the lack of clarity around impact on construction industry works, Durrant Construction would like to communicate the strict measures we have already put in place and will continue to adhere to in order to safeguard our workers, clients and wider community.

- 1) High risk workers have been identified and instructed to remain at home with immediate effect. In addition to those high-risk groups identified by Government, we consider shared workers and individuals who are unable to adhere to strict lockdown guidance at home a higher risk worker as they could pose a greater risk to others.
- 2) Required materials have already been distributed to existing site and no further deliveries will be taken during lock down.
- 3) Only essential internal works will continue at existing sites that are occupied by client's, and no new projects or unnecessary works will commence. We have defined 'essential works' as follows.
  - Minimum works required ensure our clients have access to essential bathroom and kitchen utilities
  - Minimum works required to ensure occupied properties are secure, watertight and not exposed to elements.
  - Emergencies that pose physical danger to clients (eg – Floods, electrical or structural hazards)
  - Final works required to safeguard existing occupied sites for the foreseeable will be completed by 25/03/20
- 4) Maximum of 2 workers will be permitted on any site in 1 day and restricted to specified areas that will not be accessible by occupants/general public while work is being completed. In addition, these workers are required to
  - Adhere to 2 meter distancing rule
  - Wear protective equipment (eg – gloves and mask)
  - Sterilize all equipment and surfaces at the end of each working day
  - Wash/sterilise hands upon entering and exiting sites and at regular intervals throughout the day.
- 5) All workers are required to conform to strict travel restrictions. These include
  - No use of public transport
  - No car sharing. 1 person per vehicle unless travelling from same household.
  - Petrol and Diesel to be taken from pre purchased supply and petrol stations should not be used.
  - Person from same household as traveller must be able to collect worker in the case of any motor failure.

- 6) Non-essential works that can be completed safely in large outside spaces or at non occupied properties, and without causing any unnecessary concern to surrounding residents, will be considered on a case by case basis in line with Government advice.
- All works will conform to the policies already outlined in this communication.
  - Only workers who have demonstrated need to work in line with Durrant Construction pre-defined criteria will be permitted to work in these cases and only until such time the government provide financial support for CIS individuals who are out of work due to Covid-19.
  - We consider it essential to public health that all individuals are able to adhere to public safeguarding measures and are able to feed their families during this unprecedented time.

It goes without saying that our first thoughts and concerns are for the safety of everyone at this time and appreciate the added difficulty some of our clients are facing as a result of delayed building works. We thank you for your understanding and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards

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