

## Member Communication COVID-19 Lifting of Restrictions 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

As you will be aware the respected Governments of the UK, devolved administrations and Republic of Ireland are all beginning the process of lifting remaining COVID-19 restrictions – albeit at differing intervals and level of restrictions.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July will see most remaining restrictions lifted, and regulation change to guidance, including the wearing of a face covering and social distancing.

What has been made clear by each Government and is clearly evident to all, is that this pandemic is far from over and despite the progress of the vaccination programme – COVID-19 still poses a risk to all.

As restrictions are lifted and in the case where regulation changes to guidance it is AVRO's opinion that the best course of action at this time is to continue with the processes that you have in place to comply with current legislation, including the use of face coverings, social distancing and sanitation of hands and work areas.

It is clear that cases continue to rise and in respect of the UK, the requirement to self-isolate for those who are fully vaccinated will remain in place until 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and it is expected that the re-opening of the remaining elements of the economy will be impacted by cases of self-isolation.

The first priority must always be the safety of you, your family and your employees – but secondly you need to be able to continue to operate and with rising cases and self-isolation, this has the potential to impact exponentially upon your business.

For your reference the latest respected Government guidance is below:

England guidance:

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Wales guidance:

https://gov.wales/coronavirus

Scotland guidance:

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/

Northern Ireland guidance:

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-and-guidance-what-they-mean-you

Republic of Ireland guidance:

https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/c36c85-covid-19-coronavirus/