

Covid-19 Update – People Related Risk During the Lifting of Lockdown



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- Continue to identify and manage risks to you and your team working on farm
- As restrictions in relation to social interaction ease, encourage team members to not only follow Government guidelines, but to act responsibly
- Continue to proactively manage and reduce the risks associated with other people visiting the farm

Managing risks on farm

Refresh yourself and your team regarding high transmission risk environments and high-risk people on farm including:

- Close proximity working areas such as milking parlours and staff rooms
- High frequency contact areas such as tractor steering wheels, dairy door handles, office computer keyboards
- High risk team (& family) members such as elderly parents still working on farm, vulnerable family members
- Any contact with external visitors including tanker and feed delivery drivers and external contractors such as silage teams, vets and foot trimmers

Minimise these risks by ensuring:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) is replenished promptly and available to everyone in the business
- PPE is worn effectively in close proximity areas, when around other team members or external visitors to the farm
- Hand sanitiser and hand washing facilities with warm water and soap are available and replenished
- You continue to regularly wash or disinfect high contact areas or anything external visitors touch e.g. bulk tank connection, door handles.
- Team members are aware of and following Government guidelines on isolation if they or members of household develop symptoms

Managing the risks associated with visitors coming on farm

As restrictions lift, the number and frequency of visitors to the farm may begin to increase. Reduce the risk they pose to your business by ensuring:

- They comply with Government guidance in relation to social distancing
- That they are fully aware of any additional protocols you have in place such as requiring them to wear PPE, sanitise hands etc.
- You have additional personal protection equipment available for use if required
- Visitors wash hands and sanitise on arrival
- Any used PPE (disposable gloves, paper towels etc) is taken away with them rather than left on farm

Managing the risks of lockdown lifting

Ensure employees are fully aware of the implications and risks to the business related to the easing of lockdown, including the risk of widening their social networks and increased socialising. Remind them to:

- Comply with Government guidance and to be stringent with social distancing
- Follow Government guidance regarding self-isolation if they suspect they might have Coronavirus
- Familiarise themselves with the requirements of the NHS test & trace service covered in our previous update [here](#).

For further discussion or to help with any questions that you may have, please contact Consultant Support on consultantsupport@kiteconsulting.com or 01902 851007 / 07542 403225

