

# MWT Guidelines for returning to work post-COVID Lockdown 3

COVID Lockdown 3 has ended and MWT staff/volunteers may now return to work, however, MWT are conscious that COVID may yet return, and we want to protect the health & safety of our Team. We are therefore requesting that we maintain some anti-COVID measures and are 'weaning' ourselves back into work, not simply returning to full pre-COVID normal conditions. *This is for an initial 2 week period up Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April and is then subject to review.* 

### **MWT Office:**

- 1. MWT staff may now come into the Office in Peel (and should do if they need to), but a higher level of remote/home working must still be maintained. Staff are encouraged to work at home if they can.
- 2. All staff must wash their hands on arrival at, and departure from, the MWT office.
- 3. Social distancing (2m+) should be maintained in the office. *Other people's personal space must be respected even if individuals are not so concerned themselves.*
- 4. Staff can share offices but must be sat 2m+ from each other. If sat closer, facemasks *must* be worn.
- 5. Hand sanitizer will be available in all the rooms/offices and staff are asked to use this frequently.
- 6. Only one person is allowed to use the kitchen at any one time.
- 7. Staff to take ownership of a personal mug and utensils that they use explicitly for the 2-week period.
- 8. Windows to be open (when practical) to improve ventilation, particularly in shared offices.
- 9. Use of Meeting Room: Meetings can take place for a maximum of 4 people spaced around the table. The window and door must be open to ensure air flow/ventilation.
- 10. Staff/volunteers with any COVID symptoms must not come into the office zero tolerance.
- 11. Gloves and facemasks are available for those who would like to wear them.
- 12. All phones, door handles and keypads will be wiped clean every weekend.

## Peel Gift Shop:

- 1. Shop staff/volunteers should remain behind the Perspex when customers are in the shop.
- 2. If staff/volunteers need to leave the Perspex while there are others in the shop, 2m social distancing must be maintained, or facemasks must be worn.
- 3. Staff/volunteers with any COVID symptoms must not come into the shop zero tolerance.
- 4. Hand sanitizer will be available for staff/volunteers and customers.
- 5. Ventilation to be carried out by window/door as possible.

## External Meetings/Site Visits/Consultancy:

- 1. Whenever possible, the use of on-line meeting platforms is still encouraged.
- 2. For travelling to meetings/sites; car sharing should be avoided for those not in the same social bubble.
- 3. If car sharing necessary, max 2 people per car, sat one front, one back, face masks worn, and window open.
- 4. Maintain 2m+ social distancing. Keep distance when sat at tables. Avoid hand shaking and physical contact.
- 5. Carry and use hand sanitizer before and after meetings.
- 6. Carry and use a face mask as necessary.

## Outdoor Volunteering, Nature Discovery Centres (NDCs), and Calf Bird Observatory:

- 1. Hand sanitiser will be provided and must be used regularly.
- 2. Social distancing to 2m will be maintained.
- 3. If working in extreme close proximity is necessary (e.g. two people using the same piece of equipment together) then facemasks should be worn.
- 4. Volunteers/participants must provide their own refreshments.
- 5. There will be no sharing of eating/drinking utensils.
- 6. Gloves & facemasks will be provided, and participants encouraged to wear them if they like.
- 7. Staff/volunteers with any COVID symptoms must not attend an event/task zero tolerance.
- 8. Car sharing must be discouraged for those who do not live in the same social bubble.

## **Events and Education Sessions:**

- 1. In school classroom sessions, DC must adhere to *individual school guidelines*.
- 2. Teachers to provide wet wipes and children asked to wash their hands on return to school.
- 3. DC to amend Risk Assessment for school sessions.
- 4. For all activities: the activity going ahead, and the number of participants, to be reviewed case by case.
- 5. MWT equipment must be wiped down after every session.
- 6. Hand sanitizer to be provided and care taken to space the participants out.

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