Coronavirus Statement

B&M Waste Services Ltd has always prioritised the safety and security of our customers, team members and the wider community.

We are aware of the rapidly evolving health situation in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are continually monitoring events and taking advice from relevant sources including the World Health Organisation (WHO), Public Health England (PHE) and Health & Safety Executive (HSE).

As per Public Health England’s guidelines, those presenting with a persistent cough or a fever will be told to self-isolate for 7 days. For any suspected or confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) the following will act as key coordinators between staff and stakeholders:

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As detailed in the Public Health England (PHE) guidelines recommends that the following general cold and flu precautions are taken to help prevent people from catching and spreading COVID-19:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
- Put used tissues in the bin straight away
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available. See hand washing guidance
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you are worried about symptoms, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Additional precautions we are advising staff to adhere to include:

- Washing hands on a regular basis throughout the day
- Not sharing stationary, mugs or phones (including headsets), or workspace equipment
- Ensuring all food and drink containers are washed thoroughly after each use
- Preparing your own food and drinks including teas and coffees
- Not shaking hands

We will continue to enact our Business Continuity plan as and when necessary, and continue to update communications as and when required.

We are taking the following specific action:

- Wherever possible, we are offering client meetings to be “online” rather than face-to-face and avoiding any physical contact, such as handshakes in any meetings that continue on a face-to-face basis.
- We are following all government guidelines with respect to international travel.
- We are suspending conferences and large internal meetings taking place in March and April that require travel.
- We are undergoing regular deep-cleaning of all our offices.
- Colleagues returning from travel, either business or personal, from a high-risk area are being asked to work from home for 14 days irrespective of symptoms.
- We have plans in place to enable staff to be able to work from home with connectivity to all of our operating systems should we be advised to do so by the relevant authorities.

In these challenging times it is important that we all come together, look after ourselves and each other for the protection of the most vulnerable in our society.