



# Supply Chain BULLETIN

Weekly Update on COVID-19 NEWS from Sellafield Ltd

Friday 27 March 2020

## Introduction

This bulletin provides a round up of recent COVID-19 pandemic information for our supply chain companies.

## Tuesday 17 March 2020

At Sellafield Ltd we are following Government guidelines regarding self-isolation and the conditions of doing so for 7 to 14 days with the NHS guidance on symptoms. We also recognise these are exceptional circumstances and we want to make sure our supply chain remains viable and our people are retaining a salary to protect them from financial hardship.

We want to make sure those with symptoms do self-isolate and don't feel under pressure to come into work due to financial constraints.

We expect all our suppliers throughout all tiers of our supply chain to pay their staff basic wages during the 7 – 14-day period of self-isolation. This will be an allowable cost in these circumstances.

The Sellafield site and offices remain open and operational, we remain focussed on our mission and we want to maintain progress on all work fronts.

As the situation develops, we will issue further information and consider specific support alongside the extensive support recently announced by HMG.

Martin Chown  
Chief Executive Officer

## Tuesday 17 March 2020

We would like to assure our supply chain at all tiers that we are considering the impact on you in the decisions we are making regarding COVID-19. With that said we do have to follow Government advice to ensure the safety of all those working at Sellafield Ltd.

We class our finance team as critical staff, so during this time we will continue to pay our invoices promptly and we urge our Tier 2 suppliers to do the same. We will also ensure that procurement teams are retained for critical purchases.

It is likely, as government start to enforce social distancing measures, that the work flowing from Sellafield will lessen and we do understand this will have an impact on many businesses.

We would like to point our SME community to:

<https://www.fsb.org.uk/resources-page/advice-to-small-businesses-and-fsb-members-about-the-novel-coronavirus-covid-19.html>

Here you will find advice for small businesses and financial support available through the Government.

For members of BECBC a new COVID-19 support link up service has been launched:

<https://www.becbusinesscluster.co.uk/news/article/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-news>

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. In the meantime if you are a current supplier and you are concerned about your business health please email:

[supply\\_chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:supply_chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com)

In these difficult times remember to look after yourself and others.

Stay safe and be kind

Emma-Jayne Gooch

## Friday 20 March 2020

### *Message from our Chief Executive, Martin Chown*

#### The Covid-19 situation

The coronavirus pandemic is demanding an unprecedented response from Government, the NHS, public services and businesses. In our seven decades of existence, Sellafield has never faced a challenge such as this, and we all need to face this challenge as the people entrusted by our country to deliver our mission of unique national importance.

As you will be acutely aware, events have moved rapidly, and they will continue to do so. We are making every effort to communicate with you as fast as we can, whilst being as clear as we can. The situation and Government advice is constantly changing and not everything can be answered immediately.

This week, you will have seen a number of announcements from us providing advice on changes to working arrangements, parking and site access arrangements, self-isolation, social distancing and home working. More advice will follow as the situation evolves. We are also working very well across the NDA group and supporting each other across many work areas, NDA themselves are hugely supportive.

For the full story and more information please visit - <https://www.gov.uk/government>

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It has been confirmed by Government that workers in the nuclear industry are "key workers" and that includes some of you in our Supply Chain. If you are directly or indirectly involved with our high hazard and retrievals work, you may fall into this category. This includes maintaining safety on our site. This also includes essential site services such as security, catering, laundry etc.

For those people in roles that are included in the classification, they will have the provision to send their children to school if that is appropriate and subject to Local Authority availability. Please remember that schools that re-open will do so with a skeleton staff in order to support key workers which we know includes nurses, doctors and others who are key to our national response to Covid-19. We should only use this if absolutely necessary.

Thank you and your subcontractors for your continued support and commitment to delivering our mission.

Alan Hartley  
Interim Supply Chain Director

## Saturday 21 March 2020

Update on childcare provision next week in schools for key workers now available on our website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/childcare>

**Monday 23 March 2020**

Due to the circumstances out with anyone's control, the decision has been made to manage the deliveries made to Lillyhall for and on behalf of Sellafield Ltd.

**Lillyhall will not be accepting any deliveries after 10:30 each working day: (Monday to Friday)**

Bookings already made and confirmed after 10:30 will be honoured:

Access to your Delivery Management System account will be available as normal to secure future bookings.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your cooperation – if you have any questions relating to the above please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Control Tower – 01946 - 598677

**Monday 23 March 2020**

Link to more information on COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>

**Tuesday 24 March 2020**

Covid-19 Sellafield Ltd supply chain update

The following guidance has been issued by our supply chain partners to their employees;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-sellafield-ltd-supply-chain-update-24-march-2020>

**Tuesday 24 March 2020**

In light of COVID-19 we are reviewing our current and planned procurements to assess whether they are critical to our business or whether we can postpone the procurement activity. We will update the supply chain appropriately as soon as we are able to do so but this may take a little time.

We do have a couple of LINC procurements which we still intend to launch in the next few weeks providing our SME's have the people available and can safely respond.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. In the meantime if you are a current supplier and you are concerned about your business health please email:

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Emma-Jayne Gooch  
Head of Supply Chain Development & Innovation

**Wednesday 25 March 2020**

Update on pause on work across site

Our pause on projects has been extended to Monday, 6 April while we endeavour to identify the key work that needs to continue and which of our key workers are needed on site.

This pause includes all work currently being undertaken by the Projects Delivery Directorate and most other work on-site, with some key exceptions where stopping work could impact on nuclear safety.

Our contractor community has been informed of the decision to extend the pause. An update on the next steps will be issued on Thursday, 2 April.

Any emergent works will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Project Delivery Directorate

**More information is available via the links below;**

UK Government – [Guidance for Employers and Businesses](#)

UK Government – [Support for Businesses](#)

UK Government – [Support for self-employed](#)

This information is constantly evolving so please keep checking.

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We are regularly tweeting the latest information on COVID-19, to keep updated make sure you follow us at: [@SELLtdBusiness](#)

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be anything,  
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