**National Construction Event - Stand Up to Covid 19!**

**Date: 30th Sept 2020 @ 10.00am**

Covid 19 has been with us now for nearly 6 months and caused many changes to our lives and to the world in general. The construction industry has been quick to respond to put in place the necessary safe-guards to allow the industry to be the first to return to work after the lock down on May 18th.

Since the return to work on that date, the incidence of C19 in the construction sector has been low and this has been as a result of the hard work of those who work in the sector .

The Government have just launched a new , medium term plan on how we as a country will live with Covid 19 – nonetheless, the levels of infection is increasing in the community and there is a danger that if this continues, it will impact on the livelihoods of the 200,000 people who earn a living from the construction sector.

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The purpose of this event is to reflect on those lives that have been lost to Covid 19 in Ireland (1788 at time of writing) , refocus on the basic stay safe messages in order to protect you, your colleagues, your family and your community.

**What are we asking ?**

On the 30th September @ 10.00am countrywide, everyone working in the construction industry, stop work for 1 minute remembrance and to refresh the stay safe message – that’s it !

**What is the message ?**

The main messages are

* Remember those who have lost their lives or been negatively impacted by Covid 19
* Remember social distancing – both on your way to work / while at work and on your way home
* Wash your hands regularly – regular washing prevents contamination and reduces risk of infection
* If you show the symptoms ( <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/symptoms.html>) to not come into work – contact your GP to arrange a test – its free !
* Cover mouth and nose if coughing or sneezing

Sites may have their own requirements such as wearing of masks / face coverings