

# FORATOM COVID-19

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# Was the nuclear industry well-enough prepared to confront the COVID19 crisis?

- The Nuclear Industry has a track record of planning ahead and defence in depth – the HPC project shares that culture and heritage
- The industry has experienced and dealt with previous pandemics and cross society crisis events
  - Swine flu (2009 – 2010)
  - Foot and Mouth (2001)
  - Fuel strikes (2000)
- Plans available off the shelf
- Emergency preparedness and business continuity structures in place
- Culture of sharing and learning from others

# What new measures has the nuclear industry implemented?

- Clear focus from the outset –
  - *“Our overriding priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of our workers and local communities in which we work and operate”*
- Led by a robust focus on Social distancing and hygiene standards
  - Transport and canteens capacity reduced to support 2m
  - Increased Cleaning
  - Hand sanitisation
- Daily thermal checks of all workers entering site
- Promptly established arrangements for monitoring sickness trends, responding to suspected cases and tracing and isolating contacts
- In house test capability
- Leadership focus and strong communications partnership with Trades Unions, support the community around you.

# What lessons can the industry learn?

- Our destiny is significantly influence by external factors
  - Have a plan, follow the plan, adapt the plan
- Optics are important in the age of social media
  - What you do on site or in the office is seen by everyone – lead from the front
- Zone of influence is significant – our Supply Chain is large and complex
  - Our suppliers response and COVID management is just as important in maintaining momentum of the HPC project
- Return to normal will be different, ‘the new normal’
  - The classic recovery phase no longer applies

# Thank You

