



Outdoor working practices during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Guidance for Scottish Invasive Species Initiative Volunteers

We want to provide safe opportunities for volunteers to work with us on our mink and plant control projects during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We have changed our procedures to enable us to do this but need to ensure we all work together to keep everyone safe - and in accordance with current Scottish Government and NHS guidance and to local risk assessments. To ensure that happens we have produced this guidance which we ask you to read and follow:

What we will do:

- Our staff will maintain social distancing at all times – this includes in a vehicle, so we won't be able to offer any car sharing or lifts.
- A handwash/sanitising point will be provided at all work sites.
- We will clean all equipment with disinfectant on a regular basis.
- You will be allocated individual Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – if required for the task e.g. spraying suit. This will be labelled with your name and stored for your re-use.
- We will reduce sharing of equipment, so you may be asked to do one task using one tool and not swap this during the day.

What we ask you to do:

- Be kind, considerate and patient – these are challenging circumstances for all of us and we will not be operating as normal.
- Be aware of the [symptoms of coronavirus](#) - if you have any symptoms (or have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms) please stay at home and follow [NHS advice](#).
- Respect the social distancing guidance.
- When you arrive on site please clean your hands and then again at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Bring your own refreshments and drinks – we will be unable to provide these.
- If you have any concerns or feel uncomfortable at any time please talk to your local contact, there is no obligation for you to volunteer and your safety and welfare is important to us.