



**CBG (Clifton Buying Group Ltd)
statement about the new Corona virus-
Covid-19**

**Advice to Suppliers and Clifton Buying Group
employees**

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Background Information

Coronavirus is a broad family of viruses, however only six are known to infect humans. The current infection of humans with Covid-19 strain makes this the seventh type now known to infect humans.

The virus appears to have originated from Wuhan city in China, with over 44,000 confirmed cases so far.

Symptoms include a fever, dry cough and shortness of breath. The infection rarely causes a runny nose or sneezing. The current evidence suggests the incubation period lasts between 1 and 14 days. The main routes of transmission have been identified as:

- Direct contact to face – eyes, nose from droplets spraying from an infected person onto another person.
- Contamination via droplets from sneezing and coughing landing on surfaces and then transferring via hands on to eyes and nose.
- Contamination to hands from sneezing or coughing and then transfer to others (handshakes) or on to surfaces to be picked up by others by their hands and transferred to their eyes or nose.

Cases have so far been confirmed in 29 countries, with eight cases currently confirmed in the UK. The risk to individuals of getting the illness in the UK is currently low. Health professionals are working to contact anyone who has been in close contact with people who have Covid-19.

Advice from Public Health England

As with general colds and flu, good hygiene can help limit the risk of catching a virus: regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand rub, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment; avoid putting your hands to your mouth, eyes or nose before washing them practice "cough etiquette", including keeping a distance if you feel unwell, covering coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or the inside of an elbow, and regularly washing your hands.



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Advice from Public Health England (Continued)

Specific advice has also been issued for those who have returned to the UK from any of the key areas affected (i.e. China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau) in the last 14 days and developed symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath. The advice is that they should immediately:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as they would with the flu
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of recent travel to the relevant country.

In Scotland they should phone their GP or NHS 24 on 111 out of hours. If they are in Northern Ireland, call 0300 200 7885.

Clifton Buying Group have a comprehensive pandemic strategy document and contingency plan in place, this is currently being revised and updated to reflect the current risk from Covid-19. This scope of this plan covers the precautions and actions necessary to contain the risk of illness, as far as is practicable, to Clifton Buying Group supply chain staff, to restrict any impact on operations, and to ensure continuity of service to customers.

Clifton Buying Group are continuing to monitor, plan and respond to the potential risk and have updated supply chain members across all categories, advising them to take preventative measures in order to limit the risk of transmission and to update Clifton Buying Group of any potential issues arising from staff members having visited infected areas and or having been in contact with infected persons.

At present, there is no evidence that products imported from China could pose a risk of infection. Currently there has been no change or official guidance announced by the government regarding food regulations and the Covid-19 for the UK/EU as it stands.

We are closely following updates from the WHO, Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), and are continuing to monitor the situation as it develops.

We will continue to update you if the situation changes or further information becomes available.