

## COVID-19 (coronavirus) – information and advice to members

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), IChemE is closely monitoring the advice given by the relevant national governments. The Institution has already taken a number of precautionary approach to ensure the health and safety of employees, members and visitors, and to minimise the impact on operations. Welfare remains our top priority.

All IChemE events, training courses and meetings that are scheduled to take place will continue as planned unless otherwise advised. In line with national guidance, currently IChemE is not proposing the cancellation of member-led regional activities as local circumstances will vary according to official guidance and decisions by relevant employers. However, where possible, we are recommending both to staff and members that meetings be held virtually.

All IChemE offices currently remain open and employees can be contacted using normal communication methods. (If you need to get in touch, you can still contact any of our offices during the office hours of 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday (according to time zone) via the details on our website: <u>www.icheme.org/contact/</u>). Should this change, updated contact details will be shared via email, social media and the Fact checker page of the IChemE website: <u>www.icheme.org/factchecker</u>

If you have any concerns about attending an IChemE event, please feel free to contact us to discuss this in more detail and explore any suitable alternatives.

We strongly recommend that members keep themselves up to date on the latest travel and health advice from their national governments. For up to date advice, please click on the following links:

UK: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

Australia: https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

Malaysia: https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/malaysia/

New Zealand: https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus

World Health Organisation: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus