

COVID-19 (coronavirus) – information and advice to members and customers – updated 17 March 2020

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 measures to ensure the health and safety of employees, members and visitors, and to minimise the impact on operations. Welfare remains our top priority.

Physical IChemE training courses are likely to be postponed or delivered virtually. All attendees will be contacted shortly with further updates and our website will be updated to reflect the revised programme. Please contact us using one of the following email addresses if you have any training related queries:

- UK courses@icheme.org
- Australia Austcourses@icheme.org
- Malaysia malaysiancourses@icheme.org

We will be issuing updates on the *Hazards 30* conference and *International Conference on Sustainable Production and Consumption* later this week. Please visit www.icheme.org/hazards30 or www.icheme.org/spc20 for more details.

The annual gathering of the academic/research community, *ChemEngDayUK2020* has been postponed. A further update will be issued in due course. The annual IChemE Global Awards programme is expected to proceed as planned in November.

In addition, we now recommend that all member-led regional activities should also be held virtually wherever possible or they should be postponed.

IChemE staff around the globe will now be predominantly working from home. The office in Rugby, UK will remain accessible with very limited staff coverage. All other IChemE offices will be moving to a full work from home basis until further notice.

We recommend that if you need to get in touch with an IChemE member of staff that you use their normal email address. If you have any general enquiries, please visit our website for details as to how to contact your local office: www.icheme.org/contact. All email addresses will be monitored by staff members during normal working hours.

We will continue to monitor all relevant government advice and as the situation changes, we will keep under review how we support members, members groups and special interest groups in respect to any IChemE-related activities.

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>