

Cré Advice to Members 13.3.2020

COVID 19- Composting & Biogas Plants

All composting and biogas sites need to implement measures NOW to ensure that not all staff get COVID 19 and it results in composting and biogas sites closing down.

Cré has been in contact with the waste industry in Italy and currently they are doing the following:

- Collection and processing food and garden waste – No Change
- Waste from Healthcare / Hospital- Now Treated Differently

Composting and Biogas Sites:

Staff should be segregated to avoid all staff been in contact with each other – this will help make reduce the risk of spread of COVID 19 between staff for example:

- Implement staff into separate work shifts
- Avoid all staff having tea breaks/ lunch together
- Have separate canteen areas
- Have separate toilets
- Office staff that can work remotely from home to be encouraged
- Operatives working in the plant need to follow good hygiene practice of wearing gloves, washing hands etc

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Truck Drivers at Weighbridge Offices at Compost / Biogas Sites

If truck drivers won't enter site office to sign documents, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine has suggested the following:

- Compost / Biogas site staff sign documents on behalf of the truck driver and put a note of 'Covid 19' beside their signature.**

Meeting Options

Organisations should use conference call facilities to conduct meetings.

Cré uses the following conference call facilities

- Whatsapp – has a free conference call facility**
- Allconferencecalls.ie**

<http://www.allconferencecalls.ie/conference-calls/national/> - this service charges €15 per conference call. The service is reliable.

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Self-Isolation and Self-Quarantine

Health Service Executive Advice on Waste

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/self-isolation-and-limited-social-interaction.html>

How people who self-isolate managing their waste

Put all the waste that you have used, including tissues and masks, in a plastic rubbish bag. Tie the bag when it is about three-quarters full. Place the plastic bag in a second bin bag and tie the bag.

Treat all cleaning waste in the same way.

Do not put the rubbish bags out for collection for 72 hours. After that, the bags can be put out for collection in regular domestic waste.

Any Updates from the Government in relation to waste will be provided once available.

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