

# The Need Project

## Central Bedfordshire Coronavirus Guidelines – 5th November 2020

We are mindful that Coronavirus cases are rising in the UK at the moment – at the time of writing 1 in every 100 people are infected. We want to make sure that as the number of people with Coronavirus in the community increase, we as an organisation help minimise the risk of it spreading.

The following advice is based on the Government and NHS Guidance. If you develop any unusual symptoms, do not come to Need Project Centre or undertake deliveries until you have contacted the 111 NHS Helpline for advice. In accordance with government advice we request that people wash their hands, with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds several times a day and in particular after coughing or sneezing or doing a delivery run. Please cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze, and put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards. Those who have travelled back from a high-risk area (as defined by the UK Government at that time) should self-isolate.

We urge members of the NP team who self-isolate to let us know this, so that we can find ways of offering appropriate pastoral care during this time. We recommend that we restrict physical contact until the outbreak has passed. In particular, do not shake hands or offer hugs. When visiting the Need Project Centre or making deliveries to our clients, please follow the procedure referred to in our Coronavirus Risk Assessment and relevant Appendices. In addition to our normal cleaning and hygiene procedures, we have put into place enhanced cleaning and social distancing procedures and a Track and Trace system in order to protect our staff and volunteers.

How can we respond to this outbreak in a Christ-like way? We should bear in mind that taking sensible precautions is not principally an act of self-protection, but primarily an action designed to protect others who are at risk in our community. And we should continue to be open-hearted and attentive to the lonely, the vulnerable and the anxious. Above all, we will face the future (which is always uncertain) with courage and faith in God.