

COVID-19 guidance for refuse collection rounds

The waste industry / Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have released draft COVID-19 guidance to support the work of refuse operatives.

Hartlepool Borough Council is already adopting this guidance as part of its waste collection procedures which involve the following:

- All crews have now been successfully isolated to the recommended 2 metres. This has been achieved via the use of support
- Crews have been issued with additional PPE and instructed to follow Government guidance on washing themselves and their clothes each day after work
- All onboard hand washing facilities have been cleaned and made operational and soap and blue roll have been supplied to each crew. Hand gel has also been supplied
- Staff are being rostered (where possible) to avoid changes to crews
- Vehicle internal wash downs are only being done after a 72-hour standing period
- Each operative is being issued with two pairs of nitrile gloves a day