



Effect of COVID 19 on Legal Processes

At the time of writing this note there is still some uncertainty in relation to the spread of the virus and the steps the Government will eventually take with regards to the pandemic. Therefore, due to this dynamic situation and government advice changing, this note may be subject to change and we will do our best to keep this guidance updated. We have provided this guidance on the basis of some questions that may be raised by you in relation to work we are doing for you.

What happens if the person dealing with my matter at Massers has to self-isolate?

We have a business continuity plan and are working on the contingency actions that we hope will minimise the disruption if this was to occur. However, we cannot guarantee that there will not be some detrimental effect on the progress of your matter as we move to working from home or having to cover for a person illness. In addition, there may be delays where other parties/institutions are affected by the virus. We would ask that you bear with us as much as possible at this difficult time and we will try to keep you as up to date as possible.

What happens if you have to self-isolate?

You must tell us immediately if you have to self-isolate or fall ill with the virus, if you have been in personal contact with any member of our staff, have any upcoming face to face meetings with Massers or if this will affect work we are doing for you in any way.

Are there likely to be delays?

There is of course a potential that if significant parts of the legal profession or others involved have large numbers of employees off sick that there may be disruption as people struggle to cope with the amount of work. However, we will do everything we can to ensure that this is kept to a minimum.

Please be as patient as you can as we are all facing unprecedented times and an evolving issue.

Note

Please note that we will not be offering any advice on the effects of COVID-19 other than the guidance issued by the UK government.