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To: Chief Executives - Scottish Local Authorities

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Dear Chief Executive

I am writing to draw your attention to a short guidance note (attached) published today to assist building owners considering COVID-19 adaptations to understand the application of building regulations to such works.

The document directs building operators to ongoing publication of sectoral advice by the Scottish Government, reinforces the benefit of seeking advice from construction professionals and notes that assistance on procedural queries can be sought from local authority verifiers.

A copy of the guidance note, published at <https://www.gov.scot/policies/building-standards/monitoring-performance/> is attached to this letter.

As previously, a pragmatic and flexible approach should be adopted by local authority verifiers to support building operators in their response to COVID-19. Through our ongoing liaison with Local Authority Building Standards Scotland, we intend to collate and publish any common queries arising from such works as a 'frequently asked questions' document and maintain this as work to restart businesses on a sectoral basis continues.

Yours faithfully

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