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Do you have a plan for Covid-19?

It is not an over-reaction to suggest that every single business needs to prepare for at least a short-term labour challenge created by coronavirus. It is likely that most people will contract coronavirus and whilst for most it will be a mild illness from which they will recover fully and quickly, this still creates a huge challenge for the farming industry as employees or contractors have to self-isolate for 7 or 14 days if they or someone in their household displays symptoms. Nobody can say with certainty who will have a mild illness and who might find themselves confined to a bed, either in hospital or at home.

Farmers often carry on regardless of illness because stock still need to be fed and work done. However you cannot assume that you will be physically able to do this and it is absolutely vital therefore that you have a plan in place so that in the event that you become too ill to work as normal, or lose critical staff, the important jobs can still be done – beasts fed, cows milked, crop picked.

To get you started we've included a template on the right that has been designed in coordination with RSABI. Other templates which go into more sector-specific detail can be found on the FAS website at www.fas.scot/emergency-planning



Emergency Plan

Use this template to prepare valuable information that would help others in the event that you become ill. Keep it somewhere it's easily found.



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Farm Name			
Full Address inc. Postcode			
Normal Contacts (Name & Numbers)			
Emergency Contacts:			
	Name	Number	
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Emergency contact for everyone:		RSABI (Scottish Agriculture Charity)	0300 111 4166
Vet:			
Feed Rep:			
Market:			
Accountant/Bookkeeper:			
Contractor:			
Enterprises – Yes/No Approx Number	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	
	<i>Dairy</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	
	<i>Pigs/Goats/Other</i>	<i>Arable/Cropping</i>	
When are you calving / lambing?			
Other key information, e.g:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Do you have stock at seasonal grazing, if so – where, how many, contact details for landlord.</i> <i>Where else do you have stock – an isolation facility, other steadings, out-wintering?</i> <i>Where is the medicine cabinet?</i> <i>Where do normal lambing/calving staff come from? Contact details?</i> <i>Where are your passports, tags, livestock records, medicine records?</i> 			

Attach an IACS map so that it is clear which fields are yours – remember seasonal fields.

More templates are available on the FAS website which allow you to give additional sector-specific information: www.fas.scot/emergency-planning
 For help completing the plan contact RSABI on 0300 111 4166