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Information to schools

UPDATED & IMPORTANT: Your Compliance and Building WOF During COVID-19

We have received an important confirmation that schools are not considered to be a place of work for essential services.

This means that from close of business Wednesday 25th March we will be suspending all testing, preventative maintenance and inspections services until the social distancing requirements in place for Threat Level 4 COVID-19 are removed.

You will not be required to provide access to your school during this time.

We will ensure emergency call-out services provided to you are still available for lifts just in case someone does get trapped, even though this is unlikely to be required if schools are closed.

We have a number of automated notification systems that will still produce alerts for outstanding remedial works for your school. We know there is to be no repair work allowed to be completed at your school during this time, so please disregard them until advised otherwise. We believe it is better to keep these in place, so nothing gets missed when schools are allowed to re-open.

We appreciate the support from the schools who got back to us after our update yesterday. As we are all aware, this is a rapidly changing situation, so our last update provided the best information we had available at the time.

We are continuing to work with Councils across the country to make sure they are aware of the actions being taken for your school.

Please be assured Argest has the safety and health of your school, our team and the wider community at the forefront of our minds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Rob Wilson at rwilson@argest.com or our Ministry of Education Compliance Team at TeamMOE@argest.com. They will be continuing to work from their homes to support you during this time.

Keep safe,

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