

## **COVID-19 – HIPCEA APPROACH.**

The government has made it legal to carry out viewings, house moves and trips to letting or estate agents.

The exceptions have been made public as part of new laws loosening the coronavirus lockdown in England.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 say people may leave the home "to undertake any of the following activities in connection with the purchase, sale, letting or rental of a residential property".

This includes visiting estate or letting agents, developer sales offices or show homes; viewing residential properties to look for a property to buy or rent; and moving home.

With this announcement HIPCEA will now offer its surveying services as long as it is safe to do so and that social distancing, during surveys, remains possible.

### **EPC and Home Condition Surveys**

The conditions on which surveys will be undertaken are as follows:-

1. Where the property is empty or has been vacated for at least 72 hours, irrespective of whether it is for sale or rent or otherwise.
2. Where the property sales process is compromised because of the lack of an EPC and where the property to be surveyed is occupied, persons within must not have/show symptoms of the coronavirus or be in self-isolation.

2m social distancing must be maintained at all times.

At all times during the survey, I will wear a protective face mask, disposable gloves, disposable shoe covers. Surfaces where my surveying equipment is placed or where I may touch will be wiped with an appropriate cleaner and, at appropriate times, I will use a hand sanitizing solution.

### **SAP (New Build/Conversions/Extensions) Calculations**

This area of my business is not effected by the COVID-19 outbreak, as all calculation work is carried out at my home office from architect drawings.

I wish to thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

Keep safe, keep washing your hands and good health.

Regards,

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