

Exchange of HSE practices in the context of the COVID 19

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Some of the identified challenges in IMA-Europe

The minerals industry is probably less affected than other industries as many of the operations are outdoor so the situation is less critical. Special attention must be paid to offices and labs.

Reported issues are:

- Lack of hydroalcoholic gel and hands sanitizer
 - Risk of fire and explosion from alcohol based sanitiser!
- Implementation of new PPE instructions: choice of masks
- Keeping the safety distance, reduce the number of workers
- Postponement of some big maintenance works
- Reduction of safety trainings and safety observations → higher risk of incidents and less reporting
- Temperature measurement of the workers: pros and cons
- How to deal with vulnerable workers confidentiality issues
- Lack of social contacts for people working at home



IMA-Europe acts as an exchange forum

A Dropbox is made available to the Members where many general and specific guides (national / European / company) on how to return safely to work after COVID are shared

27 documents so far

The <u>EU Guidance COVID-19: Back to the Workplace</u> by EU-OSHA was found very useful