statement on SOS-UK operations in relation to covid-19

# 16th March 2022

Further to our earlier statements in 2020 and 2021, we have updated working practices in response to updated government guidance to from 24th February 2022.

In England, the government have removed all domestic restrictions related to the covid-19 pandemic. As such, we are taking steps to ensure we do not inadvertently spread the virus through our activities, to protect our SOS-UK staff and contacts. As such we are continuing the below actions until further notice:

* Office workers have returned to office working
* Office workers are continuing to regularly test for covid-19 with lateral flow tests.
* All staff are individually adhering to previous Government guidance on hygiene, and they are self-isolating if they test positive for the virus
* Our training, workshops, and meetings are being delivered both in-person and remotely, using Skype for Business and Zoom
* We ask that our external contacts oblige to encourage meeting, workshop and event participants/attendees refrain from attending in-person if they have covid-19 symptoms, and if possible, they continue to lateral flow test out of respect for others
* Please respect the safety of our staff and individuals who fall under your responsibility by accepting that we will not allow our staff to work in-person if they have covid-19.

We will review our position, and update this statement, as needed on an ongoing basis.

If you have any questions relating to this statement, please contact us at hello@sos-uk.org.

Thank you for your support at this time, look after one another.

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