# Fortel Nijjer welcomes governments decision to allow construction sites to remain open during lock down.

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As government re-introduces lock down measures to contain the second wave of corona-virus, construction workers will be allowed to attend building sites. The announcement came as Boris Johnson announces new lock down measures to contain the surge in COVID-19 infections across the country.

The prime minister said: “In key public services and in all professions where home working is not possible such as construction or retail people should continue to attend their workplaces”. But at the same time construction companies’ office based has been advised to work from home wherever possible. There was more great news from the Prime Minister as he didn’t rule out extension of the Furlough Scheme which has benefitted millions of workers across the country. Till 24th August construction firms have claimed more than £2.9bn through the government’s coronavirus job retention scheme.

Welcoming the decision to allow construction sites to remain open, Sat Nijjer, CEO of one of the UK’s leading construction labor suppliers said that they are focused on tackling COVID-19 challenges. Fortel is already working with both government agencies as well as non-governmental organizations like MHA and Sports England to ensure that workers are kept safe and all relevant guidelines are met while still supporting our clients and partners business requirements. He also said that they are actively leveraging on technology to keep their employees updated with latest company and government advise on COVID 19 and have created a dedicated page on their website https://fortel.co.uk/covid19 to provide relevant information. Fortel Nijjer employees can access this information any time and at a place of their convenience and keep themselves updated.

“During the Coronavirus, we have used our Covid-19 toolkit to signpost our people towards assistance with mortgage support and furlough guidance, both of which we hope has helped to ease stress on our staff, workers and their wider communities” – *said* Fortel Nijjer

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