

# Asos warehouse suffers suspected coronavirus outbreak



## Asos has shirked its responsibility for social distancing – this outbreak is the inevitable consequence

A suspected coronavirus outbreak at an Asos warehouse has sparked calls for the site to be closed while a deep clean is carried out.

GMB Union has now written to Asos founder Nick Roberston after receiving multiple reports of confirmed Covid-19 cases among workers and the retail giant's gigantic Barnsley warehouse.

Staff have long been concerned about a lack of social distancing and hygiene measures – branding the site a 'cradle of disease'.



A recent poll of almost 500 workers at the Grimethorpe site found 98% felt unsafe at work amid the Coronavirus crisis.

**Will Dalton, GMB Organiser, said:**

"Asos has remained open and active throughout the current crisis and lockdown, putting into place only minimal safeguards following pressure from GMB Union.

"Now, in light of confirmed coronavirus cases, they must close while a deep clean is carried out.

"We continue to call on ASOS to provide adequate PPE and implement effective social distancing.

"Asos has shirked its responsibility for social distancing – telling workers it's down to them. This outbreak is the inevitable consequence.

"Loyal Asos staff deserve better than this."

---

**Press office**

07958 156846

[press.office@gmb.org.uk](mailto:press.office@gmb.org.uk)

**Member requiring help?**

[Click to contact your local GMB Region](#)

[info@gmb.org.uk](mailto:info@gmb.org.uk)

