

## Rack System Engineering Limited

Rack System Engineering Limited established in 1989, Kirkbymoorside, is an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to the office furniture industry specialising in the design and manufacture of tubular and sheet metal components and sub-assemblies for office desks and table systems.

Since the Government announcement on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, orders for office furniture components collapsed and usual production ceased. However in the approach to the Covid-19 Lockdown, following national pleas for companies to help the NHS, Rack Systems sought to find out if we could help in the manufacture of hospital beds, we found Accora a company that supplies NHS beds usually sourced from outside the UK. They were keen to have us on board and we have now turned our entire factory production over to the manufacture of hospital beds to supply the temporary NHS Nightingale Hospitals around the UK, in the past seven days we have produced 1,500 beds.

Therefore I can confirm our current key customer is a critical supplier to the NHS and in turn we applaud our employees as key workers as defined by HM Government.

Rack Systems employs around 120 people, however we have reduced our workforce in accordance with our downturn of work, by applying the Governments Job Retention Scheme by 'furloughing' a number of employees, adopting a selection criteria based on protecting our vulnerable staff and assisting employees in caring and shielding their families. For our remaining employees on premises, their health and well-being is crucial to us and we are proactive in ensuring government guidelines relating to safeguarding employees are fully adhered to especially around hand-washing, providing a clean environment and social distancing in the workplace.

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