



ISSUE 4

GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE LEP FOOD SECURITY

Latest news and updates

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Please continue to feed your experiences, solutions and concerns to gllepbusinessintelligence@lincolnshire.gov.uk

The Greater Lincolnshire LEP continues to work closely with businesses, facilitators, and government to support the Covid19 impact on the food chain and support the food sector to continue feeding the nation. The schemes which are widely promoted and operating now are [Pick for Britain](#), [Feed the Nation](#) and [SWAP](#). [Deliver to the Nation](#) and the [Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport](#) are also two additional logistics schemes now fully operational.

Please follow the latest updates on our website www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk and follow us on [@GreaterLinclsLEP](#) and through [LinkedIn](#).

Summary Updates:

Key Worker Testing

All key (essential) workers and their households can now apply online for a Covid -19 test if they or any of their family have symptoms. Visit [here](#) for guidance.

This includes those working in the [food chain](#) and allows one of the main reasons companies are reporting staff absences to be addressed. Essential workers include:

- Critical personnel in the production and distribution of food, drink and essential goods, including:
 - Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery
 - Those critical to the provision of other essential goods, such as medical supply chain and distribution workers, including veterinary medicine
 - Workers critical to the continuity of essential movement of goods

How to book a test

The county has a static testing site and mobile units that visit various locations based on booked demand. After booking a test online, you will be offered a test appointment at your nearest available centre (or a home test kit if appropriate). Please do not arrive at a test centre without an appointment as priority is given to the high numbers of people who have booked a test, meaning you are unlikely to be seen. [Click here to book a test](#).

After testing

If your test result is negative, you can safely return to work, as long as:

- you are well enough
- you have not had a high temperature for 48 hours
- anyone you live with also tests negative

If your test result is positive, or someone you live with tests positive, you cannot return to work. You'll need to continue to self-isolate. Read NHS advice about [how long to self-isolate](#).

Student Land Army Campaign & UniWrk platform

Companies who are interested in recruiting students to help fill gaps in their workforce can also register to find students on the [UniWrk platform](#) which connects students with the flexible labour market. If you have students who are at home at present, they can also use this site to look for opportunities. We are developing a **Student Land Army campaign** this week to support the food supply chains and to promote this group of available workers into seasonal jobs which is targeted at 6th forms, FE colleges and universities, and will be circulating details of this soon.

Latest Announcements:

An Agri-Tech Lookbook is being developed by the Department of International Trade (DIT) in association with Agri-TechE, to feature the sector's most progressive companies.

The Lookbook will showcase start-ups and scale-ups that are looking for investment and it will be circulated to international investors with a known interest in this sector.

Eligible businesses can nominate themselves. Visit [here](#) to find out more.

Information and Links:

Government has released new [guidance](#) on keeping seasonal workers safe on farms.

Coronavirus

- Find out what support is available for your Greater Lincolnshire and Rutland business. Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#)
- Arrange a call with a local business adviser. Contact 01522 782189 or email businesslincolnshire@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- Can your business help to provide masks, gowns or hand sanitiser? Visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-from-business>
- Tell us about the impact on your business so we can help Government develop the right solutions. Email gllepbusinessintelligence@lincolnshire.gov.uk