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Headline Updates

Reporting outbreaks of coronavirus

[New guidance for businesses](#) and organisations on how to recognise, contain and report incidents of coronavirus has been published. COVID-19 early outbreak management information has been created to make sure that people who run businesses or organisations:

- know how to recognise and report an incident of coronavirus
- are aware of measures local health protection teams may advise in order to contain it.

Action cards have been developed to cover a range of businesses and organisations to provide specific advice on the issues each type of organisation may face now lockdown restrictions have been eased. The cards are designed to be printed or downloaded to keep on hand in your business or organisation.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Government further boosts chances of UK receiving COVID-19 vaccine

Deal announced which will secure early access to a promising new coronavirus vaccine, enhancing the UK's growing portfolio of vaccine candidates.

- An additional 60 million doses of a potentially lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine have been secured by the government
- the agreement with GSK and Sanofi Pasteur increases the UK's chances of getting access to a safe and effective vaccine by adding a new type of vaccine candidate to the UK's growing portfolio
- almost 72,000 people have volunteered in the past week to receive information about joining vital clinical studies to speed up vaccine research - but many more still needed

Full details can be found [here](#)

Shielding Advice

Over the past few months those classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable have been shielding at home in line with the governments advice to protect them from covid-19.

From the 1st August the need to shield is being paused. This also means the governments food parcels will also cease on the 31st July. Vulnerable individuals, with no support networks, are encouraged to call **Lincolnshire's Covid-19 helpline on 01522 782189.**

Full details can be found [here](#)

Travel Updates

Spain removed from travel corridors exemption list

Spain is no longer on travel corridor list. Travellers arriving into England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland from Spain from 26th July will need to self-isolate for fourteen days.

People already in Spain can stay for the remainder of their holiday and will have to self-isolate upon return
The FCO is now advising against all but essential travel to mainland Spain

Full details can be found [here](#)

Further information regarding Travel Corridors

From Tuesday 28 July 2020, passengers may not need to self-isolate when arriving in England from Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

- Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia and St Vincent and the Grenadines added to the list of travel corridors with effect from Tuesday 28 July in England
- Passengers urged to consult the FCO's travel advice pages on GOV.UK and check insurance policies before travelling
- Destinations exempt from border measures continue to remain under constant review to keep the risk of infections from abroad low

Full details can be found [here](#)

Her Majesty's Passport Office update on passport applications

HMPO recognises that an increasing number of people who do not meet the urgent and compassionate criteria will want a passport more quickly as international travel restrictions continue to ease, particularly those with pre-existing bookings.

Therefore, where a UK-based customer can evidence they are due to travel within the next fortnight, and where HMPO has had their application for longer than 4 weeks for renewal applications, it will expedite their application so that it is delivered within 5 working days.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Exemptions to Face Coverings

Disabled people are exempt from wearing face coverings under new government guidance

- Government has set out a list of face covering exemptions, as they are mandatory in additional enclosed spaces from Friday 24 July
- Exemptions include anyone under the age of 11, or those with disabilities, or hidden health conditions such as breathing difficulties, mental health conditions or autism
- Exemption cards are available to download on gov.uk

The public are asked to be mindful of people who are exempt from wearing a face covering. The list of exemptions, which has been in place since face coverings became mandatory on public transport, includes hidden conditions such as anxiety or panic disorders, autism, breathing difficulties, dementia, reduced vision or if you are with someone who relies on lip reading to communicate.

Full details can be found [here](#).

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme

This scheme aims to make staff/teams aware of people who have hidden disabilities. Some disabilities prevent people from wearing face coverings and participating in other COVID-19 Secure measures.

This scheme has been successfully rolled across a number of major organisations. Participating organisations include: all of the major airports, a number of supermarkets, railway networks, coach, bus and tram companies, police forces, NHS trusts, and leisure facilities. An increasing number of small and large businesses are participating and others are encouraged to join.

For more information and to find out how businesses can get involve, visit the [Hidden Disabilities website](#).

Health

New Obesity Strategy unveiled as country urged to lose weight to beat coronavirus (COVID-19) and protect the NHS

New package of measures and "Better Health" campaign announced to help people lose weight.

- Ban on TV and online adverts for food high in fat, sugar and salt before 9pm
- End of deals like 'buy one get one free' on unhealthy food high in salt, sugar and fat
- Calories to be displayed on menus to help people make healthier choices when eating out – while alcoholic drinks could soon have to list hidden 'liquid calories'
- New campaign to help people lose weight, get active and eat better after COVID-19 "wake-up call"

Full details can be found [here](#)

Business and Economy Updates

Track and Trace Case Study Request

To help promote Test & Trace as widely as possible, government are keen to hear from businesses about their experiences and to create **case studies** to share with others to inspire action. If this is something you are able to support then please email the dedicated business enquiries mailbox at:

covid19-partnerships@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – Penalties for Overpayments

Businesses may face penalties if overpayments are not declared. Information can be sought regarding:

- how HMRC decides how much the penalty will be
- when payment should be made
- how to appeal against a penalty

Full details can be found [here](#)

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

Restaurants that are registered for the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme are now searchable online.

Find restaurants [here](#)

Businesses: Find out how to [claim the reimbursement](#) for discounts given to diners with the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme.

Councils awarded £800,000 to build on digital advances made during pandemic

Communities across the country are set to benefit from better local services as councils receive a share of £800,000 for innovative digital projects.

- Up to £120,000 given to 11 innovative council-led projects to better serve residents
- The Local Digital Fund will use innovation to solve common problems facing councils as they respond to the coronavirus pandemic
- This month marks the 2-year anniversary since the start of the Local Digital Declaration

Full details can be found [here](#)

Going to work

Workplace guidance has been updated to reflect the Prime Minister's statement (17 July), which highlighted that the government's advice on going to work will change from 1 August.

From this date, employers should ensure workplaces are safe whilst also enabling working from home

In order to keep the virus under control, it is important that people work safely. Working from home remains one way to do this. However, the risk of transmission can be substantially reduced if COVID-19 secure guidelines are followed closely.

Employers should consult with their employees to determine who, from the 1 August 2020, can come into the workplace safely taking account of a person's use of public transport, childcare responsibilities, protected characteristics, and other individual circumstances. Extra consideration should be given to those people at higher risk.

When it is decided that workers should come into their place of work then this will need to be reflected in the COVID-19 risk assessment and actions taken to manage the risks of transmission in line with this guidance. It is vital employers engage with workers to ensure they feel safe returning to work, and they should avoid forcing anyone into an unsafe workplace.

Updated guidance for various sectors can be found [here](#)

Education & Skills

£5.4 million to help colleges upskill the country

Colleges across the country will benefit from a cash injection to boost standards so more people can access high quality education and training and get the skills they need to progress. [20 applications](#) have been successful to include; Grimsby Institute, Grantham College, Boston College, Lincoln College, and New College Stamford, and will receive a total of £5.4 million from the College Collaboration Fund (CCF) between them.

The fund, which builds on the strengths of the [Strategic College Improvement Fund](#), will see groups of colleges collaborating to share good practice, knowledge and experience to drive up the standard of education and training on offer to their local communities. This will include specific support to develop high quality digital content to provide improved remote and blended learning, to make sure students affected by coronavirus can catch-up on lost learning hours and also to prevent young people from becoming NEET (not in education employment or training).

Full details can be found [here](#)

Sector Specific Updates

Hospitality and Arts

'Jump-start' for UK's leading creative industries

In a major move to jump start the country's cultural and creative sectors following lockdown, the Culture Secretary has announced the launch of a Government-backed scheme worth half a billion pounds for domestic film and TV productions struggling to get coronavirus-related insurance.

- Government announces new £500 million scheme to kickstart film and television production struggling to secure insurance for Covid-related costs
- Further detail also released on how £880 million of the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund will support cultural, arts and heritage organisations
- British Film Institute, Arts Council England, Historic England and National Lottery Heritage Fund publish guidance and criteria for applicants

Full details can be found [here](#)

Grassroots Music venues to be saved by government cash

First portion of £1.57 billion culture recovery package will go towards saving music venues from insolvency ^[1]_[SEPP]

£2.25 million emergency support expected to benefit 150 venues across the country ^[1]_[SEPP]

The first tranche of funding from the Government's £1.57 billion cultural recovery package will be used to save around 150 grassroots music venues from insolvency, Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden has announced today.

The £2.25 million of emergency funding will be used to support venues at imminent risk of collapse and it is expected to benefit up to 150 venues across the country.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Agriculture

Government to cut red tape for farmers as they plan for 2021

Farmers in England are set to benefit from a reduced administrative burden next year, as the government plans to end the need to comply with the EU-delivered so-called greening requirements and begin the move towards our new Environmental Land Management scheme, which will deliver greater benefits for the environment.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Transport

£589 million to kick start rail upgrades across the North

Investment has been announced alongside the establishment of a new Northern Transport Acceleration Council. In summary this will deliver:

- Over £600 million of investment in northern rail network to drive improvements across the region, including release of £589 million for work to upgrade and electrify Transpennine main line
- Formation of a new council, led by Grant Shapps as Northern Powerhouse Minister, to give northern leaders direct access to ministers to accelerate transport projects
- Work to drive progress across the North will be supported by Department for Transport (DfT) staff based in northern cities

Full details can be found [here](#)

£2bn committed to cycling and walking

The new scheme commits to thousands of miles of new protected bike lanes, cycle training for everyone (adults and children), and first ever zero-emission transport city.

The plans include a limited number of £50 bike repair vouchers to encourage more people to enjoy the benefits of active travel.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Highway's England makes £114 million pledge to improve roads in East of England

Smoother journeys ahead as Highways England reveals multi-million-pound investment to improve the region's roads, pavements and bridges over the next 12 months.

Well-known motorways and major A roads including the M11, A14, A1, A47 and A12 will all benefit from the planned package of enhancements, with road resurfacing, bridge joint replacements, the creation of cycle lanes, improved signage and landscaping all set to take place.

Webinars

Join a free webinar, hosted by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to recap COVID-secure guidance on how to operate safely and to input into the implementing of the guidance in practice.

- **Working safely during Coronavirus: Close Contact Services: 11am Tuesday 28 July** –Recap how to make your workplace COVID-secure by joining this webinar providing guidance for close contact services, such as hairdressers, barbers, beauticians, tattooists, sports and massage therapists, dress fitters, tailors and fashion designers. Register [here](#).
- **Working safely during Coronavirus: Restaurants, Pubs and Bars: 3pm, Tuesday 28 July** – Recap how to make your workplace COVID-secure by joining this webinar providing guidance for restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes & takeaways. Register [here](#).
- A new webinar on the **Eat Out to Help Out scheme** is also now available [here](#).

Date	Topic	Booking Link
8, 15 & 22/09/2020	Marketing Overhaul - Design and Deliver a Marketing Plan to Grow your Business	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1118&navigatedFromSearch=true

9 & 16/09/2020	Powerful PR	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1119&navigatedFromSearch=true
10, 17 & 24/09/2020	Website Planning for your Business	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1120&navigatedFromSearch=true
23 & 30/09/2020	Using LinkedIn to Attract New Business	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1121&navigatedFromSearch=true
29/09/2020	Tech for Remote Working - Choosing the most appropriate home and remote working solution for your business	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1123&navigatedFromSearch=true
1, 8 & 15/10/2020	Writing Website Copy that Works	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1124&navigatedFromSearch=true
6, 13 & 20/10/2020	Get More Business using Google Analytics & Digital Marketing Data	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1132&navigatedFromSearch=true
7 & 14/10/2020	Why businesses should not ignore Twitter	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1133&navigatedFromSearch=true
21/10/2020	3D Scanning to Create Digital Parts, Places and Products for Industry	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1135&navigatedFromSearch=true
22/10/2020	Virtual Immersive Environments – Creating digital copies of spaces and places	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1136&navigatedFromSearch=true
3, 10, & 17/11/2020	Simplifying Social Media for Success	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1137&navigatedFromSearch=true
4 & 11/11/2020	Integrating Facebook into your Business	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1138&navigatedFromSearch=true
5, 12 & 19/11/2020	Get more website visitors by ranking higher in Google	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1139&navigatedFromSearch=true
18/11/2020	Cyber Security for Any Occasion	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1140&navigatedFromSearch=true

Fixed Key Messaging

- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](https://www.businesslincolnshire.com) or call 01522 782189 for continued support to your business
- View the Government Covid-secure guidance by sector [here](#)
- Click [here](#) if you can provide Covid-19 testing capacity.
- Feed business impacts into [Business Intelligence](#)

As we move from Response to Recovery, the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum has created a Recovery Comms Cell made up of county and district councils, NHS, and LEP/ Business Lincolnshire leads to ensure consistency of key messaging. This is not intended as a comprehensive list but to update on new and key messages relevant to economic recovery. Follow and tag @ [twitter LRF](#) [twitter LEP](#) [twitter Business Lincolnshire](#)