

## Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum



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### LRFBIZ V3 – BUSINESS RELEVANT VERSION

## Lincolnshire Resilience Forum – Recovery Cell Comms Distribution

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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. Follow and tag @ [twitter LRF](#) [twitter LEP](#) [twitter Business Lincolnshire](#)

### Industry-Relevant Updates and Announcements

#### 1. Discretionary Grant Fund District Updates

- COLC, NKDC, NLC, SHDC, WLDC went live on 1<sup>st</sup> June
- ELDC went live on 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- BBC, SHDC and RUT plan to go live from 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Continue to visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) for updates and individual district councils for details.

#### AGREED JOINT DISTRICT MESSAGING RESPONSES FOR UNSUCCESSFUL DGF APPLICANTS:-

*"If you do not qualify for the Discretionary Grant fund please access the support finder tool on the Gov.uk website to see what other sources of support may be accessible for you and your business at <https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>.*

*The Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub website [www.businesslincolnshire.com](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com) has the latest up to date COVID 19 and general business support information. The site includes an events calendar and business advice scheme finder and access to mental health support. The Growth Hub Advisers are able to provide independent business advice and signposting to the most appropriate support programmes for clients who are looking to restart. This will include the ability to access some grant funding for restart projects, but these grants will not be able to be used for ongoing running costs or any retrospective costs and, in most cases, will require a business to provide some match funding.*

*The decision on Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund rests solely with the Local Authority and the Growth Hub has no influence over this decision."*

#### 2. Final date for the furlough scheme update

The final date by which an employer can furlough an employee for the first time will be **10 June 2020**, in order for the current three-week furlough period to be completed by 30 June 2020. Employers will have until 31 July to make any claims in respect of the period to 30 June. Further details can be found [here](#).

#### 3. Businesses sought to support COVID-19 Testing Capacity

The government wants help from businesses to increase testing capacity in the UK as part of its strategy to protect the NHS and save lives. Click [here](#) if you can help and to find out more.

#### 4. Careers Service Virtual Jobs Fair

Following the success of its first Virtual Jobs Fair in May, with over 1000 job, apprenticeship and volunteering opportunities advertised, the National Careers Service is holding a second [National Careers Service Virtual Jobs Fair](#) from Monday 8 to Friday 12 June.

#### 5. Companies House COVID-19 Guidance

[Companies House COVID-19 guidance](#) highlights plans in place to maintain services for customers and protect the welfare of employees during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. From 1 June 2020, there will be an exception to the suspension of strike off activity and in cases where law enforcement partners have concluded that companies are no longer in operation following an investigation, the registrar will continue with strike off action for those companies.

#### 6. Driver CPC Cards

Changes have been made to the validity of Driver CPC cards held by lorry, bus and coach drivers. Driver CPC card enforcement relaxation has been revoked. Click [here](#) for details.

#### 7. Free Business Webinars

Webinars available at [www.businesslincolnshire.com/events](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events) next week include; [Offshore Wind Supply Chain](#) (Offshore Wind Growth Partnership), and [Support for Exporters through Covid-19 and beyond](#) – How UK Export Finance has responded to Covid-19. Click links for more information and booking.

#### 8. HMCR Domestic Revers Charge Briefing

Government has announced a delay to the implementation of the Domestic Reverse Charge for construction services from 1 October 2020 until 1 March 2021 due to the impact of the coronavirus on the construction sector. Read this [HMCR Briefing 7](#) to find out more.

## Current Key Messaging

### 1. Workforce Testing

- If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate and [get a test](#). [Key workers](#) have priority and can choose between a drive-through appointment and home test kit. **YOU MUST CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER AND REMAIN ISOLATED FOR 14 DAYS SHOULD YOU TEST POSITIVE.**
- Employers can also directly refer essential workers who are self-isolating either because they or member(s) of their household have COVID-19 symptoms for testing through the [employer referral portal](#).
- Businesses with fewer than 250 employees can claim the full cost of providing 14 days of Statutory Sick Pay per employee if isolating with COVID-19 symptoms. Click [here](#) for more information.

### 2. NB High Street specific messaging to follow next week.

## Fixed Key Messaging

- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) or call 01522 782189 for continued support to your Greater Lincolnshire or Rutland business
- Guidance is available to support [retail businesses](#) to reopen and other industry sector guides to ensure COVID-secure workplaces can be found [here](#)
- The government wants help from businesses to increase COVID-19 testing capacity in the UK. Click [here](#) if you can help and to find out more.

- Visit [here](#) to submit your details if you can provide masks, gowns or hand sanitiser nationally or locally to [Lincolnshire Together](#)
- Feed business impacts into our [Business Intelligence](#) platform to help us continue to develop solutions with Government.

