



LRF Communications Briefing – Covid19

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Headline Updates

- **HANDS FACE SPACE.** Keep washing your hands, use a face covering, and keep two metres apart
- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) for continued support to your business
- Call the Covid helpline on 01522 782189 and select option 2 for business queries
- View the latest Government lockdown guidance [here](#)
- Feed business impacts into [Business Intelligence](#)

Covid Vaccination Programme

There has been a lot of media coverage over the development of a Covid vaccine. Currently media are being directed to the regional NHSE.

A spokesperson for the NHS has said: “The NHS has well established plans for delivering vaccinations across the country including the annual flu jab and children’s immunisations and work is underway to build on these tried and tested approaches, so that when a vaccine is ready, staff can deliver it safely.”

If you receive any local enquiries in relation to the vaccination programme from the media please direct them to Tony Crowden tony.crowden@optum.com within the LRF Comms Team.

Call NHS 111

There has been an increase in the number of people attending A&E before calling the NHS111 service. By calling NHS111 we can ensure that our A&E departments are not overwhelmed with non- emergency cases. Click [here](#) for the link to a new campaign which has been launched by the NHS in Lincolnshire to highlight the many ways to access health service.

Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG)

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME ARE STILL BEING DEVELOPED AND THE SCHEME HAS NOT YET GONE LIVE.

Businesses in England required to close due to local lockdowns or targeted restrictions will now be able to receive grants worth up to £3,000 every month.

This scheme will be made available via local authorities where local lockdown rules are applied.

- The government is now making this scheme more generous so that businesses receive up to £3,000 per month, rather than up to £1,500 per three weeks, and they are eligible for payment sooner, after only two weeks of closure rather than three.
- Small businesses with a rateable value of or below £15,000 can now claim £1,300 per month; medium sized businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000 can claim £2,000 per month; and larger businesses can claim £3,000.
- The government is also extending the scheme to include businesses which have been forced to close on a national rather than a local basis.
- This grant will be administered by the district councils. The grant is not live yet but the information is on the grant finder at [business Lincolnshire](#)

Business and Economic Updates

Headline Updates

- [Which employees](#) can be put on furlough to use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- [Who can claim](#) using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- What [steps need to be taken](#) before calculating a claim
- [Find out how much can be claimed](#)

For information on claiming for wages through the scheme click [here](#).

Disposal of Face Coverings if you run a business or organisation

Read the guidance for employers and businesses on [working safely during coronavirus](#). Businesses must:

- Provide extra bins for staff and customers to throw away their waste face coverings and PPE used for social distancing, and any other additional waste, such as takeaway packaging and disposable tableware
- Make sure that staff and customers do not put face coverings and PPE in a recycling bin as they cannot be recycled through conventional recycling facilities
- Make sure bins are emptied often so they do not overflow and create litter
- Businesses do not need to collect PPE separately but if doing so, must describe and code waste correctly.
- Ask waste contractors if there is anything else required.
- If staff are using PPE at work to protect against risks other than coronavirus, they can throw it away in the usual way.
- Businesses can put used disposable face coverings and PPE in an 'offensive waste' collection (yellow bags with a black stripe).
- Businesses may be able to use specialist PPE recycling services for some items and should check with their waste contractor.

Updated Guidance for Restaurants, Bars, Cafés and Pubs

The Primary Government Guidance for Working Safely during Covid-19 has been updated for Restaurant, bar, café and pub operators to reflect recent changes in Government rules for these businesses. Namely:

- Hospitality venues like restaurants, bars and pubs must close, but can still provide takeaway and delivery services.
- Sale of alcohol is permitted via pre-order for collection or delivery services only.
- Anyone who can work from home, should do so

- Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals should not attend work if they can't work from home for this period of restrictions

View [here](#) for specific guidance to restaurants offering takeaway or delivery.

Webinars & Events

The UK Transition: time is running out

With just 56 days to go until the UK's new start, attend one of our sector specific webinars to help prepare businesses.

- Providing services in the EU: professional qualifications, audit and accounting, and legal services - 11am, Wednesday 11 November, and then on demand - [register here](#).
- Chemical regulations - 11am, Thursday 12 November, and then on demand - [register here](#).
- Using personal data from 1 January 2021 - 11am, Wednesday 18 November, and the on demand - [register here](#).

Watch other government sector specific webinars on demand [here](#) and register for all transition webinars [here](#). For the latest transition information direct to your inbox, sign up to the Transition Readiness Business Bulletin [here](#).

Fixed Key Messaging

- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) 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](#)

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

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