



LRF Communications Briefing – Covid19

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Headlines

Targeted Testing

Local priorities for targeted testing are:-

- Geographical areas or communities of concern - invite the people in these areas to be tested even if they are without symptoms
- High consequence settings - whole setting symptomatic testing in children's homes, residential schools, critical local government services, voluntary sector frontline services, food manufacturing and key retail
- Domiciliary care - for all residents being discharged from hospital settings into the care or domiciliary care, supported housing, community supported living etc. This will also include access to testing for people in receipt of personal budgets or direct payments and their carers.
- Outbreak management - rapid deployment of testing, especially in settings where this is not currently available for asymptomatic 'populations' who are part of this group.

Vaccination Update

Key messaging:

- The roll out of additional vaccination centres is being handled at a national and regional level and more information will follow once the final list of those sites is available.
- Local Authorities are working with the NHS to support the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccination programme.
- This programme is being rolled out in phases. Those aged 80 years old or over, should wait for an invitation to be called for vaccination and there is no need for patients to contact their practice. No one should visit their practice for a vaccination without an appointment.
- The NHS is working on the locations for these additional sites and GP surgeries across the country are joining to support hospitals in the delivery of the jab, followed by larger vaccination centres in key locations nationwide. A full list of these sites will be issued as soon as available.

Self-isolation period reduced

A change to the self-isolation period from 14 to 10 days has been announced. This change applies in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland and began on Monday 14 December.

Business and Economic Updates

Business Lincolnshire Covid-19 Funding

Continue to visit www.businesslincolnshire.com for the latest updates and guidance to include the [funding](#) available to business to include regular updates for the latest on the EU transition period.

Test and Trace Payment Scheme

- Individuals can now apply for a payment of £500 under the Test and Trace Payment Support Scheme provided if they have been notified by contact tracers or the app to self-isolate and that they meet the eligibility criteria.

- People in Lincolnshire can apply for the payment through their district council. To find your local council and their application page please visit [here](#).
- To complete applications individuals will need an 8-digital NHS Test and Trace Account ID which will be provided for anyone testing positive for coronavirus or told by contract tracers to self-isolate.
- An Account ID must be requested during the isolation period and claims can be made up until 14 days after a self-isolation period has ended.

Temporary relaxation of drivers' hours for delivery of essential items to retailers

In response to pressures on local and national supply chains, the Department for Transport has introduced a temporary and limited urgent relaxation of the enforcement of EU drivers' hours rules in England, Scotland and Wales. This temporary relaxation will apply from 12:01am on 10 December 2020 and will run until 11:59pm on 30 December 2020. Find out about who the relaxation applies to and information on using the relaxation [here](#).

How to order Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Eligible health and social care providers can order PPE through the portal to meet the increased need that has arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The current order limits for different types and sizes of eligible health and social care providers can be found [here](#).

EU Transition

Importing and Exporting

- NEW: The DIT Export Control Joint Unit will be making changes to SPIRE (the electronic strategic export licence database) in preparation for the end of the transition period and will not be available on 31 December 2020. Read [Notice to Exporters 2020/19](#) to find out more. See also some additional information you will need to supply when making applications, so that ECJU can issue the correct licence from 1 January 2021. Please ensure you have registered for the [Open General Export Licence \(exports of dual-use items to EU member states\)](#) if you export dual-use items to the EU. From 1 January 2021, without this licence, your goods could be stopped by Customs.
- UPDATED: Letters to businesses about new trade arrangements with the EU from 1 January 2021: The latest letters sent to VAT-registered business in GB trading with the EU and/or the rest of the world, have been published, highlighting actions they need to take to continue trading with the EU from 1 January 2021. To view this in full, click [here](#).
- UPDATED - Complete your VAT Return to account for import VAT from 1 January 2021: Guidance with Information on getting access to your postponed import VAT statement has been added. For more information, click [here](#).
- NEW: The Goods Vehicle Movement Service: If you're a haulier and move goods through a port in the UK that uses the Goods Vehicle Movement Service, you'll need to register for the service to get your goods through customs. For more information and to register for the Vehicle Movement Service, click [here](#) Check how to move goods through ports that use the Goods Vehicle Movement Service, [here](#)
- NEW: How VAT will apply to goods moving between Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Guidance with information about how import VAT will apply to goods moving between GB and NI, for individuals and non-VAT registered businesses. For more information, click [here](#).
- UPDATED: Moving goods through the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel using common transit from 1 January 2021: Guidance and information on the inland border facilities has been updated. For more information, click [here](#).

- UPDATED: Moving goods through the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel with an ATA Carnet from 1 January 2021: Guidance with details of inland border facilities, and transporting live animals under an ATA Carnet. For more information, click [here](#).
- UPDATED: Moving goods through the Port of Holyhead with an ATA Carnet from 1 January 2021: Guidance and information for transporting live animals under an ATA Carnet has been added. For more information, click [here](#).
- NEW: Importing and exporting plants and plant products from 1 January 2021: Guidance on how to trade plants and plant products inside and outside the EU from 1 January 2021, updated to include a link to the PEACH user guide. For more information, click [here](#).
- UPDATED: Get your business ready to move goods to the common or EU countries: Guidance on what you need to do to prepare your business to move goods using common and Union Transit has been updated to explain what you need to do if you are using transit from 1 January 2021. For more information, click [here](#).
- UPDATED: The list of customs agents and fast parcel operators has been updated. Click [here](#) to view this.
- UPDATED: ECMT international road haulage permits: Guidance has been updated to confirm that emails have been sent to tell applicants if they've been allocated an ECMT permit for 2021. For more information, click [here](#).
- UPDATED: Settlement Scheme: introduction for employers: The dates in the document have been updated, and the information has been brought in line with other EU Settlement Scheme documentation. To view this, click [here](#).
- EU business: Taxes and tariffs: For more information, click [here](#).
- EU business: Providing services to the UK: For more information, click [here](#).
- EU business: Exporting to the UK: For more information, click [here](#).
- EU business: Data protection and copyright: For more information click [here](#).
- EU business: Importing from the UK: For more information, click [here](#).

Food & Drink

- UPDATED: Importing or moving animals, animal products to the EU or Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021: For more information, click [here](#).
 - UPDATED: Export or move composite food products to the EU or Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021: For more guidance, click [here](#).
 - UPDATED: Export or move live animals and animal products to the EU or Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021: For more information, click [here](#).
 - UPDATED: Food and drink labelling changes from 1 January 2021: For more information, click [here](#).
 - UPDATED: Import fish from the EU from 1 January 2021: For more information, click [here](#).
 - UPDATED: Export or move fish to the EU or NI from 1 January 2021: For more information, click [here](#).
 - UPDATED: Importing and exporting live fish and shellfish from 1 January 2021: For more information, click [here](#)
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Skills & Education

Level 3 Qualifications & Skills Bootcamps

The Department for Education has announced Level 3 qualifications and update on Skills Bootcamps.

The [Lifetime Skills Guarantee](#) aims to transform the adult education system. From April 2021, adults without A Levels (or equivalent) will be eligible to study for a [fully-funded Level 3 qualification](#). There are nearly 400 courses available in sectors from engineering and construction, to conservation, child development or business and accounting.

Additionally, new [Skills Bootcamps](#) offer flexible courses of just 12-16 weeks, giving adults aged 19+, the opportunity to build sector-specific skills and fast-track to an interview with a local employer. These short digital and technical courses will enable employers to play a leading role in the skills system and fill skills gaps at local levels. Currently available in six regions, Skills Bootcamps will expand into new areas and subjects in 2021. Visit [here](#) for more information.

Tools, Webinars & Events

A Brexit Blog by local solicitor firm; Wilkins Chapman is live now giving some useful insight for tourism and hospitality industries on how to protect their valuable EU workers. Read the blog [here](#).

Keep up to date by attending government run live webinars to help prepare your business for the end of the EU Transition period. You can also access sector-specific webinars about how to prepare your business [here](#).

- **The Foreign Commonwealth and Development** office are hosting a webinar on the changes to travel to Europe. To register, click [here](#).
- **HMRC customs declarations webinars:** HMRC have launched live webinars covering how to complete customs import declarations and how to make import declarations between the EU and Great Britain. Find a date and to register, click [here](#).
- **UK Transition Period:** HSE and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) are hosting a webinar on Wednesday 20 January at 10am in preparation for the end UK. To register, and for more information, click [here](#).
- **Department for International Trade webinars:** DIT are hosting a series of webinars aimed at UK businesses who import and export goods. To register for the next webinar on 17 December at 10:30 am, click [here](#).
- **The Ministry of Justice** have published several on-demand webinars for legal professionals discussing legal changes from 1 January 2021. To access these and for more information, click [here](#).
- **Trading with the EU:** A video series has been released that explains what businesses need to do to be ready for 1 January 2021. These videos cover what businesses need to know about exports and imports, customs, commodity codes and controlled goods. To view the videos, click [here](#).

Visit the [GOV.UK](#) transition webinar page to find out more and register [here](#)

Fixed Key Messaging

- **HANDS FACE SPACE**
- Approved vaccines are safe and prevent the spread of infectious diseases
- Visit [Business Lincolnshire](#) for continued support to your business

- Call the Covid helpline on 01522 782189 and select option 2 for business queries
- 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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