

## Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum



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### LRFBIZ V4 – 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 relevant to business. Follow and tag @ [twitter LRF](#) [twitter LEP](#) [twitter Business Lincolnshire](#)

### Industry-Relevant Updates and Announcements

#### 1. The future of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)

- As previously announced, the rules of the scheme are changing from 1 July and the Government will publish full guidance on **12 June** on GOV.UK – search 'Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme'. Webinars offering support on the changes will also be available to book online from this date.
- From **1 July** employers will have the flexibility to bring previously furloughed employees back to work part time and to decide the hours and shift patterns they work to suit business needs. Businesses will pay the wages whilst staff are in work and can apply for a scheme grant to cover the hours furloughed. The maximum number of employees employers can claim for in any period cannot be higher than the maximum number claimed for in a previous period.
- From **1 August** employers will need to contribute towards the wage costs of furloughed employees until the scheme ends on **31 October**.

#### 2. National Business Growth Groups created

- Business Secretary Alok Sharma is creating 5 new business-focused groups to unleash Britain's growth potential and create jobs, as part of the government's plans to help the economy bounce back from the coronavirus pandemic. The five groups are; The Future of Industry; Green Recovery; Backing New Business; Increasing Opportunity; and UK Open for Business. Click [here](#) to read more.

#### 3. Care Sector Testing

- [Test kits for care homes](#) have been offered to every care home for over-65s or those with dementia in England, reaching the testing target for 6 June.

### Current Key Messaging

#### 1. Face coverings in town centres and public transport

Compulsory face coverings on buses, trains, ferries and planes, and the new rules for hospitals begin from 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Businesses are urged to encourage employees to follow the guidance and people should continue to;

- Work from home if they can do so;
- Avoid public transport if they can't work from home and ;

- Avoid rush hour if they have to take public transport
- Click [here](#) for more information.

Employers continue to have a duty to assess and manage risks to safety in the workplace. The government issued [guidance](#) which includes how to make adjustments to your workplace to help you maintain social distancing.

## 2. High Street specific messaging coming soon.

### 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.

