



LRF Communications Briefing – Covid19

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Coronavirus Headlines

LRF confirms Pfizer vaccination available at Lincolnshire Showground Mass Vaccination Centre from Friday 11 June

In a boost for the Covid vaccination programme in the county, NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group has announced that the Pfizer vaccine will be available at its Lincolnshire Showground Mass Vaccination Centre (MVC) as of Friday 11th June 2021.

“We’re delighted to be able to offer the Pfizer vaccine at the Showground MVC from the end of this week, as well as at PRSA MVC, where it has been available for a few weeks now, and both centres are open 8am - 8pm, seven days per week” comments Rebecca Neno, Deputy Chief Nurse, NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group. *“In line with national guidance, we are only offering people under 40 the Pfizer vaccination (unless you have already had a first vaccination using Astra Zeneca), and we have availability at various sites across Lincolnshire, which you can book online now (provided you are eligible) via the National Booking System [here](#) or by calling 119.”*

At the same time as confirming Pfizer is available at the Lincolnshire Showground, the CCG is urging people across Lincolnshire to book in for their Covid vaccinations as soon as possible, to ensure they have the maximum possible protection from Covid, including the Delta (formerly Indian) variant. Thought to be somewhere around 40 % more transmissible than the Alpha (formerly Kent or UK) variant, the Delta variant has not surprisingly grabbed a lot of national headlines lately. However, the message remains simple - make sure you get jabbed twice.

“With the dominance and heightened transmissibility being shown by the Delta variant, it is more important than ever we all get two doses of the Covid vaccination, in order to build up the maximum possible amount of immunity and longevity of that protection,” adds Rebecca. *“As we continue with the vaccination programme, our best way to manage Covid 19 is to continue to follow the ‘hands, face, space, fresh air’ guidance and when called for a vaccine, either first or second dose, please ensure you arrange to attend an appointment as soon as possible.”*

Over half of UK adults vaccinated with second dose

Over half of UK adults have been vaccinated with a second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, giving them the strongest possible protection. The public are being urged to come forward for second doses to help protect against the threat of new variants, Further information available [here](#).

International approach to combat emerging health threats as crucial G7 health talks begin

G7 health ministers pledge to combat future health threats by working together to identify early warning signs from animals and the environment.

The UK-hosted G7 health meetings begin in Oxford, and unite major democracies to take action on improving global health and tackling Covid-19 around the world. Further information available [here](#).

Government and life-science industry join forces on 100 Days Mission for future pandemics

This landmark collaboration intends to work towards the ambition of a 100 Days Mission to protect against future pandemic threats, slashing timeframes for development and deployment of diagnostics and vaccines. Further information available [here](#).

Business & Economy

New vaccine toolkit for employers

The [Department for Health has launched a new toolkit for employers](#) to help ensure employees get reliable information about COVID-19 vaccines. Several major businesses, including Asda, IKEA and Santander, have already pledged to promote vaccine uptake with their employees and to allow flexibility for staff to get vaccinated during work hours. The government is calling on as many employers as possible to join the campaign and support the efforts to continue to bring the nation out of lockdown.

1.3 million employees move off furlough in March and April

Furlough numbers have fallen to their lowest level this year, according to official statistics published today, as the number of people relying on the scheme fell to 3.4 million. The furlough scheme will remain in place until the end of September to ensure jobs are protected as businesses get back on their feet, and new figures also show that a total of 2.8 million people have benefitted from the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). Further information available [here](#).

EU Transition

EU Settlement Scheme - Deadline end of June!

The Home Office is advising businesses that the deadline of 30 June 2021 for applications is nearing to be made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Visit www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme for more information.

Useful contacts

For continuous information, support, advice, and all things business-related visit www.businesslincolnshire.com

To view a list of government helplines, click [here](#). Businesses in England should call 0800 998 1098.

Tools, Webinars & Events

The Greater Lincolnshire LEP Online Jobs and Careers Fair Series

The Greater Lincolnshire Online Jobs Fair series has welcomed nearly 5,000 visitors to the live events since it began in November last year. Over 150 exhibitors (a mixture of local employers, education and training providers and support services) now attend and May's event was the 7th live fair in the series, hosted by Karl McCartney, MP for Lincoln. Highlights included:

- Over 200 individuals visiting the site in 3 hours, with nearly 100 person-to-person engagements taking place via instant chat and video call.
- 73 exhibitors taking part, with 59 employers actively advertising multiple job vacancies.
- Strong representation from across sectors and industries, including Health and Care, Manufacturing and Engineering, and the Visitor Economy.

Mark the date: the next Online Jobs Fair will take place on **Wednesday 30th June, 10am-1pm**. Register [here](#).

Upcoming events

- **Google Analytics for Beginners** - webinar. Tuesday 15 June, click [here](#) for more.
- **Investment Readiness** - interactive masterclass. Thursday 17 June, click [here](#) for more.
- **Low Carbon Champions: Driving Forward a Green Revolution** - webinar. Tuesday 22 June, click [here](#) for more.

To discover more upcoming events, webinars, and online courses, click [here](#) to visit the Business Lincolnshire calendar. All www.gov.uk webinars and videos for organisations that trade with the EU can be found [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 on Twitter @ [LRF](#) @ [GreaterLincsLEP](#) @ [businesslincs](#)

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