

#### Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum





# **LRF Communications Briefing – Covid19**

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#### **Coronavirus Headlines**

# Lincoln mobile vaccination service for first COVID-19 vaccinations - no appointment necessary

NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group will be giving COVID-19 vaccinations in the carpark of Bridge Central, on the corner of Portland Street and Charles Street, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June, from 12pm-3pm.

Anyone who wishes to receive their vaccination, who has not already had their first dose, and is eligible will be able to have their vaccination just by turning up, it is free and there is no booking required. The availability of a mobile bus service is to ensure that access to the COVID-19 vaccination is made available within local communities, especially for those who may find it difficult to access at present through the current vaccination sites.



#### **Update on Coronavirus restrictions**

Step 4 changes have now been delayed for four weeks until 19 July. England remains under the Government's Step 3 for the easing of lockdown, which came into effect on 17 May. This is except for weddings, which from Monday 21 June can go ahead with more than 30 guests if social distancing is in place; the same applies to wakes. Further details can be found on the Government website here.

#### Lincolnshire reaches 500,000 first dose Covid-19 vaccinations

In a significant milestone for the county, the Lincolnshire Covid-19 vaccination programme gave its 500,000<sup>th</sup> first dose vaccination last week at the PRSA Mass Vaccination Centre, Boston.

Having started in December last year, the vaccination programme in Lincolnshire has seen the launch of 13 Local Vaccination Centres run by local groups of GPs, as well as two Mass Vaccination Centres, one at PRSA, Boston, and the other at the Lincolnshire Showground.

In what is probably the biggest mobilisation of NHS resources in its history, the Covid-19 vaccination programme has been crucial to the national efforts to keep infection rates down, as well as helping to significantly reduce the numbers of hospital admissions and deaths as a result of covid.

"It has been a truly monumental effort, from the initial conversations where we looked at what was possible, in terms of a vaccination programme for Lincolnshire, to when we began vaccinating people over 80 back in December, to now when we are vaccinating people aged 25 or over, just seven months later," comments Rebecca Neno, Deputy Chief Nurse, NHS Lincolnshire CCG.

### **Business & Economy**

#### New plan to drive rapid recovery of tourism sector

A new rail pass and vouchers for popular tourist attractions are at the heart of a plan to return domestic tourism to pre-pandemic levels by 2022, and international tourism by 2023.

The Tourism Recovery Plan aims to help the sector build back better from the pandemic, and includes new initiatives to boost tourism include the £10 million National Lottery Days Out scheme to support attractions and a new rail pass to encourage domestic breaks. Further information can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **EU Transition**

#### EU Settlement Scheme - Deadline nearing - 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 <a href="www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme">www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme</a> 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 next Online Jobs Fair will take place on **Wednesday 30**<sup>th</sup> **June, 10am-1pm.** Register <u>here</u>. The Greater Lincolnshire Online Jobs Fair series has welcomed nearly 5,000 visitors to the live events since it began in November last year and over 150 exhibitors (a mixture of local employers, education and training providers and support services) now attend.

#### **Upcoming events**

- ChamberConnect: Supporting the Wellbeing of Furloughed Employees Returning to the Workplace webinar. Friday 18 June, click <a href="here">here</a> for more.
- Raise Equity Funding within 6 Months online course. Wednesday 23 June, click <u>here</u> for more.
- Pack a Punch with Powerful PR in-person workshop, Grimsby. Tuesday 29 June, click <a href="here">here</a> for more.

To discover more upcoming events, webinars, and online courses, click <a href="here">here</a> to visit the Business Lincolnshire calendar. All <a href="here">www.gov.uk</a> 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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