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Lincolnshire Resilience Forum – Recovery Cell Comms Distribution

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Headline Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19): What has changed (22 September)

[Guidance](#)

Key Messaging:

- HANDS - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- FACE - Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- SPACE - Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

Face Coverings

- Customers in private hire vehicles and taxis must wear face coverings (from 23 September).
- Customers in hospitality venues must wear face coverings, except when seated at a table to eat or drink. Staff in hospitality and retail will now also be required to wear face coverings (from 24 September).
- People who are already exempt from the existing face covering obligations, such as because of an underlying health condition, will continue to be exempt from these new obligations.
- Guidance stating that face coverings and visors should be worn in close contact services will now become law (from 24 September).
- Staff working on public transport and taxi drivers will continue to be advised to wear face coverings.

Working from home

To help contain the virus, office workers who can work effectively from home should do so over the winter. Where an employer, in consultation with their employee, judges an employee can carry out their normal duties from home they should do so. Public sector employees working in essential services, including education settings, should continue to go into work where necessary. Anyone else who cannot work from home should go to their place of work. The risk of transmission can be substantially reduced if [COVID-19 secure guidelines](#) are followed closely. Extra consideration should be given to those people at higher

Meeting people safely

- [Support groups](#) must be limited to a maximum of 15 people (from 24 September).
- Indoor organised sport for over 18s will no longer be exempt from the rule of six. There is an exemption for indoor organised team sports for disabled people (from 24 September).

- There will be a new exemption in those areas of local intervention where household mixing is not allowed to permit friends and family to provide informal childcare for children under 14 (from 24 September).
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies and receptions will be restricted to a maximum of 15 people (down from 30). Other significant standalone life events will be subject to the 'rule of six' limits, except funerals (from 28 September).

Government has announced an initial £60 million to support additional enforcement activity by local authorities and the police, in addition to funding that has already been awarded.

The spread of the virus is also affecting our ability to reopen business conferences, exhibition halls and large sporting events, so we will not be able to do this from 1 October.

The government's expectation is the measures described above will need to remain in place until March.

Test and Trace Support Payments

[Guidance](#)

Key messaging:

- Those who have to self-isolate and can't work from home can access a new £500 support payment.
- People on low incomes are able to stay at home and self-isolate when they are asked to do so by the NHS Test and Trace.
- Individuals who are required to self-isolate and who meet the benefits-linked eligibility criteria will be entitled to £500, which will be payable in a lump sum.
- Payments will be subject to income tax but not national insurance.
- A claim can be made for each period of self-isolation required, meaning people can receive multiple payments, as long as all the eligibility criteria has been met and evidence provide.
- The scheme will run until 31 January 2021 and will be administered by the local authority.
- The scheme will begin on 28 September, alongside the legal duty to self-isolate.
- New fines for those breaching self-isolation rules will start at £1,000 - bringing this in line with the penalty for breaking quarantine after international travel - but could increase to up to £10,000 for repeat offences and for the most egregious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.
- Local authorities will administer the scheme which should be up and running by 12 October and applications must go through them.
- Applications can be done online or on the phone but applications must be made to your local authority.
- Backdated payments will be eligible for anyone asked to self-isolate between 28 September and 12 October
- A discretionary fund will also be available for individuals who do not qualify for the Test and Trace Support Payment but require financial support to self-isolate

Those eligible for the financial support must meet all the following criteria:

- Have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace
- Must be employed or self-employed
- Must not be able to work from home, and, as a result, will therefore lose income as a consequence of the above.

- They must also be in receipt of benefits including any of the following: Universal Credit, Working Tax credit, income-related employment and support allowance, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income support, pension credit or housing benefit.

People will be able to make an online application or via telephone and will be asked to submit supporting evidence which includes:

- A notification from NHS Test and Trace asking them to self-isolate (this will include a unique ID number)
- A bank statement
- Proof of employment or if they are self-employed, evidence of self-assessment returns trading income.

Business and Economy Updates

- Businesses selling food or drink (including cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants), social clubs, casinos, bowling alleys, amusement arcades (and other indoor leisure centres or facilities), funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls, must be closed between 10pm and 5am. This will include takeaways but delivery services can continue after 10pm (from 24 September).
- In licensed premises, food and drink must be ordered from, and served at, a table.
- Customers must eat and drink at a table in any premises selling food and drink to consume indoors, on site (from 24 September).
- Businesses will need to display the official NHS QR code posters so that customers can 'check-in' at different premises using this option as an alternative to providing their contact details once the app is rolled out nationally (from 24 September).
- Businesses and organisations will face stricter rules to make their premises COVID Secure (from 28 September):
 - A wider range of leisure and entertainment venues, services provided in community centres, and close contact services will be subject to the COVID-19 Secure requirements in law and fines of up to £10,000 for repeated breaches.
 - Employers must not knowingly require or encourage someone who is being required to self-isolate to come to work.
 - Businesses must remind people to wear face coverings where mandated.

Legislation on QR Codes and Rule of Six

- As well as making the collection of customer information a legal requirement, the Government also announced that eligible businesses will be required to display QR codes linked to the HMS Track and Trace app from tomorrow (Thursday 24th September) and will be subject to fines if they accept bookings from groups that do not comply with the Rule of Six.

Video Support: QR Codes

- Visit Lincoln, Lincolnshire NHS and Business Lincolnshire have created this information video about the need for all businesses to generate a QR code, and some advice about how to communicate it to customers. Please do share and use in your own networks: <https://youtu.be/Tlr0F42Lfq8>

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

