Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

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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. **Comprehensive list of businesses eligible to reopen**
   - Additional guidance on the specific businesses which must remain closed and those which can begin to reopen subject to being Covid-secure is available and has been published here.

2. **Retail Businesses**
   - DEFRA has created new materials to communicate how to shop safely and are available from the Campaign Resource Centre. These include animated social media assets and toolkit.

3. **Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)**
   - Guidance has been published for those involved in research, including research organisations in receipt of public funding through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)

   - Visit here to access an online calculator and a step-by-step how to calculate 80% of your employee's wages, National Insurance contributions (NICs) and pension contributions if you've furloughed staff due to COVID-19.

4. **Business Representative providing coronavirus related support for specific sectors**
   - The government is working closely with Business Representative organisations and Trade Associations to support the national response to coronavirus. Click here to find sector specific information and a list of organisations you can speak with to get advice. Many of these organisations are also happy to respond to non-member queries related to coronavirus. The websites also include sector-specific guidance and Q&A.

5. **Latest information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**
   - The Rural Payments helpline - 03000 200 301 - will be open on Saturday 13 June and Sunday 14 June from 8.30am to 2pm. This is to support customers leading up to the 15 June deadline for Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) applications, and Countryside Stewardship (CS) and Environmental Stewardship (ES) annual revenue claims. A full update can be found here.

6. **Discretionary Grant Fund**
   - The DGF supports small and micro businesses that are not eligible for other grant schemes. Eligibility points confirmed include (1) your business should have on-going fixed property-related costs, and (2)

occupy property (or part of a property) with a rateable value or annual mortgage/rent payments below £51,000. Full details on the fund can be found here.

7. **Hoteliers and accommodation providers**

    Guidance and advice for those providing hotel and other accommodation in the UK is available here.

8. **Childcare services**

    - What do childcare services, early years settings, child minders and local authorities need to provide during COVID-19? Further clarification on the requirement for providers to carry the appropriate insurance (for example, public liability insurance) to cover all premises from which they provide childcare or child minding and other guidance can be found here.

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.