

Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum



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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](#)

Headline Key Messaging

1. Town Centre Enforcement

With Lincolnshire's town centres opening on Monday next week, Lincolnshire Police has provided a number of recommended messages as follows:-

Key messaging

- Lincolnshire Police will continue to provide a visible presence and will continue to engage, explain and encourage
- The police will only use enforcement where appropriate
- Lincolnshire Police cannot enforce social distancing, but continue to take action against gatherings by issuing FPNs

2. Supporting businesses to reopen

Key messaging

- Lincolnshire County Council working with district councils to support local businesses re-open safely
- Non-essential retailers and some outdoor attractions will be allowed to reopen from Monday 15 June. Other businesses will have to wait until at least 4 July.
- If businesses want advice and guidance on reopening safely they should call business hotline 01522 782189 or visit www.businesslincolnshire.com.
- If public have concerns about businesses open which shouldn't be, they should report this to Trading Standards through the citizens advice consumer helpline - 0808 2231133, or through the [Citizens Advice website](#) / www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer.

3. Fire Safety for businesses

Key messaging

- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue is on hand to help schools and businesses as they re-open
- It's important that as well as being Covid-secure, buildings also remain fire safe
- Changes to access within buildings may affect fire evacuation plans so schools and businesses may need to review their risk assessments. Visit [here](#) for guidance.

Industry-Relevant Updates and Announcements

1. Temporary Relaxation of Drivers Hours Rules to end Sunday 14th June

The GB drivers' hours relaxation applies from 00:01 on Monday 23 March 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 14 June 2020. Anyone driving under the GB drivers' hours rules and undertaking carriage of goods by road can use the relaxations where necessary. The relaxations are not limited to specific sectors or journeys. A decision has now been made, based on the current evidence, that this will not be extended further. Read latest guidance [here](#).

2. Covid-19 information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses

The latest information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Read this [page](#) for regular updates.

3. Using and working on transport

The following guidance found [here](#) provides Information for people using transport or working in the transport sector during the coronavirus outbreak.

4. Furloughed data in the press

[Read](#) the latest Greater Lincolnshire statistics and comments from the LEP Chair, Pat Doody in The Lincolnite.

5. Zoos, safari parks and drive-thru cinemas

From Monday June 15th, zoos, safari parks and drive-thru cinemas are being re-opened to facilitate open-air recreation. Lincolnshire does not have significant numbers of these tourism businesses other than farm parks which are currently **NOT** eligible to reopen. View the government's statement [here](#).

6. Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund

Please note SHDC does not currently have a published end dates as previously incorrectly stated.

7. Mental Health Support

Research by the Institute of Fiscal Studies has revealed that mental health has plummeted during the coronavirus crisis. The study of 12,000, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and carried out by the University of Essex, found almost a quarter of respondents reported at least one mental health problem – up 10% from pre-crisis data.

Anyone can self-refer or contact their GP for a referral to steps2change talking therapies, which are run by Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust offering telephone and video appointments, webinars as well as a range of online and self-help therapies. Visit [here](#).

People over the age of 16 can access free educational courses on mental health and wellbeing through the Lincolnshire Recovery College. Their courses are designed and delivered by people with lived experience of mental ill health, qualified trainers and health professionals. For more information contact lpft.recovery.college@nhs.net, or visit [here](#) for more information.

In partnership with health, social care and third sector organisations, Lincolnshire Here4You has launched a new confidential mental health and emotional wellbeing helpline for adults. It provides emotional support, advice and guidance for anyone who is feeling low, anxious or stressed and is open 24/7. This highly trained and experienced team of support workers can be contacted by calling 0800 001 4331.

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.

