

Lincolnshire's Resilience Forum



PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

LRFBIZ V12– BUSINESS RELEVANT VERSION

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](#)

Latest Headline Messages

Level 4 reduced to Level 3

Key messaging:

- The UK has lowered its Covid-19 alert level from 4 to 3.
- Transmission of the virus is no longer judged to be “high or exponentially rising
- The downgrade, which was endorsed by all four chief medical officers, could pave the way for some physical distancing measures to be eased, but they cautioned that the pandemic was not over
- Progress against the virus has been made thanks to the efforts of the public and the public must continue to follow the guidelines carefully to ensure this progress continues
- People can start to enjoy and take advantage of the relaxation of restrictions from level 4, but must not be complacent – stick to the guidelines on social distancing, hygiene and health.

Industry-Relevant Updates and Announcements

Preparing the Hospitality Sector

- Are you considering how you might be able to re-open as soon as the Government unlocks provision for your sector – anticipated from July 4?
- With some measure of social distancing in place, and taking account of all requirements for you to ensure your business is Covid-secure, you'll need to think about how many customers you can safely accommodate indoors and out.
- Are you thinking of making more use of gardens or extending any outdoor seating?
- Official guidance is expected from June 29. Whilst waiting for that, it's worth getting ahead and considering a few necessities
 - Check any licencing documents / deeds to be sure of the extent of your land and any covenants.
 - Check with your district council's licensing department to make sure you can do what you propose, especially if you are considering changes such as using outdoor space or car parks
 - Check with your district council's planning department if there are any restrictions on using temporary structures such as gazebos or marquees.
 - Check with your district council's environmental protection team about any noise or nuisance implications of what you propose and how you'd mitigate this.
 - Check that your insurance will cover you for what you propose.
 - Could the police raise any concerns, for example using glassware outdoors?

- Have you carried out a risk assessment to ensure your plans fulfil all social distancing and Covid-secure requirements, and how would you tell customers what to do.

Deferral of VAT payments due to coronavirus (COVID-19). There have been temporary changes to VAT payments due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 to help businesses manage their cash flow. The update includes information regarding the end of the VAT deferral period. Find more information [here](#).

Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus (COVID-19). Watch videos and register for the free webinars to learn more about the support available to help businesses deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus. View the UK Government's updated YouTube video on **how to make a Self-Employment Income Support Scheme claim** [here](#).

CJRS 100+ employees template. Complete a template with the details of the employees you're claiming for and upload this when you claim (for claims on or after 1 July 2020) available [here](#).

Support to the High Street - Halt to business evictions. A [new code](#) provides support to shops and local firms planning their future recovery with their landlord

Code of practice for commercial property sector. Government has published a [code of practice](#) to encourage commercial tenants and landlords to work together to protect viable businesses.

Free Webinars – available at www.businesslincolnshire.com/events

Amazon Academy	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1065&navigatedFromSearch=true
Twitter for your business	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1066&navigatedFromSearch=true
Leading in Challenging Times	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1067&navigatedFromSearch=true
Rethinking Customer Retention and Loyalty in a Post-Covid World	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1068&navigatedFromSearch=true
Top tips for trading responsibly in Covid-19 crisis for the food and drink sector	https://www.businesslincolnshire.com/events/event-details/?id=1069&navigatedFromSearch=true

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.

