



# COVID-19 Information update

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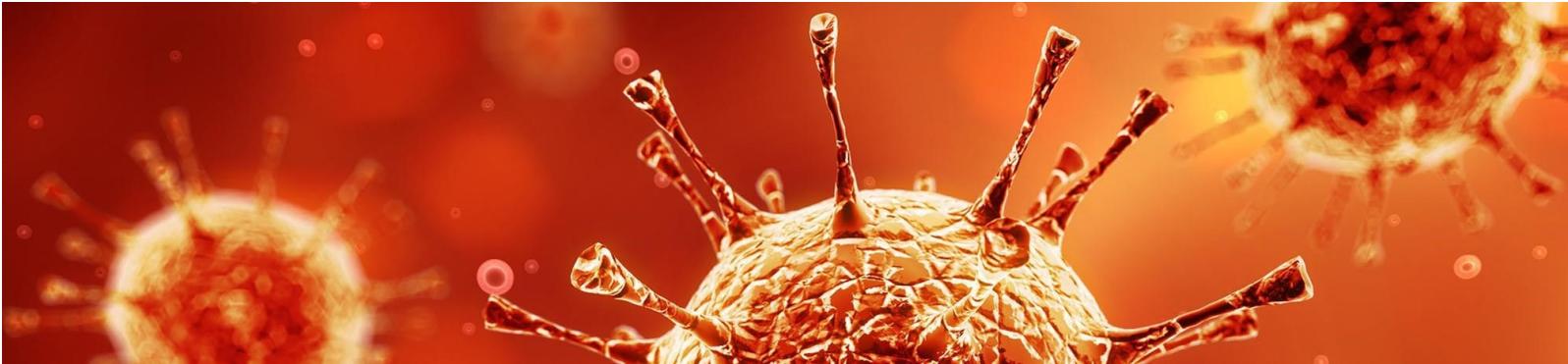
Who?	What?	Where?
<b>Sector Specific News</b>		
<b>COVID-19 IMPORTANT Government Information for Business</b>	 <p>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</p>  <p>Public Health England</p>	<a href="#">Click for details and also here</a>
<b>Government Healthcare</b>	<p>Information on healthcare advice for employers and support for businesses.</p>	<a href="#">Click for details</a>
<b>COVID-19 MAIN SITE FOR BUSINESS</b>	<p>A package of temporary measures to support public services, people and businesses through this period of disruption caused by COVID-19.</p>	<a href="#">Click for details</a>
<b>Foreign Secretary statement on international cooperation</b>	<p>Dominic Raab gave a statement after the US chaired session where G7 Foreign Ministers committed to use their collective powers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>
<b>Government advice for companies trading internationally</b>	<p>This advice is for UK businesses that export or deliver goods and services abroad and have been impacted by the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIT support for UK business trading internationally</li> <li>• financial support for business trading internationally</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>

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<b>Government Assistance and Employment Advice</b>		
<b>Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</b>	HMRC will reimburse 80% of furloughed workers wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 per month. We are trying to seek clarification of elements of the Job Retention Scheme affecting our sector. Including bringing furloughed workers back into work to affect the urgent repairs and servicing of equipment in key sectors.	<a href="#">Click for details also here and further details here</a>  <a href="#">There is advice for employees here</a>
<b>Make UK job retention scheme</b>	Advice from Make UK including a sample letter for furloughing workers.	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>
<b>Make UK advice</b>	Advice on keeping your business running during COVID-19 from the manufacturing trade body, Make UK.	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>
<b>Rules on carrying over annual leave to be relaxed to support key industries during COVID-19</b>	Workers who have not taken all of their statutory annual leave entitlement due to COVID-19 will now be able to carry it over into the next 2 leave years.	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>
<b>Government Assistance and Financial Advice</b>		
<b>BEIS Business Support</b>	Business support bulletin from BEIS including new rules covering financial support for self-employed workers.	<a href="#">Bulletin</a>
<b>Business Support news</b>	Further updates from HMG on support for business.	<a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Support for businesses that pay little or no business rates</b>	Small Business Grant Scheme will provide a one-off grant of £10,000 to eligible businesses.	Any enquiries on eligibility should be directed to the relevant local authority. <a href="#">Find your local authority.</a> Some authorities now making claim process available e.g. <a href="#">Hambleton</a>



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<b>Personal COVID-19 Information</b>		
<b>Government Advice for Individuals</b>	How to protect yourself and others	<a href="#">Click for details</a>
<b>Banking Payments</b>	Your bank or mortgage lender should be making provisions for late or deferred mortgage payments, extended credit, or other financial assistance during the COVID-19 period.	Check with your bank
<b>Important</b>	A number of organisations have mushroomed over the weekend charging fees to apply for HMG grants on behalf of business. <b><u>You do not need to use a third party to get a grant, loan, business rate rebate, etc.</u></b>	

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