

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Businesses and Employers Bulletin – 15 May 2020

This bulletin is issued by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and provides the latest information for employers and businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19). All coronavirus business support information can be found at [gov.uk/business-support](https://www.gov.uk/business-support)

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Coronavirus Business Support Blog

The [Coronavirus Business Support Blog](#) from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is where you can find out how other businesses have used government support schemes and working safely guidance.

There are currently a number of new case studies from businesses, including [Aston Martin](#) and [KFC](#), which detail how they have been making their workplaces COVID-secure.

New Updates and Guidance

New

Charter for safe working practice

A [Charter](#), co-produced by the Government and the Home Building Federation, committing signatories to safe working whilst COVID-19 remains prevalent.

Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care

This guidance explains the principles of infection prevention and control to enable safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings during the coronavirus outbreak. Find out more [here](#).

Updates

Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) coronavirus guidance for business and local authorities

[Updated](#) with guidance for businesses on hand sanitisers, with an additional link to a technical specification for hand wash from the Department of Health and Social Care.

Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings

[Updated](#) to reflect that children of critical workers are encouraged to attend school, and to reflect plans for wider opening of schools from 1 June 2020, at the earliest. Updated information defining vulnerable children, in line with existing guidance, for the purpose of continued education.

Actions for Further Education colleges and providers during the coronavirus outbreak Updated [guidance](#) for further education has been provided for further

information, to help plan for wider opening, including what to consider and steps to take when planning increased attendance. Other updates include vulnerable young people, safeguarding and mental health support.

Requests for Business Intelligence and Assistance

Offer coronavirus support

Tell us how your business might be able to help with the response to coronavirus by using our [online service](#).

Share the impact coronavirus is having on your organisation

Let us know how the outbreak is impacting your business. Please send your intelligence, including information and feedback on the safer workplace guidance, to intel@beis.gov.uk. Commercially sensitive information will be treated accordingly. Please note that this inbox is only for receiving intelligence and does not provide business advice.

Help us shine a light on the stories of key workers

Tell us about key workers you know that are helping to keep the UK moving during the Coronavirus pandemic. Please fill in [this online form](#) for key workers in the following sectors: manufacturing, construction, consumer goods, scientists/researchers, servicing, postal workers, and oil/gas/electricity/water/sewage/chemical workers.

Other useful links

Some aspects of business support are devolved. Specific information for businesses and employers in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#), and [Wales](#) is available. In England, [Growth Hubs](#) can advise on local and UK Government business support.