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Welcome to the BEIS Bulletin from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Here's the latest news from BEIS:



Covid Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021

Yesterday the Prime Minister set out the government's plan to manage Covid throughout autumn and winter.

Ventilation is an important and effective mitigation to stop the spread of Covid, and businesses are advised to open windows, air vents and doors to let fresh air in, ensure that mechanical ventilation systems are set to maximise fresh air and minimise air recirculation, and to use outdoor space where practical.

People who have tested positive and their unvaccinated contacts will continue to be legally required to self-isolate. Financial support for those on certain benefits who are required to self-isolate will continue until the end of March.

Businesses should continue to check the [safe working guidance](#) for the latest updates.



Sign-up: Life Sciences - our vision for the future panel event, hosted by the Business Secretary

Following publication of the [Life Sciences Vision](#), Kwasi Kwarteng will host a discussion on how the UK's life sciences sector can continue to develop life-changing innovations and support the UK's future growth.

Panellists including Dr Emma Stanton (Oxford Nanopore), Richard Marshall (AstraZeneca) and Joann Rhodes (Health Innovation Research Alliance Northern Ireland) will share their experiences and answer questions on how life sciences will contribute to future health and economic recovery.

Join us on **Thursday 23rd September at 3pm**. [Register and send in questions for the panel](#) or [watch the event on Twitter](#).



Competition: Heroes of Net Zero - chance to win a £4,500 business support package plus an invite to COP26 in Glasgow

We're inviting businesses to Go One Step Greener by telling us about the most innovative actions they've been taking to tackle climate change. The best entries will be invited to attend the COP26 international climate change summit in Glasgow on November 2, where the winners will be announced and receive an exclusive prize package worth £4,500. [Enter now!](#)



Webinar: Keeping Communities Safe During Winter - Monday 20th September at 3pm

Hosted by the Cabinet Office and NHS Test and Trace, this webinar will ensure local business and community leaders have the most up-to-date information on Covid ahead of winter. The webinar will be an opportunity to hear updates on the latest guidance, vaccines, masks and ventilation, and testing.

Attendees will be able to ask questions and discuss ideas for effective engagement, and to inform the Government about challenges and experiences in local communities.

You can [register online](#) and submit questions in advance to community.resources@dhsc.gov.uk.



Free event: Recruiting Prison Leavers Summit - Thursday 21 October

The Ministry of Justice will host a free interactive virtual event supporting businesses that are interested in recruiting people from prison. Hear first-hand from employers including Greggs, Timpson and Greene King

about how they have benefitted from recruiting people leaving prison and how it helps support the economy. [To join the event book here.](#)

Other news:

- [Biggest ever renewable energy support scheme backed by additional £265 million.](#)
 - [Positive mental health in the workplace – an open letter from the Minister for Small Business.](#)
 - [Help to Grow: Management stakeholder toolkit updated – access latest version here.](#)
 - [New Google training programme launched to help small businesses reduce their carbon emissions.](#)
 - [UK government announces £24 million for cutting-edge science and fisheries research.](#)
 - [Are you WeatherReady? Met Office encourages consumers and small businesses to prepare for severe weather.](#)
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Useful links:

- [Latest BEIS news and announcements](#)
- [Find the Business Climate Leaders campaign stakeholder toolkit here.](#)
- [Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do in England.](#) See specific guidance for [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure](#)
- [Support for businesses and self-employed people during coronavirus](#)
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