



## Covid-19 Guidance for Business

Businesses are advised to keep updated on the latest information and advice to inform their response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Here follows links to advice and guidance.

### **Latest information and advice:**

Find out the number of cases and risk level in the UK, what to do if you're a returning traveller, and what the government is doing about the virus.

See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Guidance, advice, support packages and information are being released and updated on a daily basis. For further information and advice please visit

<https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/covid-19-guidance-for-business/>

where the latest advice and support will be posted as it emerges. Set out below is just some of the current advice available.

### **Guidance for employers and businesses:**

This guidance will assist employers and businesses in providing advice to staff on:

- the novel coronavirus, COVID-19
- how to help prevent spread of all respiratory infections including COVID-19
- what to do if someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 has been in a workplace setting
- what advice to give to individuals who have travelled to specific areas
- actions to take if staff come into contact with someone who is self-isolating or is a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19

See Government guidance here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/>

See Acas advice for employers and employees here <https://www.acas.org.uk/coronavirus>

### **Support for those Affected by COVID-19**

The Budget has announced a plan to provide support for public services, individuals and businesses affected by Covid-19. The Chancellor has set out a £12 billion package of



temporary, timely and targeted measures to support public services, individuals and businesses through the economic disruption caused by COVID-19.

This publication gives further detail on the measures announced by the Chancellor including additional funding, Statutory Sick Pay changes, and an increase in the Business Rates retail discount for one year.

See <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-those-affected-by-covid-19>

- **Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme** – this will temporarily replace the Enterprise Finance Guarantee (EFG); becoming available over the coming days. See the latest updates on the British Business Bank website here <https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/supporting-business-loans-enterprise-finance-guarantee/>
- **Other Finance Options** – A number of private lenders are also making funds available to small businesses impacted by COVID-19, including £2 billion from Lloyds Banking Group and £5 billion from NatWest. Businesses can also access a range of finance through the government-owned British Business Bank, visit the [Bank's Finance Hub](#) for further information
- **HMRC Covid-19 Helpline 0800 0159 559** To support businesses and self-employed people concerned about not being able to pay their tax due to Coronavirus.