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| **Round-up of the latest Government Covid-19 guidance for businesses                                                    12 May 2021**This newsletter sets out the latest information in relation to the coronavirus situation for our local businesses.  We have highlighted what you need to know to manage your business and to ensure that you keep staff and public safe. If you need further help or guidance please contact North Lincolnshire Council on 01724 297330 or businessinfo@northlincs.gov.uk |

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|  |  | **Let's take this next step safely - Step 3**From Monday 17 May 2021, England will move into step 3 of the spring roadmap which means that more businesses and venues will be able to reopen their doors and the rule of six **outdoors** will be lifted. Employers will be required to still maintain social distancing as part of their Covid secure risk assessment.  For detailed information on which businesses can reopen, please visit the [Invest In North Lincolnshire website.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2ludmVzdGlubm9ydGhsaW5jb2xuc2hpcmUuY29tL25ld3MvYnVzaW5lc3Nlcy1hYmxlLXRvLW9wZW4taW4tc3RhZ2UtMy1vZi10aGUtc3ByaW5nLXJvYWRtYXAtMjEwNTEwIn0.Glr-fGIKoVCjHuBCO5KDeIboAQUSLcz0MocbhflzoWI/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) |

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|  |  | **North Lincolnshire Business Covid-19 Webinar**North Lincolnshire Council will be holding a Covid-19 webinar to support businesses reopening over the next few weeks.Attendees will be able to hear from the local Public Health team and also our Food & Safety team, who will be discussing Covid-19 risk assessments and site visits to support their implementation. You can sign up for the webinar via [Eventbrite](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5ldmVudGJyaXRlLmNvbS9lLzE1NDIxNzU0NTgzMSJ9.qw5l_Uc7iVcBcz3q2m-sALCQ4TBFUosK3IHi2ncLF6M/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l).  |

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|  |  | **Covid-19 Recovery Support Programme**Recently, a Covid-19 Recovery Support Programme has been launched. This new scheme includes a Business Start-Up Grant, Business Diversification Grant and Covid-19 Renew Scheme. You can find out more about each of the grant schemes, and how to apply by visiting the[Invest In North Lincolnshire website.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2ludmVzdGlubm9ydGhsaW5jb2xuc2hpcmUuY29tL2Z1bmRpbmcvY292aWQxOS1yZWNvdmVyeS1zdXBwb3J0LXByb2dyYW1tZSJ9.45cjbVuw8qLNqqVh3OJKt4b9k8Rqujxb7c_jw3D7md4/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) |

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|  |  | **Businesses invited to join Fostering Friendly scheme**We are inviting businesses to be a part of our Pilot Scheme and become one of North Lincolnshire’s first Fostering Friendly Employers. Once you are approved, you can display your Fostering Friendly logo with pride and North Lincolnshire Council will publish a list of Fostering Friendly employers and will help promote and celebrate your new status.  Interested? Find out more on the[Invest In North Lincolnshire website.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2ludmVzdGlubm9ydGhsaW5jb2xuc2hpcmUuY29tL25ld3MvYnVzaW5lc3Nlcy1pbnZpdGVkLXRvLWZvc3RlcmluZy1zY2hlbWUtMjEwNTExIn0.rynmrunUENbbeEkfUmXNOtNUk5r5rdy_2s67j3EdKrE/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) |

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|  |  | **Lateral Flow testing available**Everyone is now eligible for [free at-home lateral flow tests,](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvb3JkZXItY29yb25hdmlydXMtcmFwaWQtbGF0ZXJhbC1mbG93LXRlc3RzIn0.SVgDJ99DS0TixI0MSzw6Uwf7B5ENyZAtlMXM1X92PhQ/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) which are vital for discovering Covid-positive cases in people who do not know they have the disease. It is estimated that one in three people do not show coronavirus symptoms, so testing yourself twice-weekly will help stop the spread of the virus. If your employer offers workplace testing, that is the best route for you to access rapid tests and you should continue to use that route. For information about these testing options, please visit the [Invest In North Lincolnshire Website.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2ludmVzdGlubm9ydGhsaW5jb2xuc2hpcmUuY29tL2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzIn0.ut6WJLJfHZFXKrw_QmVMrAbKLsqVm0XLFuy81Z790BU/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) |

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|  |  | **Mental Health Awareness Week - how can you help?**Employers have an important role to play in encouraging mental wellbeing for their employees. Businesses can access a host of resources on the [Every Mind Matters website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uaHMudWsvZXZlcnktbWluZC1tYXR0ZXJzLyJ9.kbouLxA51BcwCEQ8VlIXPevSBJMYKIj_6HunyitQDZs/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l). If you know employees who are worried about returning to work after the past few months, there is also a [Covid-19 Every Mind Matters resource centre](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uaHMudWsvZXZlcnktbWluZC1tYXR0ZXJzL2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLyJ9.ju_Ql3-eNPnQXcMidvLI48df8uE_zGcKPn__GPK2Fvc/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) - which will give you great ideas on how to support your staff. |

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|  |  | **North Lincolnshire Freight Strategy survey**Freight is one of the main methods of transportation in North Lincolnshire, so it is important that we develop a clear strategy for how we support businesses that move freight.To do this, we are launching a freight strategy survey - we want to know your thoughts on how we go forward.To get your thoughts heard, please complete one of the short surveys:* [General Business Survey](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2RvY3MuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9mb3Jtcy9kLzFRTTUtcFN3T3R0cTFIN1Z2VmIwMkN2c2Fxei03b0dtR0JLQjloWFVfb09nL2VkaXQifQ.6bHHTje2Bw2xlFsWlVsZLdqWwJxqUl6X_86UzGJNnk8/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l)
* [Freight Operator Survey](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2RvY3MuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9mb3Jtcy9kLzFMU3pvdVZtVDRhSmdNVWtYOFpaVU1mQ0RDRU9VRUoxckUyMmZHRFJkNjBjL2VkaXQifQ.z6kVAm-A7RdbE8S3cSNPakbjY15X8nTVBBskutA2MAw/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l)
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|  |  | **Notification of Covid-19 outbreaks**We must all work together to adapt to life with coronavirus and prevent local outbreaks. Businesses in North Lincolnshire who identify either suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19 at their premises should inform the North Lincolnshire Public Health team by using this [online form.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2Zvcm1zLm9mZmljZS5jb20vUGFnZXMvUmVzcG9uc2VQYWdlLmFzcHg_aWQ9N1ZWbVdQOHNpVUNCbDdUQkMzczlvMWN1MTd2bWlNeEhqclFsVW0tYXdQTlVOREpVUmxoTFUweEZNRXhEVlVwYVF6aFpPVGhHV2xReU9TUWxRQ04wUFdjdSJ9.mJQKni0NupKS6TklYESQ7jljS_CJI6wsDs6oxUwWEDM/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l) This will enable us to rapidly provide any support you may need to control the spread of coronavirus in your setting. Upon notification of a confirmed positive case, Public Health England must be informed on 0113 3860300 or 0114 3049843 (out of hours). |

**There are 100s of available slots for people over 40 to get their Covid jab at the Baths Hall in Scunthorpe over the next few days** **Please encourage anyone eligible in your company to book a vaccine ASAP by visiting the**[**NHS website.**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTA1MTIuNDAzMjYxNjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5uaHMudWsvY29uZGl0aW9ucy9jb3JvbmF2aXJ1cy1jb3ZpZC0xOS9jb3JvbmF2aXJ1cy12YWNjaW5hdGlvbi9ib29rLWNvcm9uYXZpcnVzLXZhY2NpbmF0aW9uLyJ9.5kPp7NM2Tpcc3-hWKeiUn9fWKAXKfJU-xIcwJIFl3-o/s/1424874994/br/106231847107-l)***North Lincolnshire Council has a skilled team of Business Advisors who are here to support your businesses throughout the current period and beyond. For any support or information, please contact the Economic Growth team on 01724 297330 or businessinfo@northlincs.gov.uk*** |

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