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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information for businesses from Horsham District Council

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Fortnightly monitoring survey

Answer our fortnightly monitoring survey by telling us about your current situation and what support your business requires.

Answer survey

Restaurants, cafes, and pubs reopening from Saturday 4 July

Following recent Government announcements, many hospitality establishments are preparing to safely reopen from Saturday 4 July.

Read the full guidance for people who work in or run restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes or takeaways.

To lend a helping hand, the Council's Environmental Health and Licensing team can answer your questions about the restrictions and measures that should be put in place ready for opening. Get in touch on 01403 215 615 or **publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk**.

Protecting customers and visitors on site

Read the Government's guidelines with steps you should take to protected as much as possible.

When can you use one metre plus social distancing?

- The default for social distancing in England remains at two metres after 4 July, including when visiting restaurants and pubs, both inside a premises and in any garden or outside space.

- If two metres is not achievable or is inappropriate at your businesses, then the distance can be reduced to one metre but only if other infection prevention measures are in place.

Read more guidance about one metre plus social distancing

What is the largest group of people allowed?

- Groups of two households can meet inside a café, restaurant or pub.
- If you are a single-adult household and have formed an exclusive 'support bubble' with another household, you can be counted as one household together. This means an indoor gathering could be of two households and their support bubbles.
- Up to six individuals from a mix of households can meet in an outside space, such as a pub garden.
- There are no limits on the number of the groups just outlined that can attend a premises at any one time, as long as appropriate social-distancing between the different groups is maintained.

Grants and funding

You can still apply for the Discretionary Grants Fund Scheme

There's still time for small businesses with high fixed property-related costs who are not eligible for the other Government funding schemes and have been affected by coronavirus to apply to the **Discretionary Grants Fund Scheme.**

So far £518,000 has been paid to 54 businesses through the scheme and some £750,000 is still available.

Businesses can apply for funding from Saturday 4 July. Applications will be assessed on a first come, first served basis. The scheme will close once all the funds have been allocated.

Your business will not be entitled for a grant if you have received funds under another Government scheme.

Apply now

High Street Recovery Packs

Produced in partnership with local task forces and businesses, our High Street Recovery Packs contain resources to help businesses in a variety of sectors to reopen safely.

Download the Food and Drink with Customer Seating Recovery Pack

Download the Hairdressing Salons Recovery Pack

[Download the Leisure and Tourism Recovery Pack]

[Download the Retail Recovery Pack]

Sector-specific guidance

Find guidance to help you re-open your business safely

Use the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy's guidance finder to help you carry out a risk assessment and make sensible adjustments to your sites and workforce.

This guidance is only for businesses that are allowed to reopen in England.

[Visit GOV.UK to find guidance for your business]

New guidance available for reopening salons and spas

Beauty businesses face a unique set of challenges due to the unavoidable personal contact between clients and staff providing beauty treatments.

To support them as they prepare to reopen, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health have produced [new guidance for salons and spas] to help assess and reduce the risks.

Training and webinars

VisitEngland Business Recovery Webinars

Register now for the second of VisitEngland's business recovery webinars, Business adaptation and reopening, for expert insight and practical advice.

[Register your place]

Beware of Health & Safety Scams

Businesses in West Sussex have received fraudulent emails claiming to be from the Health and Safety Executive alleging serious complaints and threatening enforcement action.

Access to hygiene facilities for drivers

Businesses are reminded of their obligations to extend the use of site sanitary conveniences to visiting drivers not directly in their employment.

Visiting drivers must be allowed to use welfare facilities like sinks and toilets if

Companies are at risk of agreeing for services that they did not need or purchasing fake personal protective equipment that do not meet the required standard.

If you have any concerns or have been contacted in this way, report an incident to West Sussex County Council Trading Standards

requested, an important need in the current pandemic.

Find out more about the guidance from the Health and Safety Executive.

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