



BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE

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STATUTORY SICK PAY REBATE SCHEME STARTS TODAY. FREE SEMINARS TO HELP YOU OPEN UP AGAIN. INVALUABLE ADVICE ON EXACTLY HOW TO MEET THE REGS.

THE CORONAVIRUS STATUTORY SICK PAY REBATE SCHEME IS NOW LIVE . Find out about it here: <https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=statutory+sick+pay&order=relevance>
If you're an employer with fewer than 250 employees, you can now claim for coronavirus-related Statutory Sick Pay (SSP). If you have a tax agent, they can also make claims on your behalf.

Which employers can use the scheme?

You're eligible to use the scheme if you meet all of the following criteria:

- you're claiming for an employee who's eligible for sick pay due to coronavirus
- you had a PAYE payroll scheme in operation before 28 February 2020
- you had fewer than 250 employees across all PAYE schemes on 28 February 2020
- you're eligible to receive state aid under the EU Commission Temporary Framework – more information about this can be found on GOV.UK (please use the search term above).

SHOPS, SHOWROOMS AND MARKETS OPENING - 1st June for markets and car show rooms. 15th June for non essential retail premises...but not hairdressers, pubs and restaurants. The Covid-19-secure guidelines have been updated. You will find them here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

FREE SEMINAR ON HOW TO GET BACK TO WORK SAFELY. Thurs 28th May 1100-1200

The Government, in consultation with industry, has produced guidance for businesses in England, to help ensure workplaces are as safe as possible. Join this free webinar, hosted by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to find out more about how to make your workplace COVID-secure. This webinar is relevant for shops and branches

- This guidance covers shops that are currently open, such as shops selling food and chemists.
- Also includes non-food stores, fashion stores & other types of retail that are currently closed.
- Branches includes bank branches and other open money businesses.

Many businesses operate more than one type of workplace, e.g. office, factory, fleet of vehicles. There is a series of helpful seminars for a range of biz types so you can attend as many as you like.

See the options here: https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/events/working-safely-during-coronavirus-shops-branches?utm_source=Norfolk%20Chamber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11565320_Norfolk%20Chambers%20Daily%20Briefing%20-%2026%20May%202020&dm_i=1DEE,6VVUW,MOTT09,RNBG3,1

THE NORFOLK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IS OFFERING FREE SEMINARS to help you get ready to start up again: Wednesday 27th May 1400-1530 This session looks at:

- What is productivity?
- Increasing self awareness
- Quick wins and simple changes to make
- The long game and creating lasting change

The idea is you will have some simple things to put into place immediately, tactics which will impact your productivity quickly.

Details here: https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/events/member/your-productivity-making-things-happen?utm_source=Norfolk%20Chamber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11565320_Norfolk%20Chambers%20Daily%20Briefing%20-%2026%20May%202020&dm_i=1DEE,6VVUW,MOTT09,RNBG3,1

BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS ADVICE ON HOW TO GET BACK TO WORK

The Norfolk Chambers has gathered a load of advice to help you get going within the regulations. It won't be easy and it can't be done fast. Nova Fairbank, Head of Policy for Norfolk Chambers and who visited us here in New Buckenham last year, said "Many businesses will be considering what they need to put in place to adhere to the government guidance. Having access to examples of what has worked well for other businesses is really helpful. We would also caution businesses to consider timescales - some products may take several days/weeks to deliver. Having easy access to information about PPE suppliers will help them get organised." All sorts of advice including about Staggered break times and start/finish times, one-way systems, distancing floor graphics, adding sanitising zones, PPE i.e. face shields etc. etc.

Get on line and check out the Biz view: <https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/news/coronavirus/norfolk-businesses-leading-way-safe-working>

HOW TO USE EMAIL MARKETING TO GET BACK TO BUSINESS. Whether your biz continued to work or chose to close, now is the time to let everyone know that you are still in the market. Using email marketing may be the answer for you to let your customers know what's going on. There are lots of links and thoughts here:

https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/news/member/how-use-email-marketing-get-back-business-after-covid-19?utm_source=Norfolk%20Chamber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11565320_Norfolk%20Chambers%20Daily%20Briefing%20-%2026%20May%202020&dm_i=1DEE,6VVUW,MOTT09,RNBG3,1

THE GOVERNMENT'S ROAD MAP FOR OPENING UP THE ECONOMY IS HERE:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/884171/FINAL_6.6637_CO_HMG_C19_Recovery_FINAL_110520_v2_WEB_1_.pdf

If you need to get information, advice or need to apply for loans from **Breckland District Council** here is the link: www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus

All Biz Buzz crisis updates are to be found on www.np4nb.online