



BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE **09-09-2020**

NEW STRICT GOVERNMENT COVID RULES. OBEY OR BE FINED £100. LATEST BANHAM POULTRY CASES . BORIS HASN'T CANCELLED CHRISTMAS...YET! NEW JOBS - THE GOVERNMENT IS HIRING CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

The rule of six. From Monday 14th September groups of 6 people only can get together inside or out. Pubs and hospitality venues must *by law* take the names and addresses of all arrivals, keep them for 21 days and hand them over if/when required. Venues will be fined if it's thought they are not ensuring the rules are observed. Sports will be exempt as are places of worship, gyms and restaurants although the same hands, face, space rules apply. (The latest Govt. slogan is : wash your hands; cover your face; make space)

Schools and universities will open as intended. New rules are due from the Education Department, including demands that a university does NOT send a student back home if they are tested as positive.

The Government is reviewing the opening of conference centres, large venues, and theatres etc. The pilot openings may not happen.

There will be Covid Secure Marshalls in towns and cities helping to police the measures. Border quarantine measures are also being stepped up.

The Prime Minister now says a party-style Christmas is possible only if a new fast-turnaround testing scheme works which gives almost instant results...but the scientists point out these tests don't yet exist.

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

BANHAM POULTRY COVID CASES STAND AT 127.

Norfolk's Director of Public Health, Dr Louise Smith, says there is an encouraging outcome so far. 127 workers have tested positive out of 735 individuals tested. A total of 1,860 tests have been conducted across the community following the outbreak, with five household members being identified as positive cases. The overall seven-day average daily number of cases, including Banham Poultry outbreak, in Norfolk is 8.7. That's reducing from a peak of 18.3 at the height of the Banham Poultry outbreak. The evidence still shows no wider spread in the community. It's been agreed that 108 staff can now return to work at Banham Poultry

57 per cent of contacts of Banham Poultry workers have been traced. 15 more individuals have been contacted by Essex and Southend Contact Tracing Service. Additional mobile testing units are still in circulation offering testing to anyone connected to the Banham Poultry site. If staff need help because they are self isolating etc. they can contact the Norfolk Assistance Scheme. The number is 01603 223392

CUSTOMS DECLARATION OFFICERS WANTED. NORFOLK CHAMBERS WILL HIRE AND TRAIN.

Customs Declarations Officers are responsible for completing import and export customs entries. This is done through NCC which has a skilled team giving guidance and advice to ensure that customers are HMRC compliant. The UK Government has just published a new Border Operating Model changing the way goods are imported/exported from 1st January 2021. The ideal candidate must be used to working in a fast-paced environment and working to deadlines. The salary is £20,000-£24,000 and it's a 12 month contract. All the details are here: https://www.norfolkchamber.co.uk/vacancies/customs-declaration-officer?utm_source=Norfolk%20Chamber&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11792736_Norfolk%20Chambers%20Briefing%20-%2008%20September%202020&dm_i=1DEE,70RC0,MOTT09,SB4ZY,1

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

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