

Subject: CoronaVirus Update No32
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From: EHA Secretary
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Dear Member

Please kindly see the following:

1. Useful information from EBC, if you missed their eNewsletter:



2. What do you think of these possible/proposed **DRAFT** plans to ease lockdown and “Get Back to Work”, that are currently circulating on social media? Your comments & feedback are very welcome, so please contact the office.

Hotels and restaurants

- Bar areas must be closed
- Seated restaurants and cafés must be closed
- All food and drink outlets to serve takeaways only
- Allowing access to as few people as possible into kitchens
- Minimising interaction between kitchen workers and other workers
- Putting teams into shifts to restrict the number of employees interacting
- Spacing workstations 2 metres apart as much as possible
- Minimising access to walk-in pantries, fridges, and freezers, with likely only one person being able to access these areas at one point in time
- Minimising contact at “handover” points with other staff, such as when presenting food to serving staff and delivery drivers
- Hand sanitiser for visitors
- Avoid crowded reception areas, staggering check-in and check-out times
- Carrying out contractor services at night
- Considering room occupancy levels to maintain social distancing, especially in dormitories
- Minimising contact between kitchen and food preparation workers and delivery drivers
- Using front of house staff to serve customers in walk-in takeaways, with tills 2 metres away from the kitchen and ideally separated by a wall or partition
- Creating a physical barrier between front of house workers and customers
- Using contactless card payments
- Limiting access to premises for people waiting for takeaways. Asking customers to wait in

their cars

- Asking customers to order online, on apps or over the telephone

3. The new **Bounce-Back loans** which focused in our Update **No31**, seem to be proving very successful and ultimately very easy to obtain. One member mentioned that they applied for the loan 4pm Monday and by lunchtime the NEXT day, it was in their bank account; that particular case banked with Lloyds.

- Apply through your usual business bank account
- The online application should only take 5 mins to complete
- These loans **do not** follow the usual credit checks/criteria for loans
 - You will be required to accept a disclaimer for this
- The amount offered is between £2k to £50k, but a maximum of 25% of your yearly turnover
- The interest rate is 2.5%
- This will be a 6 year loan
- There are NO repayments for first 12 months, as they will be paid by the Government

NOTE: If anyone has successfully applied for the CBILS, then this can be transferred to a Bounce-Back Loan, keeping within the criteria listed above.

Thank you to all those members that have been calling the office to give an update on their experience.

4. Gentle reminder of the **Quiz Night** tonight via Zoom:

Date: **Wednesday 6th May 2020**

Time: Meeting opens at **7:30pm** but the Quiz will commence at **8pm**

Join Zoom Meeting -> <https://zoom.us/j/4243288886?pwd=jqMeRsndE9i5zVlaC-s6z5u6jfU>

Meeting ID: 424 328 8886 **Password:** 1639

5. **VE day on Friday 8th May'20 (75th Anniversary)**



Can we please ask for your support by continuing to put out your bunting, as we have done in previous years 😊

Below are some links that you might find useful:

- <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/eastbourne-borough-council-news/celebrate-ve-day-at-home-urges-council/>
- <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>

6. See below an OPEN letter to the Prime Minister which covers most of our concerns in the hospitality sector:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/chris-walker-dl-86309819_the-pig-restaurants-with-rooms-activity-6662604952667475968-VsMI

Again, the office is ALWAYS here should you need us.

Take care and be SAFE

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