



COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE 24/03/2020

We want to provide our partners with a daily COVID-19 update.

Last night and today further actions have been announced:

- Further measures have been introduced to limit the spread of coronavirus:

-people will only be allowed to leave their homes for only “very limited purposes” – shopping for basic necessities; for one form of exercise a day; for any medical need; and to travel to and from work when “absolutely necessary”

-close all shops selling non-essential goods, including clothing and electronic stores – as well as other premises like libraries, playgrounds and outdoor gyms, and places of worship.

-stop all gatherings of more than two people in public – excluding people you live with.

-stop all social events, including weddings, baptisms and other ceremonies, but allow funerals.

- Government have released a campaign for businesses:

5 STEPS TO TAKE TODAY. The 5 steps can be found [here](#)

- £500 million [Hardship Fund](#) will provide council tax relief to vulnerable people and households to help those affected most by coronavirus.
- Commercial tenants unable to pay rent because of coronavirus will be [protected from eviction](#).

Cheshire and Warrington Updates

- The LEP is working closely with local authorities and government.
- A one page flyer is being sent from the LEP and Growth Hub outlining the support available to businesses, with information about support available. This is in partnership with the three local authorities. It will be posted and sent electronically and will be shared when available.
- Cheshire West and Chester Council work zones have created a [job matching tool](#) for those that have lost their jobs due to coronavirus, connecting them with vacancies.
- A [survey](#) has been created to gather business intelligence. So far we've received 290 responses.
- Updates are on the Growth Hub [website](#), being updated daily.
- The Growth Hub are also sending regular newsletters, which can be [signed up to here](#). Today's newsletter can be viewed [here](#).
- Marketing Cheshire have created a [guide](#) for their members and the wider retail, leisure, hospitality and tourism sector businesses.

Useful Links

- <http://candwgrowthhub.co.uk/covid-19/>
- www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

