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COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses

Guidance for employees, employers and businesses in providing advice about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

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Documents

Guidance for employers and businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19)
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COVID-19: guidance for employees
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-for-employees>)

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Guidance for employers and businesses on COVID-19 poster
(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/873785/COVID19_Guidance_Employers_and_businesses_.pdf)

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Details

This guidance will assist employers and businesses in providing advice to their staff on:

- the novel coronavirus, COVID-19
- how to help prevent spread of COVID-19
- what to do if someone has symptoms of COVID-19 has been in business settings
- eligibility for sick pay

This guidance also provides details of support available to businesses including:

- statutory sick pay relief package for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- a 12-month business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality and leisure businesses in England
- small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief
- grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme to support long-term viable businesses who may need to respond to cash-flow pressures by seeking additional finance
- the [HMRC Time To Pay Scheme](#) to help with tax

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Eligibility and access to schemes: details added.
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3. 18 March 2020
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4. 17 March 2020
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5. 10 March 2020
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