



Daily update

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Are You Being Served?

Following the big shops, the smaller shops dusted off the counters from today...

Ground floor: perfumery

Stationery and leather goods

Wigs and haberdashery

Kitchenware and food

Going up

Miss Brahms was on perfumery, Captain Peacock sported a new carnation...

First floor: telephones

Gents' ready-made suits

Shirts, socks, ties, hats

Underwear and shoes

Going up

Mr Humphries actually was free, Mrs Slocum still couldn't find her pussy, and Young Mr Grace appeared today and told us "You are all doing very well..."

Evening all, nice of you to join us on a sunny Monday night.

Shops, Surveys and States Sitings

The week is underway with a sunny outlook, with always the risk of chilly cold front coming in to blemish the apples in the applectart.

As we see smaller shops opening from today, to provide a little much needed retail therapy on both sides of the counter, the Grant Thornton Survey, in association the Jersey Chamber of Commerce, telling us many stats, including that businesses are keen to recommence operations, with 80% of those who responding believing they could operate safely if allowed under the current social distancing.

Then we have a States Sitting looming on Tuesday, where one Proposition calls for a change in the current strategy. Within the Proposition it wants “to request the Chief Minister to develop and implement a new ‘Covid-19 elimination strategy” and to “eliminate the virus locally’... while we wait for a vaccine”. Many businesses have contacted Chamber today with great concern that this could undo or at least undermine the progress made in recent weeks. We will all await the deliberation of our States members tomorrow. The sit at 09:30 -

The Chief Minister and Health Minister press conference statements today:

I thought I’d pick out some of the speech highlights... yeah, I know what you are thinking, but actually, some of this is very telling, and what it’s telling some States Members is, now is probably not the right time to have Government officers switched to working on changing strategies. The key lines are these:

“Our Delay, Contain, and Shield Strategy...Through the diligent actions of Islanders adhering so closely to the lockdown measures not only did we flatten our curve, we flat-lined it”

“Seven weeks on from the beginning of the lockdown our new positive cases are near-zero...”

“While there are other countries who are close to declaring what is called elimination, this is not eradication and no jurisdiction will be able to close off their borders to the rest of the world and wait for the vaccine to come. This could take years.”

“It is not right to expect Islanders to wait to face these non-COVID related healthcare issues until we have eradicated the virus.”

“Now is not the time to go back on all the advances we have made. Now is not the time to reverse back into severe lockdown in order to pursue a strategy that would curtail our freedoms unnecessarily. And now is not the time to dash the hopes and aspirations of parents, small business owners, students and the elderly.”

“Our strategy is working.”

“The way we are moving out of the pandemic is one that continues to contain the virus and shield vulnerable Islanders, but which also enables civil liberties to be restored, patients to access healthcare, Islanders to earn a living, and schools to re-open.”

“We may later expand our Test and Trace Programme to our ports. First of all we will conduct trial studies to rigorously test inbound passengers on the lifeline Blue Island flights and then, when we choose to safely open the airport to commercial airlines, to passengers at risk of bringing COVID-19 into the Island. As of today our 14 day self isolation remains in place.”

The full statements are here:

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/PressConferenceStatements.aspx>

In video form you can watch the full thing here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AubXlcW3r6w>

COVID-19 testing is expanded

As we revealed last week: There will be an increase in both PCR tests (a swab test to establish whether someone currently has the virus) and serology tests (a fingerprick test to establish whether someone has had the virus and developed anti-bodies.)

<https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/CoronavirusTestingExpanded.aspx>

And if you want the test swab-testing explaining in under 3 minutes, here is a clip of Tony Moretta from last Friday's Webchat : <https://youtu.be/Felz0ZRk7Xc>

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Jersey - The Results

The Grant Thornton Survey, in association with The Jersey Chamber of Commerce have conducted a survey to identify the true business impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 in Jersey. They sought to identify how businesses have adapted in the face of the crisis, what they have learnt from these new approaches and which they may even maintain post crisis.

[Full Survey Results](#)

[Construction Industry Results](#)

[Tourism and Hospitality Industry Results](#)

The Friday Chamber Webchat – thought we'd hold it on Friday, it seems to make sense...

**COVID-19 Jersey
Business Impact Survey**
A focus on recovery



Next Friday's webchat will be we'll looking at the Business Impacts of COVID 19 Survey released today, and mentioned in the news section Looking at the survey's findings and sponsored by Grant Thornton, it starts at 16:00 and will last for an hour. Hear from our expert panel on their vision for recovery:

- Jennifer Carnegie - President, Jersey Chamber of Commerce
- Adam Budworth - Managing Director, Grant Thornton Channel Islands
- Susie Crowder - Director Human Capital Advisory, Grant Thornton Channel Islands
- Martin Holmes - Chair and President, Jersey Construction Council
- Simon Soar - CEO, Jersey Hospitality Association

It looks like being a busy one, so get it in the diary - but first you need to register:

[Register for the webinar](#)

If you have any questions you would like to pose to the panel in advance of the webchat, please send these to me by no later than 13:00 Friday 22 May 2020. **Email me your question**



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Things to come

A new feature on the updates, which will only appear when we know something and can tell you, so an every now and then feature then...

Expect the 'Guidance for indoor workplaces' to appear - This guidance will apply to indoor workplaces such as offices, warehouses, manufacturing and workshops has just hit my inbox – some tweaks are expected, but if you'd like to see the draft, ping me an email. Once the change to the status of indoor workplaces comes into effect it'll be finalised.

Expect a new helpline being set up by gov.je for queries on workplaces and what the rules are – should have the confirmed details tomorrow.

Getting safely around St Helier and maintaining physical distancing is something Chamber are working closely with the excellent team at the Parish of St Helier and the Dept. for Infrastructure on, as we look at ways to manage safe routes to shops and venues, and also help businesses. Expect more this week.

Help

Law At Work is running an online risk assessment training on the 20th May 2020 which will be delivered by one of their experienced Law At Work trainers using the Microsoft Teams platform.

This provides employers the opportunity to comply with their legal duty to provide training and information to their employees, ensuring that all employees are trained and competent to carry out the tasks they perform. Email kim.lenormand@lawatworkci.com for further details.

And that's it tonight from Chamber HQ, thanks for following and shout if you need something, it's what we do.

Stay safe, spend locally and stay in touch,

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