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Daily update

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Wednesday 25th November 2020.

Welcome to the mid-week Update from Chamber HQ

Government Plan Virtual Meetings

The Government Plan Virtual Public Meetings: Generating economic recovery (Weds 25 November) and Rebalancing our finances (Thurs 26 November) can be watched online.

You can submit questions for Ministers in advance by sending an email, or a video of them asking their question, to GovPlan2021@gov.je or by calling (01534) 440800.

You can also submit questions live or in advance by visiting www.slido.com and using the event code: #GovPlan2021.

If anyone would like to join the live studio audience in the Parade, please email GovPlan2021@gov.je.

Finally, sessions can be watched online via the Government of Jersey Facebook and Twitter channels, and at www.YouTube.com/GovernmentofJersey

Events, Venues and Travel Operators

Chamber has been following ongoing work to create a financial package to support some sector worst hit by the pandemic. Like the Visitor Accommodation Support Scheme, work is underway to assist those in a smaller group who have been adversely affected. We understand this is not completed yet, but that drafting is underway, and we are hopeful that an announcement is imminent.

Lifeline flights reintroduced

Lifeline air services between Jersey and the UK will be reintroduced from Monday 30th November. The second wave of the Covid pandemic, resulting in the introduction of lockdown measures across the UK, has again negatively impacted the demand for air travel.

As a result, Government of Jersey has reactivated the contract for the provision of lifeline air services with Blue Islands, to enable regular and reliable flights to Southampton initially, due to the route being no longer commercially viable for the airline.

[Lifeline flights reintroduced \(gov.je\)](#)

Brexit Preparations

If bring goods into Jersey or exporting out of Jersey is what you do, being prepared is essential – there are 36 days left in 2020. So a few links, including a new one for traders giving some direction to Customs Traders and Agents.

[Customs Traders and Agents](#) – this is a new section that provides guidance on a range of customs procedures

[Beyond BREXIT Trade Ready page](#) – Trader guidance in preparation for the end of the transition period

[Beyond BREXIT Travel Ready page](#) – Travel guidance in preparation for the end of the transition period

[Customs Arrangement with the United Kingdom](#) – the Jersey-UK Customs Arrangement, which establishes a customs union between Jersey and the United Kingdom

[Jersey's relationship with the UK and EU](#) – background

Winter Strategy – Guidance For Sport

In light of the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the Government of Jersey has issued updated public health guidance as part of the Winter Strategy.

The key changes and updates to COVID-19 guidance related to sport from 20 November 2020 are concerning:

- Gatherings & Events
- Indoor Sport & Physical Activity
- Outdoor Sport & Physical Activity
- Age Group Activities

For more details: [UPDATE FOR SPORT](#)

Co-funding and VASS Reminder

Coronavirus Government Co-Funded Payroll Scheme: Phase 3+ is now in play and available for November and December 2020 and January, February and March 2021. The extension of the scheme between 1 November and 31 March 2021 is dependent upon funding being agreed in the Government Plan 2021 to 2024.

The Visitor Accommodation Support Scheme (VASS) An online application form will be made available on Monday 23 November.

 [Visitor Accommodation Subsidy Scheme guidance](#)

A reminder of the health guidelines for hotels

- non-residents, including any guests of hotel residents, must leave the hotel, including the restaurant, bar and private rooms by 10.30pm
- it is the legal responsibility of the hotel management to ensure that this happens
- residents in hotels may buy alcohol before 10pm, which is then their property, and can be consumed at any time including after 10.00pm
- bar and restaurant spaces within hotels can be open for use by hotel residents only after 10.30, including the serving of food, but may not serve alcohol after 10.00pm
- room service and mini bars may provide alcohol at any time for consumption within the guests' private room only
- all service remains seated only with no standing bar service

- hotels should ensure that all other public health guidance is followed by residents at all times

The advice for businesses during the COVID Winter Strategy can be read in full here: [Advice for businesses during the COVID-19 Winter Strategy \(gov.je\)](https://www.gov.je/News/2020/Pages/COVIDRegulations.aspx)

Read more here:

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

The Numbers

Case statistics

Total tests 175467

Pending test results 904

Total negative tests 173700

Total confirmed positive cases 862

Known active cases 149

Known direct contacts of active cases 1337

Total recovered 690

Total deaths 32

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Chamber Members Corner

Yes an area where we can help you... if you have an service or offer we can shout about, let us know...

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With new guidance in place and most office and workplace Christmas parties off the table this year, many companies are looking for alternative ways to thank their hardworking team members. Look no further than our Seymour Hotel Group gift cards as the ideal way to show your appreciation, boost team moral and give your employees a way to treat themselves whilst supporting the local economy.

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Stay safe, Murray and the team at Chamber.

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