



Daily update

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News

Sometimes you just have to cut to it...

First a couple of Statements

The one from Chamber...

Press Release – Call for action

Jersey Chamber members, across many sectors, are calling for quicker action in our economic recovery to help avoid more financial pain across the island.

<https://www.jerseychamber.com/news/articles/local-business-news/press-release-call-action>

The one from the Deputy CM...

Statement on priority Economic Recovery work

Senator Lyndon Farnham, the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture has issued the following statement in response to the Press Release issued on Monday 22 June by the Jersey Chamber of Commerce:

<https://www.jerseychamber.com/news/articles/local-business-news/statement-priority-economic-recovery-work>

Chamber recognises of the excellent support the Deputy Chief Minister and other Ministers have shown to the many sectors of the economy during this difficult time. We have had long discussions today and Chamber has been fully briefed on the latest developments and subject to the approval of the Council of Ministers.

A news conference is planned for Thursday and Chamber has received confidential details of the plans for that announcement, which we very much support.

All of the new detailed plans are proposals that assume the very low rate of cases continues at the current rate and also are subject to the approval from the Council of Ministers. In knowing you will respect that, the Minister has asked me to share the detailed letter with Members but in confidence.

Dear Murray,

I would be grateful if you could share the following information with Chamber members in confidence. **It is subject to Council of Ministers' approval and will only proceed if there is no sudden increase in the number of Covid-19 cases.**

A news conference is planned for Thursday at 3pm to announce the following changes:

- The public health guidance will change from 2 metres safe distance to 1 metre from Friday 26 June. This move is possible owing to the continued low rate of active COVID-19 cases in the island, which reduces the probability of transmission.
- The move to 1 metre physical distance will apply to all contexts – including workplaces, hospitality and public spaces. Public health guidance for businesses will be updated accordingly.
- From 26 June restaurants and cafés will be allowed to serve multiple household groups/individuals at a single table, providing the 1 metre distance is observed between them.
- Also, from 26 June, the public health guideline on the closing time for restaurants and cafés of 10:45pm will be lifted, returning to the normal licensing regime.
- Assuming the low rate of cases continues, it is then proposed that licensed venues including pubs may open to provide a seated alcohol-only service from 1st July. This will continue to exclude nightclubs, which are anticipated to remain closed until Level 1.

This proposed staged approach allows time for coordinated preparation across all the businesses affected by these changes. Industry sector guidelines will be updated in due course and you should continue to liaise with the relevant Government departments going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Senator Lyndon Farnham Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

More big news

Treasury Minister announces timetable for two tax changes

The Minister for Treasury and Resources, Deputy Susie Pinel, has agreed new timetables for two proposed changes to the tax system: a reduction in the “de minimis” GST level, and the introduction of simple interest on tax debts.

The Minister has announced that the reduction in the “de minimis” level of GST from £240 to £135 will come into effect from 1 October 2020. This means that any private individual ordering goods from outside Jersey will need to pay GST if their order costs more than £135

The Chamber President says:

“We are delighted that the Treasury Minister has chosen to support local retailers at such a critical time. Deputy Pinel announced this reduction in her last Budget and we fully support her decision to implement it in time to help retailers recover from the COVID-19 crisis.”

"Making the change from 1 October will afford local retailers the best opportunity of securing a good quarter's sales in the run up to Christmas. Jersey Chamber of Commerce urges all islanders to support local retailers as much as they can in these unprecedented times."

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

Withdrawal of KN95 face masks

The Health and Safety Inspectorate (HSI) has taken action regarding the sale and use of face masks which are labelled KN95, after the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) issued a [Safety Alert on their use](#).

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

Numbers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) tests and cases in Jersey

Update: 1:00 PM, Tuesday 23 June 2020

Negative tests	12674
Confirmed cases	318
Pending results	431
Known active cases	5
Recovered cases	297
Registered deaths	31
Probable deaths	16
Proven deaths	15

And some extra detail...

Cases identified:

- 0 symptomatic
- 5 asymptomatic
- 0 seeking healthcare
- 0 contact tracing
- 5 planned workforce screening
- 0 airport screening

Help

With things changing out of lock down the last of the free Making of a Champion workshops is this Friday at 9.30am. Please will you let Chamber members know.....

Last chance for the free Making of a Champion workshop...

Leadership Management International have been running through covid-19 time free online workshops. These are personal leadership workshops completely for 16 to 24 year olds. Good personal leadership is important because the better they lead themselves the better they will live and more success they will achieve in life.

The last free one is being run over Zoom at 9.30am on the 26th June. For more information and to book a place please go here...

<https://www.lmi-uk.com/moc-workshop/>

And that is it, no time for funny pics or music lyrics tonight...

Just on it!

Enjoy your evening Murray

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