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Local Enterprise Partnership

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HM Government



COVID-19 Business Support

Our free business advice and signposting service, delivered in partnership with Dorset Chamber, continues to offer business support and we're here to help our local businesses during COVID-19, and beyond.

Access to finance



Government Business Loans

Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme, a Future Fund for innovation projects and Bounce Back Loan scheme available



Small Business Grants

£10,000 grants available from BCP Council and Dorset Council to meet business costs for all sectors and up to £25,000 for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors



Fisheries Response Fund

£10m for England's fishing and aquaculture businesses from the Marine Management Organisation



Self-employed Income Support Scheme

Grant payments for 80% of trading profits up to £2,500 a month starting in June



Tax, business rates and accounting



Business Rate Relief

Automatically cancelled for 2020/21 tax year for nurseries and all retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, additional rate relief for eligible rural and small businesses in any sector



Account Filing Extension

Apply for a 3 month extension to file with Companies House



VAT

Payments from 20 March - 20 June 2020 automatically deferred to end of 2020/21 tax year



Supporting employees



Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

HMRC will pay employers a grant worth 80% of a furloughed employees usual salary up to £2,500 a month



Statutory Sick Pay

Extended to those self-isolating or unable to work due to coronavirus - SMEs can reclaim up to 2 weeks of claims per employee



Apprenticeships

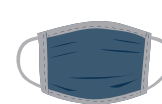
Guidance from Education & Skills Funding Agency regarding furlough, safe training, delaying assessments and making redundancies

How can businesses help?



COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

Tell us how COVID-19 is impacting your business operations
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/COVID19DorsetImpact



Design/Manufacture

Can your business help with the production of medical equipment, masks, gowns or sanitiser?
www.gov.uk/coronavirus-support-from-business



Innovation Funding

Grants available from Innovate UK for businesses that can help respond to coronavirus

www.dorsetlep.co.uk/covid19

Contact us for more information on all of these schemes



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