



PRIORITY INFORMATION

Government News	https://www.gov.ie/en/news/7e0924-latest-updates-on-covid-19-coronavirus/#march-12
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HEALTH INFORMATION

HSE Coronavirus Page (includes details of symptoms)	https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html
<i>How to protect yourself and others</i>	https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself.html
<i>Details of Infected areas</i>	https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/advice-for-people-returning-from-affected-areas.html
<i>Details of how to self-isolate</i>	https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/self-isolation-and-limited-social-interaction.html
Dept of Foreign Affairs Travel advice	https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/coronavirus/
e-learning activities related to the Coronavirus	https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/online-micro-learning-activities-on-COVID-19
World Health Organisation information	https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
Health Protection Surveillance Centre (INCLUDES POSTERS)	https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/
Donegal County Council	http://www.donegalcoco.ie/coronavirus/
National Family Resource Centre Mental Health Promotion Has specific resources for adults and children related to Coronavirus	https://www.facebook.com/nationalfrmentalhealthpromotion/



BUSINESS DOCUMENTS AND ADVICE

Local Enterprise Office Business Continuity Planning Checklist	https://dbe.gov.ie/en/Publications/Publication-files/Business-Continuity-Planning-Checklist-COVID-19.pdf
Enterprise Ireland Business Response – COVID-19	https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/about-us/services/covid-19/
Peninsula Business Group	https://www.peninsulagrouplimited.com/ie/covid-19-toolkit/ Staff Policy and letter, Workplace Checklist, Advice List and Q&A
HSPC – Advice for business Sector	https://www.chambers.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FAQs-for-Business-Sector-COVID19-v0.1-1.pdf
HSPC – Employers Guidance	https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/employersguidance/
Gov.ie Workers who are laid off temporarily or put on to short time working (COVID-19)	https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/00964f-people-who-are-laid-off-temporarily-or-put-on-to-short-time-working/ https://www.chambers.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/DEASP-Short-Time-Work-Support-Booklet-March-2020.pdf
Donegal County Council – Business Advice	http://www.donegalcoco.ie/coronavirus/advice%20for%20businesses/

BUSINESS SUPPORTS

Gov.ie Government Supports to Covid 19 impacted businesses	https://dbe.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Supports-for-SMEs/COVID-19-supports/Government-supports-to-COVID-19-impacted-businesses.html
Inland Revenue	https://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/press-office/press-releases/2020/pr-130320-revenue-announce-measures-to-assist-smes-experiencing-cashflow-difficulties-arising-from-covid-19.aspx https://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/press-office/press-releases/2020/pr-100320-engage-early-with-revenue-key-advice-to-businesses-experiencing-tax-payment-problems.aspx



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	Revenue has outlined some key advice and actions taken to assist small and medium enterprises businesses experiencing cashflow and trading difficulties arising from the impacts of the virus.
Banks and other financial institutions	Banks are advising their customers to get in contact as needed. Support will be assessed and provided on an individual business level
Department of Social Protection This second link includes information for the self-employed	<p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/99104a-covid-19-coronavirus/</p> <p>The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection are introducing measures to provide income support to people affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 3 major changes have been announced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the current 6-day waiting period for Illness Benefit will not apply to anyone who has COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or is in medically-required self-isolation - the personal rate of Illness Benefit will increase from €203 per week to €305 per week for a maximum of 2 weeks medically-required self-isolation or for the full duration of absence from work following a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) - the normal social insurance requirements for Illness Benefit will be changed . <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/eca524-covid-19-information-for-employees/</p>
Department of Social Protection Application form for the new Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment	<p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/eca524-covid-19-information-for-employees/</p> <p>This new payment will be available to all employees and the self-employed who have lost employment due to a downturn in economic activity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>An application form for the new Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment can be downloaded from the Department of Social Protection website www.gov.ie/jobseekers and returned to to PO BOX 12896 Dublin</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Phone the Department on 1890 800 024 or 01 2481398 and they will send you the relevant application form for the new payment.</p>
www.MyWelfare.ie	You can apply for an other income support from through the online portal www.MyWelfare.ie (you will need a Public Services Card)
LEO Supports Business Continuity Vouchers	<p>Sign up for the LEO newsletter or keep an eye on their pages for news about the following:</p> <p><i>Local Enterprise Offices in every county will be providing Business Continuity Vouchers from €2,500 up to €10,000 (with 50:50 match funding) to support business continuity preparedness, innovation and productivity. The</i></p>



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	<p><i>Department is working on the detail of the LEO voucher announced and further detail will be released on the website and via mailchimp when received.</i></p>
<p>Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland</p> <p>Credit Guarantee Scheme</p> <p>Capital Scheme</p>	<p>https://sbci.gov.ie/</p> <p>The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation announced a number of supports for businesses facing challenges being presented by the current Covid-19 situation. The Credit Guarantee Scheme is in place and available now to SMEs subject to the relevant terms and conditions.</p> <p>Separately the SBCI is currently working to finalise the terms and conditions of the SBCI COVID19 Working Capital Scheme and the eligibility application process for this. The SBCI website will be updated as soon as these are finalised. In the interim if you wish to be kept informed on developments please email the SBCI at info@sbci.gov.ie</p>
<p>Microfinance Ireland</p> <p>COVID 19 Business Loans</p>	<p>https://microfinanceireland.ie/</p> <p>The COVID-19 Business Loan from Microfinance Ireland is a government initiative to support small businesses through the current period of uncertainty and protect job creation or sustainment in Ireland.</p> <p>If your business is impacted or may be impacted by COVID-19 resulting in a reduction of 15% or more in actual or projected turnover or profit, AND you are having difficulty in accessing finance from commercial lending providers, the MFI COVID-19 Business Loan may be able to help your business.</p>
<p>Donegal County Council - Rates</p>	<p>If you have concerns about paying your Business Rates contact Donegal County Council asap. Full information regarding business rates are here</p> <p>http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/incomecollectionunit/commercialrates/</p>