



## AVA NEWSLETTER: Lockdown Latest

As we settle into Lockdown 3.0 - and an indefinite period of restrictions on movement - plus the inevitable impact it will have on Hospitality, Foodservice, Catering and Vending, we felt it would be useful to review the support available through the AVA and the various Government agencies



Government guidance is changing regularly. You can find the latest guidance for what you can and (mainly!) cannot do in your area here: [National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/national-lockdown-stay-at-home)

There is a range of useful links, explanations of guidelines and downloadable documents on the AVA Covid-19 guidance pages, which you will find here:

[COVID-19 – AVA \(the-ava.com\)](https://www.the-ava.com/covid-19)

### Additional Restrictions Grant - Payments made!

Although some AVA member's claims are still waiting to be confirmed, a larger number of business have received this grant from their Local Authority. It was set up "to help those businesses which – while not legally forced to close – are nonetheless severely impacted by the restrictions. This could include: businesses which supply the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors."

You will find more information here ([Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Additional](#)

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[Restrictions Grant - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)) but should apply directly through your Local Authority. Details of which can be found on the same website.

## Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)

This has been extended through to April 30, 2021. **Claims for furlough days in December 2020 must be made by 14 January 2021.**

Details of how to claim and guidance on eligibility can be found on the AVA Factsheet: [Here](#)

## Key Worker Access



This week we've been contacted by some members whose colleagues have been turned away at County borders by Police!

Vending personnel have been recognised by Defra as working within vital Food Distribution service and therefore Key Workers, able to move around the country to fulfil their work requirements. Make sure that your Operators and Engineers are carrying a Key Worker letter. You will find a template letter on the AVA website here ([AVA Business Support Service – AVA \(the-ava.com\)](#)). Plus a supporting letter from Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Defra.

## Vending is Open!

Where sites and clients are still open and require a service to be maintained, they often require specific COVID-19 risk assessments. An example can be found in the Members Section of the AVA website, which you can adapt for your company use: [AH011 COVID-19 AVA Risk Assessment for Return to Work.pdf \(the-ava.com\)](#)

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