



COVID-19 GUIDANCE FROM THE SECTOR

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With the rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, information and advice from government is constantly being updated.

We have collated advice from across the sector to provide guidance to those in the creative industries who are affected by the Coronavirus and its fallout.

We will be creating a live webpage that we will update regularly as the situation develops. If you would like to add any guidance or resources from your organisation, please email angelica@creativeindustriesfederation.com.

General advice:

[Official government advice](#) including sections for employers and businesses

[EU guidance](#) on COVID-19

[Budget 2020 support](#) for those affected by COVID-19

Guidance for self-employed:

[Advice from IPSE](#) (the Association of Independent Professionals and the Self Employed)

[Government tax helpline](#) to support freelancers being affected by Coronavirus

[Employment Support Allowance](#)

[Universal Credit](#)

Guidance for businesses:

[Government support for businesses](#)

[Government tax helpline](#) to support businesses being affected by Coronavirus

[Federation of Small Businesses guidance](#) for small businesses

[ACAS \(the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service\) workplace guidance](#) for employees and employers

[Bates Wells blog](#), which includes useful employment operations advice

[What Next?](#) are currently collating mitigation strategies from different cultural organisations. If you have drafted a risk mitigation strategy for Coronavirus that you are willing to share, then please send to Lizzie: lizzie@culturallearningalliance.org.uk

Touring organisations:

Foreign travel advice: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Arts Council grant recipients:

[Arts Council England resource](#)

If you are a National Portfolio Organisation or Music Education Hub, please contact your Relationship Manager if you have a specific question or concern about your organisation and the effects of the Coronavirus.

ACE have also set up a central email address for all other queries:

Coronavirus-queries@arts council.org.uk

Advice from unions and sector support organisations:

There is also specific advice, guidance and legal support provided by unions and sector support organisations. You are advised to contact these organisations directly for specialist advice.

BECTU: <https://bectu.org.uk/article/covid-19-coronavirus/>

Equity: <https://www.equity.org.uk/news/2020/march/coronavirus-advice-to-equity-members/>

Incorporated Society of Musicians: <https://www.ism.org/advice/coronavirus-stay-informed>

Independent Theatre Council: <https://www.itc-arts.org/blog>

Music Managers' Forum: <https://themmf.net/2020/03/10/coronavirus-updated-information/>

Musicians Union:

<https://www.musiciansunion.org.uk/Home/News/2020/Mar/advice-for-musicians-Coronavirus-covid-19>

RIBA:

<https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/knowledge-landing-page/coronavirus-covid-19-advice>

Scottish Theatre:

<https://www.scottishtheatre.org/news/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance?destination=node%2F7>

UK Theatre: <https://uktheatre.org/theatre-industry/news/theatre-industry-coronavirus-advice/>

UKIE:

https://ukie.org.uk/news/2020/03/how-prepare-coronavirus-policy-your-games-business?mc_cid=f29a271b47&mc_eid=1873503046

Public health:

[Advice for patients](#) is available on NHS Choices regarding symptoms

[Public Health England have published a Q&A](#) about the virus on their blogpost.