

# **Coordinator Catch-ups: Local responses to Covid-19**

10:00 - 11:30 every Wednesday

## **Agenda**

- **Welcome, short info and programme updates**
- **Healthy Start: New regulations on how to apply and digital rollout**
- **Markets: Guidelines and best practice for staying open**
- **School meals: Guidance, vouchers, caterers and more**
- **What should we cover in next week's catch up?**



# Sustainable Food Cities update

- Rise Up email forum
  - Subscribe: [sfc-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:sfc-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)
  - Send your message: [sfc@lists.riseup.net](mailto:sfc@lists.riseup.net)
  - Unsubscribe: [sfc-unsubscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:sfc-unsubscribe@lists.riseup.net)
- Covid-19 Digest
- SFP website coming soon <https://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org>



# Healthy Start

- **As of 6th April, applications no longer need a health professional's signature**
  - Earlier applications held until the 6th for processing
  - New regulations passed in prep for digital rollout
  - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/how-to-apply/>
- **Digitisation = online application form + smartcard**
  - **NOT available yet ➡ paper applications prevail!**
  - **Aim to roll out in 2020 (??), including new branding**

**Join our Healthy Start email forum:** Ask questions, share resources and get support from others working on the scheme. Email [healthy\\_start-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:healthy_start-subscribe@lists.riseup.net) to join and once subscribed you can then send a message to everyone in the group by emailing [healthy\\_start@lists.riseup.net](mailto:healthy_start@lists.riseup.net).



# Free School Meals

- **Latest Government Guidance on Free School Meals**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>

- **Emphasis on relationship between schools and catering partners**
- **Clarification received re: schools getting full UIFSM and FSM Grants**
- **Voucher system - £15 per week – lobbying for extension of redemption to Aldi, Lidl, Coop, independents, local food distributors**

[https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE\\_FreeSchoolMeals\\_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf](https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf)

- **Easter holidays now included for vouchers & schools can apply for grants if financial losses for other costs.**
- **Eligibility re UIFSM & No Recourse to Public Funds**

**Good practice models? Your delivery models?**



# School Caterers

Do you know of where school caterers are being used to prepare meals to be delivered to the following groups:

- Children not in school (ie. Free School Meals)
- Shielded groups?
- People over the age of 70?
- Any other groups?

Please email Fran Bernhardt on [fran@sustainweb.org](mailto:fran@sustainweb.org) with any info



# Food Markets

The main message is that markets not only can stay open (following government guidance) but should stay open.

- Current status – mixed picture
- Health and safety – rapidly improving
- Labour – possibly not a problem
- Food Supply – potentially a problem
- Alternative models for markets – some developments

More information:

[www.sustainweb.org/coronavirus/supporting\\_food\\_markets/](http://www.sustainweb.org/coronavirus/supporting_food_markets/)



# National Guidance

Sustain's pages on Coronavirus: links to policy calls, advice, links, etc.  
[www.sustainweb.org/coronavirus](http://www.sustainweb.org/coronavirus)

- [Securing food for the most vulnerable](#);
- Defending our [food supplies](#);
- Supporting the [local response](#) (which will link to SFP website).
- Signposting to, and advising, [funders](#) on responding to the crisis,
- Looking internationally to [learn from others' responses](#),
- Looking into [post-Covid future](#) for food and farming policy.



**Any questions?**

**Type them into the chat box on the right**





# Thanks!

Please join us again next Wednesday – same time and place.

Let us know what you'd like to hear more about or share the work you're doing.

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