

# BBfA Hertfordshire COVID Aware Scheme

Following the lifting of restrictions there are no requirements for the control of COVID-19 in the UK at the moment, however businesses still need to be aware of infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and have a duty to protect their staff and customers.

Better Business for All (BBfA) would like to encourage businesses across Hertfordshire to keep infection control in mind and strive to minimise the risk of infection on their premises.

The COVID aware scheme aims to reduce spread of all infectious diseases not just COVID. The risk of spreading COVID, norovirus, monkey pox, flu etc. can all be easily reduced by following the steps below.

Businesses who are effectively managing their infection control risk can be awarded with a window sticker. The sticker will let the public know, particularly vulnerable people, that the business is taking infection control seriously and doing their best to minimise the spread of all infectious diseases.

Available steps:

- windows open,
- suitable mechanical ventilation installed, if required,
- hand sanitiser available at the entrance of the businesses (British standard compliant),
- hand washing available on site,
- general high level of cleanliness of workplace,
- protective screens for staff,
- symptomatic staff required to stay at home,
- business risk assessment includes infection control or a specific infection control risk assessment available,
- cleaning undertaken between clients/customers,
- cleaning routines followed,
- control over shared equipment i.e. cleaning shopping baskets, trolleys,
- Appropriate cleaning materials available and staff trained in usage and contact time,
- face mask supportive,
- Measures to prevent overcrowding of restrictive spaces

Full infection control advice including specific advice for different types of businesses are on the BBfA tool kit - [Better Business For All | Hertfordshire LEP](#)