

# **COVID-19 HANDBOOK** Avocado social







#### INTRODUCTION

This handbook provides a number of examples of how businesses are approaching Covid-19 either to reassure their customers and staff, or to offer acts of kindness to the wider public.

Use it for inspiration and examples for your own approach.

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All images from <u>unsplash.com</u>, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

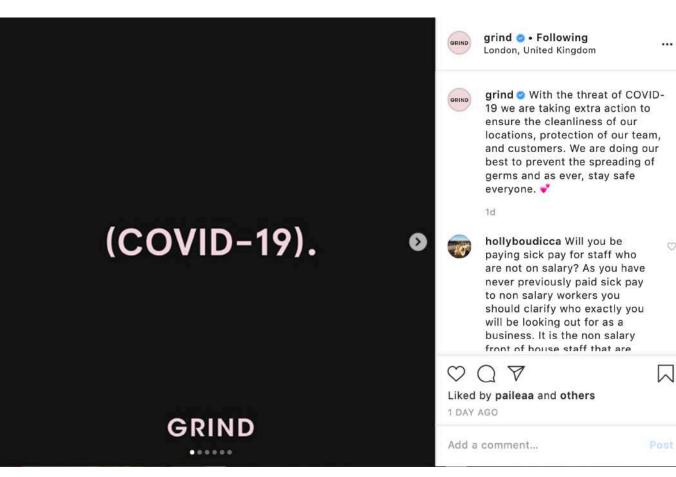


1. Grind (London, UK)

Multi-image post on Instagram used to make a statement.

Please note customer question about sick pay. Good to have a response.

Link: <u>https://www.instagram.com/p/</u> <u>B9tnUM2HkPN/</u>



(Since moved to takeaway only offering)

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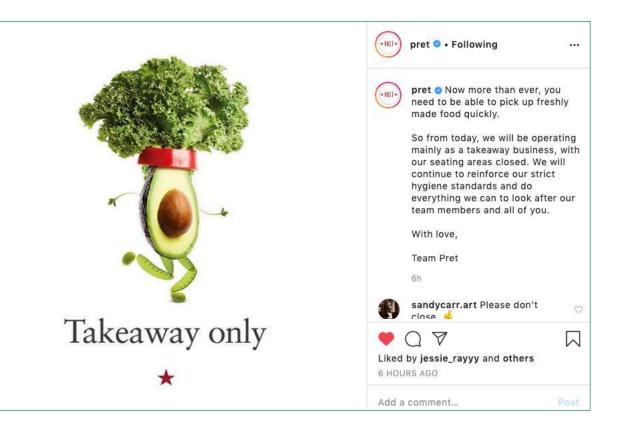
2. Pret A Manger

A move to takeaway only and offering free drinks and 50% off to NHS workers.

Link: <u>https://www.instagram.com/pret/</u>

Very quick to announce any key changes and communicates them well.

Great PR release too: <u>https://www.pret.co.uk/</u> <u>en-gb/How-Pret-is-responding-to-Coronavirus</u>





3. The Mercantile Hotel (Dublin, Ireland)

Email to customers and social media post.

Link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/themercantiledublin/</u> posts/3043651565668741:0?hc\_location=ufi

Note this post was very early on.



The Mercantile

11 March at 12:43 · 🕄

Please note the health & safety precautions in place due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak.

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR TEAMS & CUSTOMERS IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR BUSINESS & DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 WE'RE TAKING THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO ENSURE MINIMUM EXPOSURE & MAXIMUM SAFETY IS APPLIED.

SOME OF THE MEASURES WE'VE PUT IN PLACE INCLUDE:

- WE WOULD KINDLY ASK CUSTOMERS TO PAY BY CARD ONLY WHERE POSSIBLE.
- ALL OUR TEAM MEMBERS ACROSS THE GROUP HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF HYGIENE ARE PRACTISED AT ALL TIMES.
- THIS INCLUDES REGULARLY WASHING THEIR HANDS WITH ANTISEPTIC HANDWASH PROVIDED & DISINFECTING ALL SURFACES WITH ANTIBACTERIAL SPRAYS.
- SANITISERS WE ENCOURAGE OUR CUSTOMERS & ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAMS TO USE HAND SANITISER WHERE POSSIBLE.

WE ARE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON THE SITUATION IN ALL OUR VENUES & WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES.

WE WILL UPDATE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH MORE INFO ON OUR POLICIES AS THEY CHANGE



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4. BrewDog

Launching Drive-Through service and new initiative to help make more hand sanitiser.



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brewdogofficial Say hello to Punk Sanitiser 🙌 To help with the shortages, we have just started working on making hand sanitiser at our... more View all 820 comments

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5. Kindred Yoga Life (London UK)

Email to customers, and post across Facebook and Instagram.

https://www.instagram.com/p/ B9w5MfFHX7e/

Now beginning to live stream classes in light of new Government advice.



kindredyogalife • Following

kindredyogalife We're here for

We'll be running our full schedule so come & find a bit of solace from all the craziness. We appreciate your ongoing

support in these testing times and will be continuing our upmost best to ensure a clean and safe environment for your yoga practice.

#kindredyogalife #community #supporteachother

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Liked by katarinarayburnyoga and others



6. UK Supermarkets

#### Posts across social media:

https://www.facebook.com/

AldiUK/photos/a.

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To our customers,

We know that many of you are worried about the spread of coronavirus (Covid-19). We want to let you know that we are doing everything we can so that you and your families have the food and essentials you need.

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We are working closely with the Government and our suppliers to keep food moving quickly through the system and making more deliveries to our stores to ensure our shelves are stocked. Those of us with online delivery and click-and-collect services are running them at full capacity to help you get the products you need when you need them.

We thank all our colleagues in stores and supply chains who are working day and night to keep the nation fed.

But we need your help too.

We would ask everyone to be considerate in the way they shop. We understand your concerns but buying more than is needed can sometimes mean that others will be left without. There is enough for everyone if we all work together.

Together we can make sure we are looking out for family, friends, neighbours. Together we will care for those around us and those who are elderly, vulnerable or choosing to remain at home.

We are doing all we can to rise to this challenge. Serving you and keeping you and everyone who works with us safe will always be our priority.

#### Working to feed the nation





7. Martha Brook London

Inspiration on how to help yourself and others.

https://www.instagram.com/p/ B9180iXHmOf/

# Small ways to help yourself and others



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marthabrookIdn • Following Brentford, United Kingdom



marthabrookIdn How are you? It is such a weird time isn't it. Thought we'd share a few things that might you feel more in control if you've been feeling as wobbly as I have!

I also wanted to let you know we are still here. Our utmost aim is to ensure the safety of our staff and community. We have been rigorously following all UK government guidance over the last few weeks, whilst also doing our very best to keep production going.

We exist as a company to uplift and inspire and we hope that through all this we can continue do just that. It's hard to know what to post so I'm

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During this worrying and difficult period, social media users are expected to increase.

Audiences are either looking for **positive and light content** to distract them (but still make reference to being "at home" or "in isolation" - don't just ignore what's happening.

Or they may be looking for **hopeful and reassuring** content to give them confidence. We have included some content ideas on the next page...



- Recipes and cook-a-longs
- Activities at home (games, home decor, activities with kids, gardening)
- Exercises at home
- Competitions and giveaways
- Takeaway food or recipe boxes
- Featuring customer stories of self-isolation
- Entertainment live gigs, comedy, podcasts
- Mother's Day appreciation
- Easter holiday ideas at home
- Home improvement ideas
- E-learning and new skills



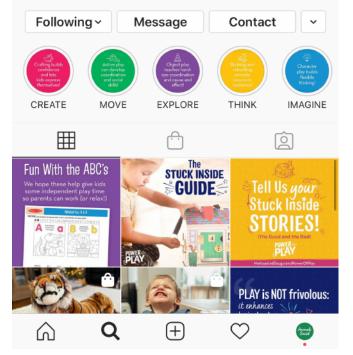


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#### Melissa & Doug

Games/Toys

Proudly partnering with the American Academy of Pediatrics to foster early brain development. Join us as we share the #PowerOfPlay www.melissaanddoug.com/blogpost/?postId





Liked by mothercould and others

**melissaanddougtoys** Many of us are adjusting to a "new normal" of more time at home  $rac{1}{2}$  with your kids. At Melissa & Doug, we're putting our... more

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#### 20 FREE PRINTABLES!

# Fun With the ABC's

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We hope these help give kids some independent play time so parents can work (or relax!)



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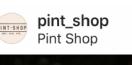
Pure Gym 12 March at 07:45 · 🚱

Many of us spend our days sitting and working at a desk, which can often trigger lower back pain. It's easy to forget our posture when we're busy at work so here are a few simple tips and stretches to help prevent back pain which you can try implementing today. @kaypuregym



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**pint\_shop** We will be offering takeaway services from tomorrow.. watch this space for menus and drinks available to order over the phone.. our... more

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avocadosocial Great thinking 👋



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niccrillyhargravephotography London, United Kingdom

It's not much, but since a lot of smaller hospitality businesses in London and independent breweries & drinks businesses are scrambling to create online delivery, shops & other digital outlets. I'd like to offer any photography help or advice I can, for free.

#### Drop me a DM or email gday@niccrillyhargrave.com

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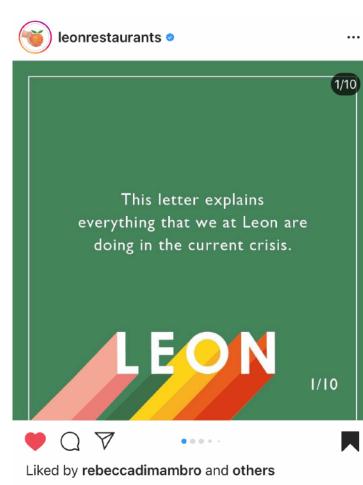
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**Description** and **others** 

**niccrillyhargravephotography** As a freelance photographer for the hospitality industry, it's been horrible watching the wringer that it's... more







**leonrestaurants** Here is a letter from @johnv\_leon to explain everything that we at LEON are doing in the current crisis.

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Therefore, we are increasing our discount to all NHS workers to 50% and supporting people who work in hospitals near to Leon restaurants with free food deliveries.

Please contact us if you work in the administration teams of these hospitals.



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#### CONCLUSIONS

This is not an easy time for anyone at the moment - individuals, families and businesses.

It is a dynamic situation and will continue to evolve.

Please do continue to support businesses in any way you can. Feel free to share this report and credit us @avocadosocial.

Stay safe and healthy.

Thank you.

