



Briefing Note 48 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Tuesday 5th May 2020

A. Headline announcements on Monday 4th May 2020

| Item | |
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| A1 | <u>How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan</u> |
| A2 | <u>Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight</u> |
| A3 | <u>VE Day 75th Anniversary: Friday 8th May 2020: Royal British Legion Livestream</u> |
| A4 | <u>VE Day 75th Anniversary toolkit for home and online commemorations</u> |
| A5 | <u>Tax credits customers to continue receiving payments even if working less hours</u> |
| A6 | <u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) membership published</u> |
| A7 | <u>Actions for higher education providers and support for universities and students</u> |

B. Data Sources

| Sources of daily rolling data | |
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| B1 | <u>Presentation slides and datasets used to support the ministerial media briefing on Monday 4th May 2020</u> |
| B2 | <u>UK statistics: 28,734 dead (+288) 190,584 tested positive (+3,985)</u> |
| B3 | <u>UK government COVID-19 data tracker</u> |
| B4 | <u>Office for National Statistics (ONS): Analysis of COVID-19 data and its effect on the UK economy and society</u> |

C. Commentary

The 5pm daily ministerial media briefing was led by the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, who announced the next steps of the government's test, track and trace programme. This included the launch of a contact tracing app on the Isle of Wight.

The app will work together with enhanced contact tracing services and swab testing for those with potential COVID-19 symptoms to help minimise its spread. All 80,000 residents and workers on the island will receive access to the official app from this Thursday 7th May, with NHS and council staff able to download it from 4pm today.

When someone reports symptoms through the app, it will detect any other app users that the person has been in significant contact with over the past few days, including unknown contacts such as someone they may have sat next to on public transport. The app will be able to anonymously alert these contacts and provide advice, including how to get a test to confirm



whether or not they do have COVID-19. Users will also be able order tests through the app shortly.

For those who may not have access to the app, or the ability to use a smartphone, there will be an option to report symptoms and order tests in other ways. As the integrated service develops, everyone who reports symptoms, including app users, will also be asked to record recent contacts using an online service (or through a telephone interview if they prefer), so that contact tracers can reach all contacts who may be at risk, whether or not those contacts are app users. Contacts will then be alerted either by the app or by email or telephone, advising them to self-isolate or offering public health advice.

The Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs) to help small and medium-sized businesses was launched, and an estimated 110,000 applications were made during the day. BBLs is available through a range of [British Business Bank accredited lenders and partners](#), listed on the British Business Bank website.

A lender can provide a six-year term loan from £2,000 up to 25% of a business' turnover. The maximum loan amount is £50,000 and the scheme gives the lender a full (100%) government-backed guarantee against the outstanding balance of the facility (both capital and interest). No repayments will be due during the first 12 months, and the borrower will always remain fully liable for the loan.

The government released the names of the majority of individuals who sit on the [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\)](#) and its seven sub-groups. A small number of individuals opted to remain anonymous.

Friday 8th May 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe and is known as VE Day. It is a public holiday in the UK and although public events such as parades and street parties will not be taking place there are various commemorations taking place.

The [official commemorations](#) begin at 11am on 8 May with a nationwide two-minute silence, and the Archbishop of Canterbury will broadcast a televised reflection and moment of prayer to mark the day. The Royal British Legion will be running an 80-minute [livestream](#) at 11.15am and HM The Queen will address the nation at 9pm.

A [pack](#) with ideas for homemade VE Day bunting, original recipes, games, and educational and creative activities for children has been produced by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, so families under lockdown can create their own experiences at home.



Annex

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

| REF | DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE | DATE ISSUED OR UPDATED |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Adult social care | | |
| R1 | <u>Home care provision</u> | 06/04/2020 |
| R2 | <u>Changes to Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care</u> | 01/04/2020 |
| R3 | <u>How to work safely in care homes</u> | 27/04/2020 |
| Business and other venues – directions to close | | |
| R4 | <u>Closing certain businesses and venues</u> | 09/04/2020 |
| R5 | <u>Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</u> | 04/04/2020 |
| R6 | <u>Guidance for closing certain businesses</u> | 27/03/2020 |
| Business support and employment | | |
| R7 | <u>Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</u> | 07/04/2020 |
| R8 | <u>Financial help for the self-employed</u> | 26/03/2020 |
| R9 | <u>Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| R10 | <u>Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| R11 | <u>Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R12 | <u>Business support – Frequently Asked Questions</u> | Website |
| R13 | <u>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R14 | <u>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities</u> | 02/04/2020 |
| R15 | <u>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R16 | <u>Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England</u> | 03/05/2020 |
| R17 | <u>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</u> | 17/04/2020 |
| R18 | <u>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020</u> | 07/04/2020 |
| R19 | <u>Guidance for local authorities on implementing the hardship fund</u> | March 2020 |
| R20 | <u>Step-by-step guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme</u> | April 2020 |
| R21 | <u>Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’</u> | 19/04/2020 |
| R22 | <u>Online support tool for employers and the self-employed</u> | Website |
| R23 | <u>Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding</u> | 01/05/2020 |



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| R24 | <u>Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme arrangements</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R25 | <u>Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R26 | <u>Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses</u> | 02/05/2020 |
| Children and young people | | |
| R27 | <u>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</u> | 19/04/2020 |
| R28 | <u>Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children</u> | 21/04/2020 |
| R29 | <u>Guidance for local authorities to support and protect vulnerable children</u> | 03/04/2020 |
| Construction sites | | |
| R30 | <u>Construction site operating procedures – version 3</u> | 14/04/2020 |
| Deaths and bereavement | | |
| R31 | <u>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals</u> | 20/04/2020 |
| R32 | <u>Directions to councils in England to allow family members to attend funerals</u> | 17/04/2020 |
| R33 | <u>Statutory guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u> | April 2020 |
| R34 | <u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u> | 19/04/2020 |
| R35 | <u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u> | 21/04/2020 |
| R36 | <u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u> | April 2020 |
| R37 | <u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u> | 29/04/2020 |
| R38 | <u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u> | 29/04/2020 |
| R39 | <u>Chief Coroner’s Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u> | 26/03/2020 |
| R40 | <u>Chief Coroner’s Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u> | 27/03/2020 |
| R41 | <u>Chief Coroner’s Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u> | 30/03/2020 |
| R42 | <u>Chief Coroner’s Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u> | 28/04/2020 |
| Education settings and vocational training | | |
| R43 | <u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u> | 04/05/2020 |
| R44 | <u>Information for parents and carers about schools & other educational settings</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R45 | <u>Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</u> | 19/04/2020 |
| R46 | <u>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</u> | 28/04/2020 |
| R47 | <u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</u> | 27/03/2020 |
| R48 | <u>Guidance on maintaining further education</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R49 | <u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u> | April 2020 |
| R50 | <u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades</u> | April 2020 |
| R51 | <u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</u> | 30/04/2020 |



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| R52 | <u>Free school meals guidance</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| R53 | <u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R54 | <u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u> | 07/04/2020 |
| R55 | <u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R56 | <u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u> | 19/04/2020 |
| R57 | <u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R58 | <u>Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</u> | Website |
| R59 | <u>BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</u> | Website |
| Food hygiene | | |
| R60 | <u>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</u> | 25/04/2020 |
| Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance | | |
| R61 | <u>Glossary</u> | 27/04/2020 |
| Healthcare professionals and hospital settings | | |
| R62 | <u>Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)</u> | 29/04/2020 |
| R63 | <u>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</u> | 27/04/2020 |
| R64 | <u>Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital</u> | 23/04/2020 |
| R65 | <u>Guidance for ambulance trusts</u> | 11/04/2020 |
| R66 | <u>Guidance for first responders</u> | 24/03/2020 |
| R67 | <u>Guidance for taking swab samples</u> | 23/04/2020 |
| R68 | <u>Infection prevention and control</u> | 27/04/2020 |
| R69 | <u>Healthcare support workers required at London NHS Nightingale Hospital</u> | Website |
| R70 | <u>Hospital discharge service requirements</u> | 19/03/2020 |
| R71 | <u>Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home</u> | 23/04/2020 |
| Homecare (domiciliary care) | | |
| R72 | <u>PPE for care workers delivering home care in England</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| R73 | <u>Putting on PPE for home carers</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| R74 | <u>Taking off PPE for home carers</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| International | | |
| R75 | <u>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R76 | <u>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</u> | 12/04/2020 |
| R77 | <u>PPE export controls on UK companies trading internationally</u> | 24/04/2020 |
| R78 | <u>How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan abroad</u> | 26/06/2018 |

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| Laboratories | | |
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| R79 | <u>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</u> | 09/04/2020 |
| Laws and regulations | | |
| R80 | <u>Coronavirus Act 2020</u> | 25/03/2020 |
| R81 | <u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u> | 10/02/2020 |
| R82 | <u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</u> | 26/03/2020 |
| R83 | <u>Domestic Abuse Bill</u> | 03/03/2020 |
| Local authorities | | |
| R84 | <u>Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</u> | March 2020 |
| R85 | <u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u> | 07/04/2020 |
| R86 | <u>Postponement of elections</u> | 06/04/2020 |
| R87 | <u>Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| Medicines and healthcare products | | |
| R88 | <u>Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</u> | 23/04/2020 |
| Mental health | | |
| R89 | <u>Mental health helplines</u> | March 2020 |
| R90 | <u>Support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</u> | 31/03/2020 |
| R91 | <u>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</u> | March 2020 |
| R92 | <u>Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</u> | 09/04/2020 |
| Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) | | |
| R93 | <u>Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| Personal protective equipment (PPE) | | |
| R94 | <u>PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</u> | 10/04/2020 |
| R95 | <u>PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</u> | 08/04/2020 |
| R96 | <u>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</u> | 23/04/2020 |
| R97 | <u>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</u> | 18/04/2020 |
| R98 | <u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</u> | 10/04/2020 |
| R99 | <u>VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| Procurement policy guidance to public bodies | | |
| R100 | <u>Payment to suppliers of public bodies</u> | 17/04/2020 |



Public information

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| R101 | <u>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</u> | 03/03/2020 |
| R102 | <u>NHS health advice for everyone</u> | March 2020 |
| R103 | <u>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u> | 28/04/2020 |
| R104 | <u>Call for evidence by parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee</u> | 30/03/2020 |
| R105 | <u>Prime Minister’s letter to the nation</u> | 23/03/2020 |
| R106 | <u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u> | 23/03/2020 |
| R107 | <u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u> | April 2020 |
| R108 | <u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R109 | <u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’</u> | 01/02/2020 |
| R110 | <u>British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH</u> | Website |
| R111 | <u>Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society</u> | 02/05/2020 |

Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project

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| R112 | <u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u> | April 2020 |
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Renting and landlords

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| R113 | <u>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities</u> | 28/03/2020 |
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Restoration of NHS services

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| R114 | <u>Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020</u> | 01/05/2020 |
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Rough sleepers

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| R115 | <u>Dame Louise Casey to lead government specialist task force on rough sleeping</u> | 02/05/2020 |
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Scientific advice

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| R116 | <u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</u> | Website |
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Security

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| R117 | <u>Guidance on cyber security and home working</u> | 02/04/2020 |
| R118 | <u>‘Silent Solution’ - contacting the police by mobile phone if you cannot speak</u> | 07/04/2019 |
| R119 | <u>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary</u> | 11/04/2020 |
| R120 | <u>Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ</u> | 03/04/2020 |
| R121 | <u>Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online</u> | Website |

Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)

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| R122 | <u>Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)</u> | 01/05/2020 |
| R123 | <u>Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</u> | 17/04/2020 |
| R124 | <u>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people</u> | March 2020 |



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| R125 | <u>How to help safely: guidance</u> | 23/04/2020 |
| Testing and vaccines | | |
| R126 | <u>Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus</u> | Website |
| R127 | <u>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes</u> | Website |
| R128 | <u>Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</u> | 03/04/2020 |
| R129 | <u>Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms</u> | 29/04/2020 |
| R130 | <u>Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms</u> | 29/04/2020 |
| R131 | <u>Mobile testing units to test frontline workers</u> | 29/04/2020 |
| R132 | <u>Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative</u> | 26/04/2020 |
| R133 | <u>Testing for coronavirus: privacy information</u> | 30/04/2020 |
| Transport and travel | | |
| R134 | <u>Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK</u> | 22/03/2020 |
| R135 | <u>Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust</u> | 22/03/2020 |
| R136 | <u>Government data sources and methodology for gathering transport use data</u> | Website |
| R137 | <u>Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance</u> | 22/04/2020 |
| Trials and volunteers | | |
| R138 | <u>Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app</u> | Website |
| World Health Organisation | | |
| R139 | <u>World Health Organisation</u> | Website |