



Briefing Note 57 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Thursday 14th May 2020

A. Headline UK announcements on Wednesday 13th May 2020

Item

- A1 [New guidance on spending time outdoors](#)
- A2 [Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces](#)
- A3 [Patients severely ill with Covid-19 to have their genetic code studied](#)
- A4 [Government to support businesses through Trade Credit Insurance guarantee](#)
- A5 [Government announces five roadmap taskforces to plan how to reopen closed sectors](#)
- A6 [How tests and testing kits for COVID-19 work](#)
- A7 [Business Support Grant Funding: guidance on Local Authority Discretionary Fund](#)
- A8 [Communities and Housing Secretary's statement at 5pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- A9 [Guidance for moving home safely in England](#)

B. Data sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used in 5pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 33,186 \(+494\) \(b\) positive tests 229,705 \(+3,242\)](#)
- B3 [UK government COVID-19 data tracker](#)
- B4 [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\): analysis of COVID-19 data](#)

C. Devolved administrations

Information for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

- C1 [Information about COVID-19 and its impact on Scotland](#)
- C2 [Information about COVID-19 and its impact on Wales](#)
- C3 [Information about COVID-19 and its impact on Northern Ireland](#)



D. Commentary

The 5pm ministerial media briefing was led by the Housing and Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick. The main focus of his speech was the government's plans to safely restart, reopen and renew the housing market. He announced that anyone in England may move home if they follow the [guidance](#) to do so safely and with immediate effect:

- Estate agents' offices can reopen;
- Viewings – whether in-person or virtual – are permitted;
- Show homes may reopen; and
- Removal companies and other essential parts of the sales and letting process may restart.

Mr Jenrick described new arrangements to support housebuilding and a [charter](#) for housebuilders which had been agreed between the Home Building Federation and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Construction sites may now apply to extend their working hours to 9pm Monday to Saturday in residential areas and beyond that in non-residential areas. Local councils are required to approve applications unless there are 'compelling reasons' for not doing so.

An array of information describing how the various COVID-19 [tests and testing kits](#) work has been published, together with updated guidance for manufacturers of the products. This includes [descriptions](#) about sampling tests, home testing and laboratory (or point-of-care) testing.

A detailed guidance document [Safer Public Spaces – Urban Centres and Green Spaces](#) was published. It identifies the issues associated with the use of public spaces in England in light of the need for social distancing. It focuses primarily on areas which are likely to have high footfall. It also includes practical interventions, which are temporary, for adapting and managing public places. It does not impose any legal obligations.

Annex

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE
Adult social care		
R1	<u>Home care pro [WITHDRAWN 13/05/2020]</u>	13/05/2020
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
R4	<u>Dedicated app for social care workers</u>	06/05/2020
R5	<u>Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce</u>	11/05/2020
Business and other venues – directions to close		
R6	<u>Guidance for closing certain businesses and venues in England</u>	13/05/2020
R7	<u>Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</u>	23/04/2020
Business support and employment		
R8	<u>Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</u>	07/04/2020
R9	<u>Financial help for the self-employed</u>	26/03/2020
R10	<u>Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?</u>	13/05/2020
R11	<u>Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u>	01/05/2020
R12	<u>Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5</u>	24/04/2020
R13	<u>Business support – Frequently Asked Questions</u>	Website
R14	<u>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5</u>	24/04/2020
R15	<u>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities</u>	02/04/2020
R16	<u>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</u>	13/05/2020
R17	<u>Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England</u>	11/05/2020
R18	<u>Procurement guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</u>	13/05/2020
R19	<u>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020</u>	07/04/2020
R20	<u>Guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme</u>	11/05/2020
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
R24	<u>Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme</u>	30/04/2020

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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
R27	<u>Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours</u>	04/05/2020
R28	<u>How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan</u>	Website
R29	<u>Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021</u>	06/05/2020
R30	<u>New funding to support dairy farmers</u>	06/05/2020
R31	<u>Chancellor extends Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until October 2020</u>	12/05/2020

Children and young people

R32	<u>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</u>	19/04/2020
R33	<u>Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children</u>	21/04/2020
R34	<u>Guidance for children's social care services</u>	06/05/2020

Construction sites

R35	<u>Construction Leadership Council</u>	Website
R36	<u>Construction site operating procedures – version 3</u>	14/04/2020
R37	<u>Charter for Safe Working Practice</u>	13/05/2020
R38	<u>Working safely in construction - video</u>	13/05/2020

Deaths and bereavement

R39	<u>Guidance for care of the deceased</u>	12/05/2020
R40	<u>Directions to councils to allow family members to attend funerals</u>	17/04/2020
R41	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u>	April 2020
R42	<u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u>	19/04/2020
R43	<u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u>	21/04/2020
R44	<u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u>	April 2020
R45	<u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u>	29/04/2020
R46	<u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u>	29/04/2020
R47	<u>Chief Coroner's Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u>	26/03/2020
R48	<u>Chief Coroner's Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u>	27/03/2020
R49	<u>Chief Coroner's Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u>	30/03/2020
R50	<u>Chief Coroner's Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u>	28/04/2020
R51	<u>Verification of deaths in times of emergency</u>	05/05/2020

Education settings and vocational training

R52	<u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u>	13/05/2020
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R53	<u>Information for parents & carers about schools & other settings</u>	11/05/2020
R54	<u>Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</u>	05/05/2020
R55	<u>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</u>	28/04/2020
R56	<u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</u>	27/03/2020
R57	<u>Guidance for further education colleges and providers</u>	13/05/2020
R58	<u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u>	April 2020
R59	<u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades</u>	April 2020
R60	<u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</u>	30/04/2020
R61	<u>Free school meals guidance</u>	30/04/2020
R62	<u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u>	24/04/2020
R63	<u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u>	07/04/2020
R64	<u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u>	01/05/2020
R65	<u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u>	07/05/2020
R66	<u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u>	01/05/2020
R67	<u>Actions for higher education providers and support for universities</u>	04/05/2020
R68	<u>International travel advice for educational settings</u>	05/05/2020
R69	<u>Awarding qualifications in 2020: Ofqual update following consultation</u>	06/05/2020
R70	<u>School attendance of children and teachers since 23rd March 2020</u>	12/05/2020
R71	<u>Examples of remote education practice from schools & academies</u>	05/05/2020
R72	<u>Preparing education & childcare settings to open on 1st June 2020</u>	12/05/2020
R73	<u>Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</u>	Website
R74	<u>BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</u>	Website

Food hygiene

R75	<u>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</u>	25/04/2020
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Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance

R76	<u>Glossary</u>	03/05/2020
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Healthcare professionals and hospital settings

R77	<u>Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)</u>	13/05/2020
R78	<u>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</u>	27/04/2020
R79	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital</u>	06/05/2020
R80	<u>Guidance for ambulance trusts</u>	11/04/2020
R81	<u>Guidance for first responders</u>	09/05/2020

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R82	<u>Guidance for taking swab samples</u>	23/04/2020
R83	<u>Infection prevention and control</u>	03/05/2020
R84	<u>Hospital discharge – collection of guidance</u>	13/05/2020
R85	<u>Hospital discharge service requirements</u>	19/03/2020
R86	<u>Hospital discharge patient leaflet</u>	19/03/2020
R87	<u>What you need to know about leaving hospital - leaflet</u>	13/05/2020
R88	<u>When you leave hospital to go home - leaflet</u>	13/05/2020
R89	<u>Leaving hospital to go to a care home - leaflet</u>	13/05/2020
R90	<u>Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home</u>	23/04/2020

Homecare (domiciliary care)

R91	<u>PPE for care workers delivering home care in England</u>	30/04/2020
R92	<u>Putting on PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
R93	<u>Taking off PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
R94	<u>Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England</u>	06/05/2020
R95	<u>Guidance for people who receive direct payments for care and support</u>	07/05/2020

International

R96	<u>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</u>	24/04/2020
R97	<u>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in other countries</u>	12/04/2020
R98	<u>PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally</u>	05/05/2020
R99	<u>How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan</u>	26/06/2018
R100	<u>The British Gurkhas rescue Brits stranded in Nepal (video)</u>	07/05/2020

Laboratories

R101	<u>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</u>	09/04/2020
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Laws and regulations

R102	<u>Coronavirus Act 2020</u>	25/03/2020
R103	<u>Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each measure</u>	07/05/2020
R104	<u>Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u>	10/02/2020
R105	<u>Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</u>	26/03/2020
R106	<u>Domestic Abuse Bill</u>	03/03/2020
R107	<u>The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020</u>	24/04/2020

Local authorities

R108	<u>Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</u>	March 2020
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R109	<u>Council tax: guidance for local authorities on the hardship fund</u>	March 2020
R110	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u>	05/05/2020
R111	<u>Postponement of elections</u>	06/04/2020
R112	<u>Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</u>	01/05/2020
R113	<u>25 local councils pledge to continue vital residential building safety work</u>	06/05/2020

Medicines and healthcare products

R114	<u>Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</u>	13/05/2020
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Mental health

R115	<u>Mental health helplines</u>	Website
R116	<u>Support and guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</u>	31/03/2020
R117	<u>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</u>	March 2020
R118	<u>Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</u>	09/04/2020

Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)

R119	<u>Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</u>	Website
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Personal protective equipment (PPE)

R120	<u>PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</u>	10/04/2020
R121	<u>PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</u>	08/04/2020
R122	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</u>	06/05/2020
R123	<u>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</u>	18/04/2020
R124	<u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</u>	10/04/2020
R125	<u>VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)</u>	30/04/2020
R126	<u>Millions more items of PPE to be provided through business partnerships</u>	09/05/2020

Procurement policy guidance to public bodies

R127	<u>Payment to suppliers of public bodies</u>	13/05/2020
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Public information

R128	<u>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</u>	03/03/2020
R129	<u>NHS health advice for everyone</u>	Website
R130	<u>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u>	28/04/2020
R131	<u>Parliamentary Inquiry by Parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee</u>	30/03/2020
R132	<u>Prime Minister’s letter to the nation</u>	23/03/2020
R133	<u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u>	23/03/2020
R134	<u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u>	April 2020



R135	<u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u>	11/05/2020
R136	<u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as 'R'</u>	01/02/2020
R137	<u>British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH</u>	Website
R138	<u>Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society</u>	02/05/2020
R139	<u>List of critical workers who can send their children to school</u>	05/05/2020
R140	<u>Statement by the Prime Minister explaining how restrictions will be eased</u>	10/05/2020
R141	<u>Staying alert and safe (social distancing)</u>	11/05/2020
R142	<u>Staying safe outside your home</u>	11/05/2020
R143	<u>How to make and wear a cloth face covering</u>	11/05/2020
R144	<u>Public advised to cover faces in enclosed public spaces</u>	11/05/2020

Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project

R145	<u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u>	April 2020
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Recovery

R146	<u>OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy</u>	11/05/2020
R147	<u>UK Government's Recovery Strategy: Large print version</u>	12/05/2020
R148	<u>Working safely during coronavirus: helping Brits get safely back to work</u>	11/05/2020
R149	<u>Working safely in construction and other outdoor work</u>	11/05/2020
R150	<u>Working safely in factories, plants and warehouses</u>	11/05/2020
R151	<u>Working safely in laboratories and research facilities</u>	11/05/2020
R152	<u>Working safely in offices and contact centres</u>	11/05/2020
R153	<u>Working safely in other people's home</u>	11/05/2020
R154	<u>Working safely in restaurants offering takeaway or delivery</u>	11/05/2020
R155	<u>Working safely in shops and branches</u>	11/05/2020
R156	<u>Working safely in or from a vehicle</u>	11/05/2020

Renting and landlords

R157	<u>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities</u>	28/03/2020
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Restoration of NHS services

R158	<u>Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020</u>	05/05/2020
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Rough sleepers

R159	<u>Dame Louise Casey to lead government task force on rough sleeping</u>	02/05/2020
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Scientific advice

R160	<u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</u>	Website
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R161 [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\) membership](#) 07/05/2020

R162 [Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response](#) Website

Security

R163 [Guidance on cyber security and home working](#) 02/04/2020

R164 ['Silent Solution' – how to call the police by mobile if you cannot speak](#) 07/04/2019

R165 [Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary](#) 11/04/2020

R166 [Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ](#) 03/04/2020

R167 [Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online](#) Website

R168 [Domestic abuse safe accommodation: emergency support fund](#) 07/05/2020

R169 [Countering online child sexual exploitation and abuse during the pandemic](#) 08/05/2020

R170 [Voluntary Principles to counter online child sexual exploitation and abuse](#) 08/05/2020

Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)

R171 [Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus](#) 05/05/2020

R172 [Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people](#) March 2020

R173 [How to help safely: guidance](#) 23/04/2020

Testing and vaccines

R174 [Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus](#) Website

R175 [Government plans for scaling up testing programmes](#) 04/04/2020

R176 [Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating](#) 11/05/2020

R177 [Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms](#) 11/05/2020

R178 [Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms](#) 30/04/2020

R189 [Mobile testing units to test frontline workers](#) 26/04/2020

R180 [Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative](#) 29/04/2020

R181 [Testing for coronavirus: privacy information](#) 01/05/2020

R182 [Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight](#) 04/05/2020

R183 [New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing](#) 06/05/2020

R184 [New online portal for care homes to arrange testing for staff and residents](#) 11/05/2020

R185 [Government expands team to roll out test and trace programme](#) 12/05/2020

Transport and travel

R186 [Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK](#) 22/03/2020

R187 [Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways](#) Website



R188	<u>Government data methodology for gathering transport use data</u>	15/04/2020
R189	<u>Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance</u>	22/04/2020
R190	<u>£2 billion fund for cycling and walking - reducing public transport use</u>	09/05/2020
R191	<u>Statutory guidance for local authorities on managing their road networks</u>	09/05/2020
R192	<u>Temporary road signs for pedestrians, drivers and cyclists</u>	09/05/2020
R193	<u>Transport Secretary’s oral statement on safer travel guidance</u>	12/05/2020
R194	<u>Transport and travel advice</u>	12/05/2020
R195	<u>Safer transport guidance for operators</u>	12/05/2020

Trials and volunteers

R196	<u>Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app</u>	Website
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World Health Organisation

R197	<u>World Health Organisation</u>	Website
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