



Briefing Note 58 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Friday 15th May 2020

A. Headline UK announcements on Thursday 14th May 2020

Item

- A1 [Awarding vocational and technical qualifications in 2020: guidance for centres](#)
- A2 [Local death management: templates for use by local authorities in England](#)
- A3 [WHO 'Walk-the-Talk' health for all challenge on 16th and 17th May 2020 \(virtual\)](#)
- A4 [Transport Secretary's statement at 5pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- A5 [Planning guide for primary schools for reopening in England from 1st June 2020](#)
- A6 [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care – including use of PPE](#)
- A7 [70 million face masks for NHS and care workers through new industry deal](#)

B. Data sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used in 5pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 33,614 \(+428\) \(b\) positive tests 233,151 \(+3,446\)](#)
- 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 Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, who announced that it the public's 'civic duty' to avoid using public transport, if at all possible, during the current pandemic. He pointed out that the government had published three pieces of detailed guidance during the past week relating to cycling, walking and public transport:



- Statutory guidance for [local authorities](#) in England, explaining how they should prepare for significantly increased numbers of cyclists and pedestrians;
- Guidance for transport [operators](#) to ensure they provide safer services for travellers and their staff workplaces; and
- Safer travel guidance for [passengers](#) on public transport.

He provided an update on a range of infrastructure improvement projects and upgrades that have been carried out on the roads and railways over the past couple of months whilst the networks have been under-used. He announced some £2 billion to further upgrade roads and railways, including £1.7 billion for local roads and pothole repairs. This included a network of rapid-charging stations for electric cars.

During the day a planning [framework](#) for primary schools in England was issued to assist primary school leaders prepare for the proposed opening of facilities from 1st June 2020.

At the international level, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced details of its third [The Health for All Challenge](#) which will be held virtually over Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 2020. People will be invited to join in from their homes wherever they are located in the world. The WHO and its partners, through a range of online platforms, will host exercise moments, information sessions, and live chats with health experts on topics ranging from physical and mental health to nutrition and healthy ageing.

**We can help control the virus
if we all **STAY ALERT****

HM Government

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Keep your distance if you go out (2m where possible)
- Work from home if you can
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit contact with other people
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms

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Annex

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE
Adult social care		
R1	Home care [WITHDRAWN 13/05/2020]	13/05/2020
R2	Changes to Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care	01/04/2020
R3	How to work safely in care homes	27/04/2020
R4	Dedicated app for social care workers	06/05/2020
R5	Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce	11/05/2020
Business and other venues – directions to close		
R6	Guidance for closing certain businesses and venues in England	13/05/2020
R7	Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities	23/04/2020
Business support and employment		
R8	Guidance for employees, employers and businesses	07/04/2020
R9	Financial help for the self-employed	26/03/2020
R10	Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?	13/05/2020
R11	Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	01/05/2020
R12	Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5	24/04/2020
R13	Business support – Frequently Asked Questions	Website
R14	Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5	24/04/2020
R15	Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities	02/04/2020
R16	Grant funding allocations by local authority in England	13/05/2020
R17	Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England	11/05/2020
R18	Procurement guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers	13/05/2020
R19	Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020	07/04/2020
R20	Guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme	11/05/2020
R21	Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’	19/04/2020
R22	Online support tool for employers and the self-employed	Website
R23	Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding	01/05/2020
R24	Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme	30/04/2020

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R25	Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders	01/05/2020
R26	Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses	02/05/2020
R27	Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours	04/05/2020
R28	How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan	Website
R29	Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021	06/05/2020
R30	New funding to support dairy farmers	06/05/2020
R31	Chancellor extends Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until October 2020	12/05/2020
R32	Business support through Trade Credit Insurance guarantee	13/05/2020
R33	Business support funding: guidance on Local Authority Discretionary Fund	13/05/2020

Children and young people

R34	Guidance on vulnerable children and young people	19/04/2020
R35	Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children	21/04/2020
R36	Guidance for children's social care services	06/05/2020

Construction sites

R37	Construction Leadership Council	Website
R38	Construction site operating procedures – version 3	14/04/2020
R39	Charter for Safe Working Practice	13/05/2020
R40	Working safely in construction - video	13/05/2020

Deaths and bereavement

R41	Guidance for care of the deceased	12/05/2020
R42	Directions to councils to allow family members to attend funerals	17/04/2020
R43	Guidance to local authorities in England on local death management	April 2020
R44	Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic	19/04/2020
R45	Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths	21/04/2020
R46	Information leaflet for the bereaved	April 2020
R47	Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19	29/04/2020
R48	New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)	29/04/2020
R49	Chief Coroner's Note 34 – guidance for coroners	26/03/2020
R50	Chief Coroner's Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic	27/03/2020
R51	Chief Coroner's Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners	30/03/2020
R52	Chief Coroner's Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace	28/04/2020
R53	Verification of deaths in times of emergency	05/05/2020

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Education settings and vocational training		
R54	Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings	14/05/2020
R55	Information for parents & carers about schools & other settings	11/05/2020
R56	Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision	05/05/2020
R57	Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England	28/04/2020
R58	Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges, and other premises in England	27/03/2020
R59	Guidance for further education colleges and providers	14/05/2020
R60	Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020	April 2020
R61	Guidance for teachers, students, parents, and carers on educational grades	April 2020
R62	Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical, and other qualifications	30/04/2020
R63	Free school meals guidance	30/04/2020
R64	Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors	24/04/2020
R65	Funding to support schools with exceptional costs	07/04/2020
R66	Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions	01/05/2020
R67	Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)	07/05/2020
R68	Induction for newly qualified teachers	01/05/2020
R69	Actions for higher education providers and support for universities	04/05/2020
R70	International travel advice for educational settings	05/05/2020
R71	Awarding qualifications in 2020: Ofqual update following consultation	06/05/2020
R72	School attendance of children and teachers since 23rd March 2020	12/05/2020
R73	Examples of remote education practice from schools & academies	05/05/2020
R74	Preparing education & childcare settings to open on 1st June 2020	14/05/2020
R75	Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers	Website
R76	BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools	Website
Food hygiene		
R77	Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene	25/04/2020
Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance		
R78	Glossary	03/05/2020
Healthcare professionals and hospital settings		
R79	Background information (epidemiology, virology, and clinical features)	13/05/2020
R80	Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others	27/04/2020
R81	Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital	06/05/2020

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R82	Guidance for ambulance trusts	11/04/2020
R83	Guidance for first responders	09/05/2020
R84	Guidance for taking swab samples	23/04/2020
R85	Infection prevention and control	03/05/2020
R86	Hospital discharge – collection of guidance	13/05/2020
R87	Hospital discharge service requirements	19/03/2020
R88	Hospital discharge patient leaflet	19/03/2020
R89	What you need to know about leaving hospital - leaflet	13/05/2020
R90	When you leave hospital to go home - leaflet	13/05/2020
R91	Leaving hospital to go to a care home - leaflet	13/05/2020
R92	Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home	23/04/2020
Homecare (domiciliary care)		
R93	PPE for care workers delivering home care in England	30/04/2020
R94	Putting on PPE for home carers	30/04/2020
R95	Taking off PPE for home carers	30/04/2020
R96	Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England	06/05/2020
R97	Guidance for people who receive direct payments for care and support	07/05/2020
International		
R98	Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally	24/04/2020
R99	UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in other countries	12/04/2020
R100	PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally	05/05/2020
R101	How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan	26/06/2018
R102	The British Gurkhas rescue Brits stranded in Nepal (video)	07/05/2020
R103	Attestation forms for travel to and within France	14/05/2020
Laboratories		
R104	Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability	09/04/2020
Laws and regulations		
R105	Coronavirus Act 2020	25/03/2020
R106	Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each measure	07/05/2020
R107	Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020	10/02/2020
R108	Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020	26/03/2020
R109	Domestic Abuse Bill	03/03/2020

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R110	The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020	24/04/2020
Local authorities		
R111	Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud	March 2020
R112	Council tax: guidance for local authorities on the hardship fund	March 2020
R113	Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections	05/05/2020
R114	Postponement of elections	06/04/2020
R115	Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities	01/05/2020
R116	25 local councils pledge to continue vital residential building safety work	06/05/2020
Medicines and healthcare products		
R117	Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection	14/05/2020
Mental health		
R118	Mental health helplines	Website
R119	Support and guidance for those suffering with mental health issues	31/03/2020
R120	Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body	March 2020
R121	Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity	09/04/2020
Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)		
R122	Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy	Website
Personal protective equipment (PPE)		
R123	PPE use for aerosol generating procedures	10/04/2020
R124	PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures	08/04/2020
R125	Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals	06/05/2020
R126	Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub	18/04/2020
R127	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan	10/04/2020
R128	VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)	30/04/2020
R129	Millions more items of PPE to be provided through business partnerships	09/05/2020
Procurement policy guidance to public bodies		
R130	Payment to suppliers of public bodies	13/05/2020
Public information		
R131	Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK	03/03/2020
R132	NHS health advice for everyone	Website
R133	Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	28/04/2020
R134	Parliamentary Inquiry by Parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee	30/03/2020



R135	<u>Prime Minister’s letter to the nation</u>	23/03/2020
R136	<u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u>	23/03/2020
R137	<u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u>	April 2020
R138	<u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u>	11/05/2020
R139	<u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’</u>	01/02/2020
R140	<u>British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH</u>	Website
R141	<u>Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society</u>	02/05/2020
R142	<u>List of critical workers who can send their children to school</u>	05/05/2020
R143	<u>Statement by the Prime Minister explaining how restrictions will be eased</u>	10/05/2020
R144	<u>Staying alert and safe (social distancing)</u>	11/05/2020
R145	<u>Staying safe outside your home</u>	11/05/2020
R146	<u>How to make and wear a cloth face covering</u>	11/05/2020
R147	<u>Public advised to cover faces in enclosed public spaces</u>	11/05/2020
R148	<u>New guidance on spending time outdoors</u>	13/05/2020

Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project

R149	<u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u>	April 2020
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Recovery

R150	<u>OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government’s COVID-19 Recovery Strategy</u>	11/05/2020
R151	<u>UK Government’s Recovery Strategy: Large print version</u>	12/05/2020
R152	<u>Working safely during coronavirus: helping Brits get safely back to work</u>	11/05/2020
R153	<u>Working safely in construction and other outdoor work</u>	11/05/2020
R154	<u>Working safely in factories, plants, and warehouses</u>	11/05/2020
R155	<u>Working safely in laboratories and research facilities</u>	11/05/2020
R156	<u>Working safely in offices and contact centres</u>	11/05/2020
R157	<u>Working safely in other people’s home</u>	11/05/2020
R158	<u>Working safely in restaurants offering takeaway or delivery</u>	11/05/2020
R159	<u>Working safely in shops and branches</u>	11/05/2020
R160	<u>Working safely in or from a vehicle</u>	11/05/2020
R161	<u>Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces</u>	13/05/2020
R162	<u>Five roadmap taskforces to plan how to reopen closed sectors</u>	13/05/2020
R163	<u>Guidance for moving home safely in England</u>	13/05/2020

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Renting and landlords		
R164	Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants, and local authorities	28/03/2020
Restoration of NHS services		
R165	Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020	05/05/2020
Rough sleepers		
R166	Dame Louise Casey to lead government task force on rough sleeping	02/05/2020
Scientific advice		
R167	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance	Website
R168	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) membership	07/05/2020
R169	Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response	Website
Security		
R170	Guidance on cyber security and home working	02/04/2020
R171	‘Silent Solution’ – how to call the police by mobile if you cannot speak	07/04/2019
R172	Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary	11/04/2020
R173	Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ	03/04/2020
R174	Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online	Website
R175	Domestic abuse safe accommodation: emergency support fund	07/05/2020
R176	Countering online child sexual exploitation and abuse during the pandemic	08/05/2020
R177	Voluntary Principles to counter online child sexual exploitation and abuse	08/05/2020
Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)		
R178	Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus	05/05/2020
R179	Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people	March 2020
R180	How to help safely: guidance	23/04/2020
Testing and vaccines		
R181	Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus	Website
R182	Government plans for scaling up testing programmes	04/04/2020
R183	Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating	11/05/2020
R184	Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms	11/05/2020
R185	Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms	30/04/2020
R186	Mobile testing units to test frontline workers	26/04/2020
R187	Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative	29/04/2020



R188	Testing for coronavirus: privacy information	01/05/2020
R189	Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight	04/05/2020
R190	New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing	06/05/2020
R191	New online portal for care homes to arrange testing for staff and residents	11/05/2020
R192	Government expands team to roll out test and trace programme	12/05/2020
R193	Patients severely ill with Covid-19 to have their genetic code studied	13/05/2020
R194	How tests and testing kits for COVID-19 work	13/05/2020

Transport and travel

R195	Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK	22/03/2020
R196	Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways	Website
R197	Government data methodology for gathering transport use data	15/04/2020
R198	Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland, and Wales – DVSA guidance	22/04/2020
R199	£2 billion fund for cycling and walking - reducing public transport use	09/05/2020
R200	Statutory guidance for local authorities on managing their road networks	09/05/2020
R201	Temporary road signs for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists	09/05/2020
R202	Transport Secretary’s oral statement on safer travel guidance	12/05/2020
R203	Transport and travel advice	12/05/2020
R204	Safer transport guidance for operators	12/05/2020

Trials and volunteers

R205	Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app	Website
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World Health Organisation

R206	World Health Organisation	Website
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