



Briefing Note 126 - COVID-19 Guidance
As at 12:00 Tuesday 29th December 2020

Summary of UK activities: period ending Tuesday 29th December

FOUR-TIER RESTRICTIONS APPLY IN ENGLAND

[Tier 4: Stay at Home](#)

[Tier 3: Very High Alert](#)

[Tier 2 High Alert](#)

[Tier 1: Medium Alert](#)

Date

[Monday 21st December 2020](#)

- 01 [Information on the new variant of COVID-19](#)

[Tuesday 22nd December 2020](#)

- 01 [Guidance for HGV operators & drivers to cross international borders safely](#)

[Wednesday 23rd December 2020](#)

- 01 [Lateral flow devices confirmed effective in detecting new variant COVID-19](#)
02 [Full list of local restriction tiers by area from 26th December 2020](#)
03 [COVID-19 advice for pregnant employees](#)
04 [Statement by Health & Social Care Secretary at COVID-19 press conference](#)
05 [COVID-19 self-test help](#)
06 [Confirmed cases of COVID-19 variant from South Africa identified in the UK](#)

[Thursday 24th December 2020](#)

- 01 [NHS Test and Trace winter performance holds steady](#)
02 [Over 600,000 people get first dose of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine](#)

[Monday 28th December 2020](#)

- 01 [COVID-19 testing for HGV drivers using the Port of Dover or Eurotunnel](#)

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B. Data sources

Sources of statistics and survey data related to the COVID-19 response

- B1 [UK COVID-19 deaths within 28 days of a positive test: 71,109](#)
- B2 [UK deaths with COVID-19 on the death certificate: 79,349](#)
- B3 [UK people who have tested positive for COVID-19 within past 7 days: 256,220 \[+25%\]](#)
- B4 [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\): analysis of COVID-19 data](#)
- B5 [The R number and growth rate in the UK](#)
- B6 [National COVID-19 surveillance reports \[Public Health England\]](#)
- B7 [HM Treasury business loan scheme statistics](#)
- B8 [PPE delivery statistics \(England\): weekly reports](#)
- B9 [Transport use in Great Britain since March 2020: data across all modes](#)
- B10 [Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England](#)
- B11 [Government data on funding to support businesses and self-employed](#)
- B12 [Analysis over time, business impact of COVID-19: Waves 2 to 5, UK](#)
- B13 [COVID-19 and the effects on the UK Balance of Payments](#)
- B14 [Analysis of death registrations NOT associated with COVID-19](#)
- B15 [Social impacts on Great Britain: Opinions and Lifestyle Survey \[18th December 2020\]](#)
- B16 [Household spending data during COVID-19](#)
- B17 [Weekly statistics for NHS Test & Trace \(England\) and COVID-19 testing \(UK\)](#)
- B18 [NHS test and Trace methodology \(England\)](#)
- B19 [Infection Survey pilot: England and Wales \[24th December 2020\]](#)
- B20 [COVID-19: impact on health – reports and tools \[collection\]](#)
- B21 [Number of COVID-19 tests in defence and positive cases in the UK Armed Forces 2020](#)
- B22 [COVID-19 and the indicators for the UK economy and society: 3rd December 2020](#)
- B23 [COVID-19 excess mortality rates in English regions](#)
- B24 [Vulnerable children and young people survey](#)
- B25 [Comparing methods used in infection survey and NHS Test and Trace](#)
- B26 [COVID-19 and the non-UK workforce characteristics](#)
- B27 [National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports](#)
- B28 [Deaths due to COVID-19 compared with deaths from influenza and pneumonia](#)

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- B29 [Survey of childcare and early years providers and COVID-19](#)
- B30 [Public attitude survey of traffic and road use during COVID-19](#)
- B31 [COVID-19 deaths of people identified as having learning disabilities](#)
- B32 [Self-Employment Income Support Scheme statistics: November 2020](#)
- B33 [UK Immigration and border statistics relating to COVID-19](#)
- B34 [COVID-19 cases by local authority area in England \[17th December 2020\]](#)
- B35 [Attendance in education and early years settings \[23rd March to 10th December 2020\]](#)
- B36 [Study: how people spent their time after the March 2020 lockdown](#)
- B37 [COVID-19 and the impact on different ethnic groups in the UK](#)
- B38 [Estimates of the prevalence of long-COVID symptoms and COVID complications](#)
- B39 [COVID-19 pre-existing health conditions and ethnicity](#)

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

COVID-19 Restrictions across the United Kingdom

England

Four tiers of restrictions operate in England (from 1 to 4, with Tier 4 being the highest). More areas moved to Tier 4 on 26th December (Boxing Day) and other areas moved to higher tiers. This adjustment is in response to the spread of a new variant of COVID-19. A full list of all areas and their allocated tiers is [here](#).

[Tier 4](#), also known as 'Stay at Home' is estimated to apply to about 18 million people in England and is similar to the last national lockdown. The government is intending to review the allocation of areas to tiers tomorrow, Wednesday 30th December 2020.

Wales

Four COVID Alert Levels apply in Wales (from 1 to 4, with Level 4 being the highest). All of Wales was placed at the highest [Alert Level 4](#) on 19th December. The Welsh Government reviews the measures every three weeks.

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Scotland

Scotland operates five [Local COVID Protection Levels](#) (from zero to 4, with level 4 being the highest). These were introduced as part of the [COVID-19 Scottish Strategic Framework](#). The levels are reviewed weekly by the Scottish Government. On 26th December, all of mainland Scotland was placed into the highest level (Level 4) for three weeks.

Northern Ireland

A [six-week lockdown](#) began in Northern Ireland on 26th December, with a review after four weeks.

The R number

The [latest R number](#) range for the UK is 1.1 - 1.3 (as at 23rd December 2020) and the growth rate range is between +1% and +6%, meaning that the rate of new infections is estimated to be growing by between 1% and 6% every day.

During January, the UK government will publish the R number estimate on these dates:

- Friday 8th January
- Friday 15th January
- Friday 22nd January
- Friday 29th January

International travel

Different international travel rules apply in [England](#), [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) and it is essential to [check government travel advice](#). People in Tier 4 areas in England are not permitted to travel abroad other than in very limited circumstances.

The announcement that a new and faster spreading variant of COVID-19 had been discovered in the UK led to France initially closing its borders with the UK. This was subsequently varied, with [arrangements for testing](#) all heavy goods vehicle (HGV) drivers intending to travel from the Port of Dover to France by ferry or Eurotunnel. All HGV drivers going to France must first provide evidence of a negative test before being allowed to travel. The UK [Armed Forces](#) provided personnel to conduct COVID-19 tests on stranded HGV drivers which enabled a backlog to be cleared.

[Highways England](#) report a gradual easing of traffic congestion heading to the Port of Dover.

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The four posters shown above are available for downloading and printing [here](#).

Dates of interest

30th December 2020: Next government review of allocation of local authority areas to tier system in England.

29th January 2021: final date for claiming grants under the [Self-Employment Income Support scheme](#).

31st January 2021: closing date for applications for the [Future Fund](#).

31st March 2021: Closing date for applications for the [Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#), the [Bounce Back Loan Scheme](#) and the [Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#).

30th April 2021: [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) ends.

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Annex A

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

Information updated at 12:00 Tuesday 29th December 2020

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE
RECOVERY PLANNING		
R1	OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy	11/05/2020
R2	NEXT CHAPTER IN OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Recovery Strategy	24/07/2020
R3	COVID-19 CONTAIN national framework: a guide for local decision-makers	01/12/2020
R4	Working safely during coronavirus [searchable online manual – 14 guides]	23/12/2020
R5	Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces	26/06/2020
R6	Guidance for moving home safely in England	21/12/2020
R7	Guidance on accessing green spaces safely	26/12/2020
R8	Reopening High Streets Safely Fund guidance	08/10/2020
R9	Actions for schools in England during the pandemic	23/12/2020
R10	Guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation	21/12/2020
R11	Elite sport: guidance on return to domestic competition	21/12/2020
R12	National Framework for Prison Regimes and Services	02/06/2020
R13	Probation Service Roadmap to Recovery	02/06/2020
R14	Safer aviation guidance for operators and passengers	14/12/2020
R15	Guidance for the safe use of places of worship	22/12/2020
R16	Closing certain businesses and venues in England	24/12/2020
R17	Collection of guidance for culture, media and sport sectors	24/12/2020
R18	Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms	22/12/2020
R19	Guidance for food businesses	14/12/2020
R20	Safer travel advice for public transport passengers	20/12/2020
R21	Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities	22/12/2020
R22	Temporary VAT changes for hospitality and holiday accommodation	03/12/2020
R23	Working safely: providers of grassroots sports and gym/leisure facilities	23/12/2020

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R24	Driver and rider training and tests [England, Scotland & Wales]	23/12/2020
R25	Staying COVID-19 Secure in 2020 notice [requires updating for 2021]	23/07/2020
R26	Courts and tribunals recovery planning update	08/12/2020

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

R27	Admission and care of residents in care homes, version 2 [England]	Dec 2020
R28	How to work safely in care homes	02/11/2020
R29	Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce	09/12/2020
R30	Care homes support package	24/12/2020
R31	Providing personal home care [Frequently Asked Questions]	24/12/2020
R32	Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund: round 2	14/12/2020
R33	Action to take following the death of a person working in adult social care	07/07/2020
R34	Adult social care risk reduction framework [England]	Nov 2020
R35	Visiting care homes during COVID-19: revised guidance	19/12/2020
R36	Supported living services during COVID-19 [England]	22/12/2020
R37	Overview of social care guidance on COVID-19	24/12/2020
R38	Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2020-2021 to protect care homes	14/12/2020
R39	Discharge of people with a positive test from hospital to a care home	13/11/2020
R40	Person protective equipment (PPE): local contacts for care providers	23/12/2020
R41	Arrangements for outside visits by care home residents of working age	22/12/2020
R42	COVID-19 vaccinations and care homes: programme launch	04/12/2020
R43	Guidance for COVID-19 retesting for care and supported living settings	09/12/2020
R44	COVID-19 lateral flow testing of visitors to care homes explained	15/12/2020

ANIMALS and PETS

R45	Advice for people in England with animals [pets and livestock]	02/12/2020
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BUSINESS SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT

Business support: Bounce Back Loan

R46	How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan [British Business Bank]	Website
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Business support: Coronavirus Additional Restrictions Grant

R47	Check if your business is eligible for the Additional Restrictions Grant	22/12/2020
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Business Support: Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme [Furlough]		
R48	Check if your employer can use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	23/12/2020
R49	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: awareness and understanding	22/10/2020
R50	Coronavirus JRS can be used by direct payment holders who employ carers	10/06/2020
R51	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: guidance for research organisations	05/06/2020
R52	Steps for employers to take when calculating furlough scheme claims	23/12/2020
R53	Updated guidance for employers to check on furloughing arrangements	23/12/2020
R54	Extension of Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to April 2021: guidance	23/12/2020
Business Support: Companies House		
R55	Sending your forms to Companies House: uploading documents guidance	08/10/2020
R56	Guidance for Companies House customers, employees, and suppliers	06/11/2020
Business Support: Eat Out to Help Out Scheme		
R57	Recovery of overclaimed Eat Out to Help Out payments	02/11/2020
Business support: Future Fund		
R58	Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for 'Future Fund'	05/06/2020
Business support: HMRC		
R59	Genuine HMRC contact and recognising phishing emails and texts	22/12/2020
R60	Penalties for not telling HMRC about COVID-19 furlough overpayments	28/07/2020
Business support: Kickstart Scheme		
R61	Employers can apply for a grant through the Kickstart Scheme	22/12/2020
R62	Kickstart Scheme terms and conditions	22/12/2020
R63	Kickstart Scheme: promotional materials	14/10/2020
R64	Kickstart Scheme: employer resources	19/11/2020
R65	Kickstart Scheme employer contacts	18/09/2020
Business support: Local Restrictions Support grant		
R66	Check if your business is eligible for the Additional Restrictions Grant	22/12/2020
Business support: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme		
R67	Self-Employment Income Support Scheme: how to make a claim	09/12/2020
R68	Eligibility for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme	02/12/2020

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Business support: general information

R69	Recovery Advice for Business [Free access to platform until 31/12/2020]	Website
R70	Find financial support for your business: online support tool	Website
R71	Guidance on Local Authority Discretionary Fund: August 2020 – version 3	August 2020
R72	How employers can use the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme	10/11/2020
R73	Support if your business is affected by COVID-1 [videos and webinars]	27/11/2020
R74	Information for farmers, landowners, and rural businesses	17/12/2020
R75	Support from Business Representative Organisations and trade bodies	08/06/2020
R76	Contract cancellations and refunds due to COVID-19: updated advice	28/08/2020
R77	Code of practice for the commercial property sector during COVID-19	June 2020
R78	Access to work: factsheet for those with disabilities or health conditions	17/08/2020
R79	Reporting outbreaks of COVID-19: early outbreak management	18/12/2020
R80	Financial support for zoos and aquariums	03/08/2020
R81	Penalties for not informing HMRC about COVID-19 support overpayments	13/11/2020
R82	Check eligibility for the Christmas Support Payment as a wet-led pub	11/12/2020
R83	Business support resources during COVID-19	18/12/2020
R84	Income tax & national insurance contribution exemption for antigen tests	15/12/2020

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

R85	Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children	16/10/2020
R86	Guidance for children’s social care services	21/12/2020
R87	Making a childcare bubble with another household	14/12/2020
R88	Education and childcare support: collection of guidance	Website
R89	COVID-19 test kits for children’s homes: guidance	14/12/2020

CONSTRUCTION SITES

R90	Construction Industry Roadmap to Recovery	01/06/2020
R91	Construction Leadership Council	Website
R92	Construction site operating procedures: version 5	04/07/2020
R93	Charter for Safe Working Practice	13/05/2020
R94	Working safely in construction - video	13/05/2020
R95	The use of face coverings in construction – industry guidance version 2	02/11/2020

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DEATHS AND BEREAVEMENT

R96	Support for the bereaved [collection of guidance in multiple languages]	15/06/2020
R97	Guidance to local authorities in England on local death management	April 2020
R98	Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic	14/12/2020
R99	Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths	21/04/2020
R100	Information leaflet for the bereaved	28/05/2020
R101	Verification of deaths in England in times of emergency	05/05/2020
R102	Local death management: templates for use by local authorities in England	14/05/2020
R103	Process for informing government of the death of a worker in social care	07/07/2020
R104	Public health funerals: non-statutory guidance [England and Wales]	16/09/2020
R105	Quality of death registration data during COVID-19 [England and Wales]	03/12/2020

Guidance from the Chief Coroner

R106	Chief Coroner's Note 34 – guidance for coroners	26/03/2020
R107	Chief Coroner's Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic	27/03/2020
R108	Chief Coroner's Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners	30/03/2020
R109	Chief Coroner's Note 37 – possible COVID-19 workplace exposure	28/04/2020

EDUCATION

Education – downloadable resources

R110	BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools	Website
R111	Oak National Academy: an online teaching resource for teachers	Website
R112	Oak National Academy: downloadable Schools Pack for remote teaching	Website
R113	Collection of online resources for home learning	03/12/2020
R114	Remote education good practice	27/10/2020
R115	Example lessons for remote teaching	26/10/2020
R116	School-led webinars on remote education	18/12/2020
R117	Help with accessing and buying resources for remote education	23/11/2020

Education – education settings and vocational training

R118	Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings	23/12/2020
R119	Information for parents & carers about schools & other settings	23/12/2020
R120	Actions for schools in England during the COVID-19	23/12/2020

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R121	Collection of guidance for early years and childcare [England]	22/12/2020
R122	Providing apprenticeships during COVID-19	23/12/2020
R123	International travel advice for educational settings	05/10/2020
R124	Planning guide for primary schools in England	23/12/2020
R125	Tier 4 sponsors, migrants & short-term students on temporary concessions	24/12/2020
R126	Actions for early years and childcare providers [England]	22/12/2020
R127	School governance update	02/12/2020
R128	Higher education restructuring scheme to help universities in England	30/10/2020
R129	10 top tips for parents to support children to read	16/07/2020
R130	Protective measures for after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings	22/12/2020
R131	Guidance for boarding schools with international students	06/11/2020
R132	Package of support for students who have to defer their studies	25/11/2020
R133	Vocational and technical assessments in 2021 [Ofqual]	12/10/2020
R134	How additional funding can help pupils catch up on missed education	19/11/2020
R135	Guidance for the summer 2021 exams [for schools, colleges & students]	03/12/2020
R136	Help with remote education: guidance and support for teachers & schools	03/12/2020
R137	Information on student movements from January 2021	23/12/2020
R138	Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in schools and colleges from January 2021	15/12/2020
R139	Schools & childcare settings [England]: guidance for returning in Jan 2021	17/12/2020

FACE COVERINGS

R140	Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own	04/12/2020
R141	How to make and wear a simple cloth face covering	15/07/2020
R142	Face coverings in education [England]	27/11/2020

FOOD HYGIENE

R143	Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene	25/04/2020
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN UK GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

R144	Glossary	20/10/2020
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GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION OF COVID-19 RESPONSE

R145	Parliamentary scrutiny of the government's handling of COVID-19	10/09/2020
R146	Public Inquiry into government's handling of COVID-19 response	10/09/2020

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HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND HOSPITAL SETTINGS

R147	Background information (epidemiology, virology, and clinical features)	18/12/2020
R148	Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others	24/12/2020
R149	Management of exposed healthcare workers, patients, and care residents	17/12/2020
R150	Guidance for ambulance trusts	18/05/2020
R151	Guidance for first responders	22/09/2020
R152	Guidance for taking swab samples	02/07/2020
R153	Infection prevention and control	20/10/2020
R154	Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home	18/12/2020
R155	Health and care settings: infection prevention and control version 1.0	20/08/2020
R156	Flu immunisation training recommendations	05/08/2020
R157	Hospital discharge arrangements: collection of guidance	16/09/2020

HEMOCARE [DOMICILIARY CARE]

R158	PPE for care workers delivering home care in England	02/11/2020
R159	Putting on PPE for home carers	30/04/2020
R160	Taking off PPE for home carers	30/04/2020
R161	Using direct payments for health budgets and social care	18/11/2020
R162	Weekly testing for all homecare workers in registered organisations	01/12/2020

IMMIGRATION AND BORDERS

R163	Guidance for those affected by changes to UK immigration & borders	24/12/2020
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INTERNATIONAL

R164	Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally	26/06/2020
R165	Essential international travel advice	21/12/2020
R166	Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents	23/12/2020
R167	How to self-isolate if you are coming to the UK from abroad	24/12/2020
R168	COVID-19 risk assessment methodology for inbound international travel	24/11/2020
R169	COVID-19 'Test to Release' for international travel	23/12/2020
R170	Quarantine exemptions for those bringing benefit to the UK economy	04/12/2020
R171	COVID-19: cruise ship holiday guidance	20/12/2020

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INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE HANDLING OF THE PANDEMIC PREPARATION AND RESPONSE

R172	Readying the NHS and adult social care in England for COVID-19 [NAO]	12/06/2020
R173	Investigation into UK government procurement during COVID-19 [NAO]	18/11/2020

LABORATORIES

R174	Guidance for sampling and for diagnostic laboratories	16/07/2020
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

R175	Coronavirus Act 2020	25/03/2020
R176	Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each power	07/05/2020
R177	Coronavirus Act 2020: two-monthly reports on active powers [4 reports]	01/12/2020
R178	Coronavirus Act 2020 analysis: how the Act has been applied [CP 295]	23/09/2020
R179	Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020	10/02/2020
R180	Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020	26/03/2020
R181	The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020	24/04/2020
R182	HSE guidance on RIDDOR reporting of COVID-19	Website
R183	Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Info for Passengers) Regs	08/06/2020
R184	Businesses to give access to toilet and washing facilities for delivery drivers	14/06/2020
R185	Health & Social Care Workers (Scrutiny of Coronavirus Deaths) Directions	03/07/2020
R186	How to join telephone and video court and tribunal hearings	25/11/2020
R187	Coronavirus Act 2020 Provision of Remote Education (England)	Sept 2020
R188	Making traffic regulation orders during COVID-19	29/06/2020

LIFE ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR NHS AND SOCIAL CARE WORKERS [England]

R189	NHS & Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme	Website
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

R190	Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud	March 2020
R191	Council tax: guidance for local authorities on the hardship fund 2020-2021	March 2020
R192	Business rates discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities	02/04/2020
R193	Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections	14/12/2020
R194	Collection of guidance for local authorities' children's services	24/12/2020
R195	Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities	01/05/2020
R196	Guidance for local government	22/12/2020

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R197	Community Infrastructure Levy guidance	10/08/2020
R198	Guidance for public health officers: potentially infectious persons	July 2020
R199	Local government income compensation scheme for lost sales, fees, etc.	24/08/2020
R200	COVID-19 local authority compliance and enforcement grant allocations	08/10/2020
R201	Allocation of additional emergency funding for local authorities in England	18/12/2020
R202	COVID Winter Grant Scheme for vulnerable households and families	17/12/2020
R203	Contain Outbreak Management Fund [payments to local authorities]	10/12/2020
R204	Additional COVID-19 enforcement powers for local authorities in England	04/12/2020

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS: THE FOUR-TIER SYSTEM IN ENGLAND

R205	The local restrictions four-tier system: what you need to know	19/12/2020
R206	Full list of COVID-19 restriction tiers in England by area	23/12/2020

MEDICINES AND HEALTHCARE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (MHRA)

R207	Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA): collection	02/12/2020
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MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

Mental health and wellbeing: online support

R208	Mental health helplines	Website
R209	Samaritans	Website
R210	Young Minds	Website
R211	Mental Health UK	Website
R212	Every Mind Matters	Website
R213	FRONTLINE: support for health, care, emergency, education & key workers	Website
R214	Aye Feel [mental health support for young people in Scotland]	Website
R215	Lifelines Scotland: support for emergency responders in Scotland	Website
R216	Get fit with Flex and Strength [NHS exercise plan]	Website

Mental health and wellbeing: advice and guidance

R217	Support and guidance for those suffering with mental health issues	04/11/2020
R218	Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body	March 2020
R219	Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity	24/12/2020
R220	Teaching mental wellbeing: practical materials for training staff in schools	08/06/2020
R221	Mental health and wellbeing if you are abroad during the pandemic	18/06/2020

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R222	COVID-19: mental health and wellbeing surveillance report	17/12/2020
R223	Staying mentally well: Winter Plan 2020-21	23/11/2020
MILITARY AID TO THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (MACA)/ARMED FORCES		
R224	COVID-19 update on changes to Veterans UK Services	15/10/2020
R225	COVID Support Force: military support to UK public services	24/12/2020
R226	Military veteran community response to COVID-19 support	16/11/2020
OFFICE FOR BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY (OBR)		
R227	Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy [OBR]	Website
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)		
R228	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Strategy [September 2020]	28/09/2020
R229	PPE use for aerosol generating procedures	21/08/2020
R230	PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures	21/08/2020
R231	Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals	17/12/2020
R232	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub	23/12/2020
R233	Cleansing and PPE waste at a healthcare management facility: RPS C1	24/09/2020
R234	Personal Protective Equipment Portal – how to order emergency supplies	16/12/2020
R235	PPE guide for community and social care settings	31/07/2020
R236	#WearAMaskChallenge [World Health Organisation]	06/08/2020
PROCUREMENT POLICY GUIDANCE TO PUBLIC BODIES		
R237	Payment to suppliers of public bodies	17/12/2020
PUBLIC INFORMATION		
R238	Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK	03/03/2020
R239	Guidance for everyone	24/12/2020
R240	Easy read guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	18/12/2020
R241	Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’	30/04/2020
R242	British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH	Website
R243	Searching for archaeological finds in England during COVID-19	21/12/2020
R244	Keeping court and tribunal buildings safe, secure, and clean	28/10/2020
R245	Advice for smokers and vapers	29/05/2020
R246	Review of disparities in risks and outcomes of COVID-19 [PHE Review]	August 2020

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R247	Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups: recommendations	16/06/2020
R248	COVID-19 and prisons	20/12/2020
R249	Disposing of your personal or business waste in England	13/07/2020
R250	Excess weight and COVID-19: insights from new evidence	24/07/2020
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