



Supplementary Briefing Note 128 - COVID-19 Guidance As at 11:00 Tuesday 5th January 2021

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS APPLY IN ENGLAND

Summary

This supplementary note is produced following the announcement of a national lockdown in England which emerged yesterday evening.

England

At 8 pm on Monday, 4th January 2021, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, gave a televised COVID-19 briefing and [announced a national lockdown in England](#) which takes effect immediately. The details are set out in a 22-page document which is accessible [here](#). The decision to move to a national lockdown and a 'stay at home' message follows a rapid rise in cases, with a record number of positive COVID-19 cases being recorded on 4th January.

The new measures will be subject to a vote by the UK Parliament on Wednesday, 6th January 2021 and are expected to be enacted in law. They will be reviewed in mid-February 2021.

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, with the next review due on 7th January.

Scotland

The Scottish Government has issued an order from midnight on 4th January requiring people in Scotland to stay at home until the end of January 2021.

Northern Ireland

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