



Briefing Note 56 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Wednesday 13th May 2020

A. Headline UK announcements on Tuesday 12th May 2020

Item

- A1 [Transport and travel advice](#)
- A2 [Safer transport guidance for operators](#)
- A3 [Chancellor extends Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until end of October 2020](#)
- A4 [Transport Secretary's oral statement to Parliament on safer travel guidance](#)
- A5 [Government expands team to roll out test and trace programme](#)
- A6 [UK Government's Recovery Strategy: Large print version published \(130 pages\)](#)
- A7 [Business Secretary's statement at 5pm ministerial media briefing](#)

B. Data sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used in 5pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 32,692 \(+627\) \(b\) positive tests 226,463 \(+3,403\)](#)
- 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 daily ministerial media briefing was led by the Business Secretary, Alok Sharma. A new format for the [slides](#) presented in the briefing was revealed, with additional graphics displaying data trends and how the government intends to monitor measures to gradually ease the lockdown and associated restrictions.

The Business Secretary talked through the key elements of the message to ‘Stay Alert-Control the Virus-Save Lives’ which applies to England. There is a different approach to some elements of the response in the devolved administrations of [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#) and links to the COVID-19 information published on their government websites are provided at C1, C2 and C3.

The Chancellor announced an extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) for a four-month period until the end of October 2020. There is an estimated 7.5 million people currently furloughed on the [CJRS](#) which will remain unchanged until the end of July 2020. Between August and the end of October 2020 the scheme will continue for all sectors and UK regions, but with greater flexibility to support the transition back to work. Further guidance on changes to the scheme will be published later this month and will include arrangements for businesses to start sharing the cost of paying people’s salaries – which will continue at 80% and up to £2,500 per month as it is now.

Safer travel guidance for [transport operators](#) and [passengers](#) has been published. The Transport Secretary made an oral [statement](#) to Parliament explaining about the revised measures.

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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 provision	06/04/2020
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	01/05/2020
R7	Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities	23/04/2020
R8	Guidance for closing certain businesses	27/03/2020
Business support and employment		
R9	Guidance for employees, employers and businesses	07/04/2020
R10	Financial help for the self-employed	26/03/2020
R11	Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?	01/05/2020
R12	Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	01/05/2020
R13	Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5	24/04/2020
R14	Business support – Frequently Asked Questions	Website
R15	Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5	24/04/2020
R16	Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities	02/04/2020
R17	Grant funding allocations by local authority in England	24/04/2020
R18	Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England	10/05/2020
R19	Procurement guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers	17/04/2020
R20	Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020	07/04/2020
R21	Guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme	11/05/2020
R22	Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’	19/04/2020
R23	Online support tool for employers and the self-employed	Website
R24	Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding	01/05/2020
R25	Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme	30/04/2020

R26	Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders	01/05/2020
R27	Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses	02/05/2020
R28	Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours	04/05/2020
R29	How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan	Website
R30	Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021	06/05/2020
R31	New funding to support dairy farmers	06/05/2020

Children and young people

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

Construction sites

R35	Construction site operating procedures – version 3	14/04/2020
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Deaths and bereavement

R36	Guidance for care of the deceased	12/05/2020
R37	Directions to councils to allow family members to attend funerals	17/04/2020
R38	Guidance to local authorities in England on local death management	April 2020
R39	Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic	19/04/2020
R40	Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths	21/04/2020
R41	Information leaflet for the bereaved	April 2020
R42	Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19	29/04/2020
R43	New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)	29/04/2020
R44	Chief Coroner's Note 34 – guidance for coroners	26/03/2020
R45	Chief Coroner's Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic	27/03/2020
R46	Chief Coroner's Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners	30/03/2020
R47	Chief Coroner's Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace	28/04/2020
R48	Verification of deaths in times of emergency	05/05/2020

Education settings and vocational training

R49	Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings	12/05/2020
R50	Information for parents & carers about schools & other settings	11/05/2020
R51	Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision	05/05/2020
R52	Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England	28/04/2020
R53	Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England	27/03/2020

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

Food hygiene

R72	Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene	25/04/2020
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Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance

R73	Glossary	03/05/2020
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Healthcare professionals and hospital settings

R74	Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)	11/05/2020
R75	Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others	27/04/2020
R76	Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital	06/05/2020
R77	Guidance for ambulance trusts	11/04/2020
R78	Guidance for first responders	09/05/2020
R79	Guidance for taking swab samples	23/04/2020
R80	Infection prevention and control	03/05/2020
R81	Hospital discharge service requirements	19/03/2020
R82	Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home	23/04/2020

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Homecare (domiciliary care)		
R83	PPE for care workers delivering home care in England	30/04/2020
R84	Putting on PPE for home carers	30/04/2020
R85	Taking off PPE for home carers	30/04/2020
R86	Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England	06/05/2020
R87	Guidance for people who receive direct payments for care and support	07/05/2020
International		
R88	Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally	24/04/2020
R89	UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in other countries	12/04/2020
R90	PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally	05/05/2020
R91	How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan	26/06/2018
R92	The British Gurkhas rescue Brits stranded in Nepal (video)	07/05/2020
Laboratories		
R93	Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability	09/04/2020
Laws and regulations		
R94	Coronavirus Act 2020	25/03/2020
R95	Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each measure	07/05/2020
R96	Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020	10/02/2020
R97	Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020	26/03/2020
R98	Domestic Abuse Bill	03/03/2020
R99	The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020	24/04/2020
Local authorities		
R100	Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud	March 2020
R101	Council tax: guidance for local authorities on the hardship fund	March 2020
R102	Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections	05/05/2020
R103	Postponement of elections	06/04/2020
R104	Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities	01/05/2020
R105	25 local councils pledge to continue vital residential building safety work	06/05/2020
Medicines and healthcare products		
R106	Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection	12/05/2020
Mental health		
R107	Mental health helplines	Website



R108	Support and guidance for those suffering with mental health issues	31/03/2020
R109	Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body	March 2020
R110	Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity	09/04/2020

Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)

R111	Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy	Website
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Personal protective equipment (PPE)

R112	PPE use for aerosol generating procedures	10/04/2020
R113	PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures	08/04/2020
R114	Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals	06/05/2020
R115	Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub	18/04/2020
R116	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan	10/04/2020
R117	VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)	01/05/2020
R118	Millions more items of PPE to be provided through business partnerships	09/05/2020

Procurement policy guidance to public bodies

R119	Payment to suppliers of public bodies	17/04/2020
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Public information

R120	Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK	03/03/2020
R121	NHS health advice for everyone	Website
R122	Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	28/04/2020
R123	Parliamentary Inquiry by Parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee	30/03/2020
R124	Prime Minister’s letter to the nation	23/03/2020
R125	Coronavirus public information leaflet	23/03/2020
R126	Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet	April 2020
R127	Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do	11/05/2020
R128	Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’	01/02/2020
R129	British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH	Website
R130	Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society	02/05/2020
R131	List of critical workers who can send their children to school	05/05/2020
R132	Statement by the Prime Minister explaining how restrictions will be eased	10/05/2020
R133	Staying alert and safe (social distancing)	11/05/2020
R134	Staying safe outside your home	11/05/2020
R135	How to make and wear a cloth face covering	11/05/2020

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R136 [Public advised to cover faces in enclosed public spaces such](#) 11/05/2020

Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project

R137 [Indemnities granted to manufacturers](#)

Recovery

R138 [OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government’s COVID-19 Recovery Strategy](#) 11/05/2020

R139 [Working safely during coronavirus: helping Brits get safely back to work](#) 11/05/2020

R140 [Working safely in construction and other outdoor work](#) 11/05/2020

R141 [Working safely in factories, plants and warehouses](#) 11/05/2020

R142 [Working safely in laboratories and research facilities](#) 11/05/2020

R143 [Working safely in offices and contact centres](#) 11/05/2020

R144 [Working safely in other people’s home](#) 11/05/2020

R145 [Working safely in restaurants offering takeaway or delivery](#) 11/05/2020

R146 [Working safely in shops and branches](#) 11/05/2020

R147 [Working safely in or from a vehicle](#) 11/05/2020

Renting and landlords

R148 [Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities](#) 28/03/2020

Restoration of NHS services

R149 [Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020](#) 05/05/2020

Rough sleepers

R150 [Dame Louise Casey to lead government task force on rough sleeping](#) 02/05/2020

Scientific advice

R151 [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\): COVID-19 guidance](#) Website

R152 [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\) membership](#) 07/05/2020

R153 [Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response](#) Website

Security

R154 [Guidance on cyber security and home working](#) 02/04/2020

R155 [‘Silent Solution’ – how to call the police by mobile if you cannot speak](#) 07/04/2019

R156 [Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary](#) 11/04/2020

R157 [Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ](#) 03/04/2020

R158 [Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online](#) Website

R159 [Domestic abuse safe accommodation: emergency support fund](#) 07/05/2020

R160 [Countering online child sexual exploitation and abuse during the pandemic](#) 08/05/2020

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R161 [Voluntary Principles to counter online child sexual exploitation and abuse](#) 08/05/2020

Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)

R162 [Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus](#) 05/05/2020

R163 [Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people](#) March 2020

R164 [How to help safely: guidance](#) 23/04/2020

Testing and vaccines

R165 [Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus](#) Website

R166 [Government plans for scaling up testing programmes](#) 04/04/2020

R167 [Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating](#) 11/05/2020

R168 [Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms](#) 11/05/2020

R169 [Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms](#) 30/04/2020

R170 [Mobile testing units to test frontline workers](#) 26/04/2020

R171 [Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative](#) 29/04/2020

R172 [Testing for coronavirus: privacy information](#) 01/05/2020

R173 [Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight](#) 04/05/2020

R174 [New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing](#) 06/05/2020

R175 [New online portal for care homes to arrange testing for staff and residents](#) 11/05/2020

Transport and travel

R176 [Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK](#) 22/03/2020

R177 [Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways](#) Website

R178 [Government data methodology for gathering transport use data](#) 15/04/2020

R179 [Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance](#) 22/04/2020

R180 [£2 billion fund for cycling and walking - reducing public transport use](#) 09/05/2020

R181 [Statutory guidance for local authorities on managing their road networks](#) 09/05/2020

R182 [Temporary road signs for pedestrians, drivers and cyclists](#) 09/05/2020

Trials and volunteers

R183 [Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app](#) Website

World Health Organisation

R184 [World Health Organisation](#) Website