



Briefing Note 51 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Friday 8th May 2020

A. Headline announcements on Thursday 7th May 2020

Item

- A1 [Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each measure](#)
- A2 [Leaving lockdown together: Welsh Secretary, Simon Hart, writing in the Western Mail](#)
- A3 [Domestic abuse safe accommodation: emergency support fund bidding prospectus](#)
- A4 [The British Gurkhas rescue Brits stranded in Nepal \(video\)](#)

B. Data sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used to support the daily ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 30,615 \(+539\) \(b\) positive tests 206,715 \(+5,614\)](#)
- B3 [UK government COVID-19 data tracker](#)
- B4 [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\): analysis of COVID-19 data](#)

C. Commentary

The 5pm daily ministerial media briefing was led by the Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab. He explained that the rate of infection level (R) is estimated to be between 0.5 and 0.9 as a consequence of the public adhering to social distancing measures. He reported that overall number of new cases continues to steadily fall, and this is being matched by a falling death rate, albeit slowly. He emphasised that it is essential to continue with the current social distancing measures until such time that the government considers it 'responsible' to make changes.

The Prime Minister will announce the government's 'roadmap' for what is now referred to as 'phase two' of its response on Sunday, 10th May.



Annex

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE ISSUED OR UPDATED
Adult social care		
R1	<u>Home care provision</u>	06/04/2020
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
Business and other venues – directions to close		
R5	<u>Closing certain businesses and venues</u>	09/04/2020
R6	<u>Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</u>	04/04/2020
R7	<u>Guidance for closing certain businesses</u>	27/03/2020
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>	30/04/2020
R11	<u>Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u>	30/04/2020
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>	24/04/2020
R17	<u>Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England</u>	03/05/2020
R18	<u>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</u>	17/04/2020
R19	<u>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020</u>	07/04/2020
R20	<u>Guidance for local authorities on implementing the hardship fund</u>	March 2020
R21	<u>Step-by-step guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme</u>	April 2020
R22	<u>Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for 'Future Fund'</u>	19/04/2020
R23	<u>Online support tool for employers and the self-employed</u>	Website



R24	<u>Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding</u>	01/05/2020
R25	<u>Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme arrangements</u>	01/05/2020
R26	<u>Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders</u>	01/05/2020
R27	<u>Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses</u>	02/05/2020
R28	<u>Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours</u>	04/05/2020
R29	<u>How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan</u>	04/05/2020
R30	<u>Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021</u>	06/05/2020
R31	<u>New funding to support dairy farmers</u>	06/05/2020
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 site operating procedures – version 3</u>	14/04/2020
Deaths and bereavement		
R36	<u>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals</u>	20/04/2020
R37	<u>Directions to councils in England to allow family members to attend funerals</u>	17/04/2020
R38	<u>Statutory guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u>	April 2020
R39	<u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u>	19/04/2020
R40	<u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u>	21/04/2020
R41	<u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u>	April 2020
R42	<u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u>	29/04/2020
R43	<u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u>	29/04/2020
R44	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u>	26/03/2020
R45	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u>	27/03/2020
R46	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u>	30/03/2020
R47	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u>	28/04/2020
R48	<u>Verification of deaths in times of emergency</u>	06/05/2020
Education settings and vocational training		
R49	<u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u>	04/05/2020
R50	<u>Information for parents and carers about schools & other educational settings</u>	01/05/2020
R51	<u>Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</u>	19/04/2020



R52	<u>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</u>	28/04/2020
R53	<u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</u>	27/03/2020
R54	<u>Guidance on maintaining further education</u>	24/04/2020
R55	<u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u>	April 2020
R56	<u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades</u>	April 2020
R57	<u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</u>	30/04/2020
R58	<u>Free school meals guidance</u>	30/04/2020
R59	<u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u>	24/04/2020
R60	<u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u>	07/04/2020
R61	<u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u>	01/05/2020
R62	<u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u>	07/05/2020
R63	<u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u>	01/05/2020
R64	<u>Actions for higher education providers and support for universities & students</u>	04/05/2020
R65	<u>International travel advice for educational settings</u>	05/05/2020
R66	<u>Awarding qualifications in 2020: Ofqual update following consultation</u>	06/05/2020
R67	<u>School attendance of children and teachers since 23rd March 2020</u>	06/05/2020
R68	<u>Examples of remote education practice from schools & academies in England</u>	06/05/2020
R69	<u>Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</u>	Website
R70	<u>BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</u>	Website
Food hygiene		
R71	<u>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</u>	25/04/2020
Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance		
R72	<u>Glossary</u>	27/04/2020
Healthcare professionals and hospital settings		
R73	<u>Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)</u>	29/04/2020
R74	<u>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</u>	27/04/2020
R75	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital</u>	23/04/2020
R76	<u>Guidance for ambulance trusts</u>	11/04/2020
R77	<u>Guidance for first responders</u>	24/03/2020
R78	<u>Guidance for taking swab samples</u>	23/04/2020
R79	<u>Infection prevention and control</u>	27/04/2020
R80	<u>Healthcare support workers required at London NHS Nightingale Hospital</u>	Website



R81	<u>Hospital discharge service requirements</u>	19/03/2020
R82	<u>Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home</u>	23/04/2020
Homecare (domiciliary care)		
R83	<u>PPE for care workers delivering home care in England</u>	30/04/2020
R84	<u>Putting on PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
R85	<u>Taking off PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
R86	<u>Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England</u>	06/05/2020
R87	<u>Guidance for people who receive direct payments for care and support</u>	07/05/2020
International		
R88	<u>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</u>	24/04/2020
R89	<u>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</u>	12/04/2020
R90	<u>PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally</u>	05/05/2020
R91	<u>How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan abroad</u>	26/06/2018
Laboratories		
R92	<u>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</u>	09/04/2020
Laws and regulations		
R93	<u>Coronavirus Act 2020</u>	25/03/2020
R94	<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u>	10/02/2020
R95	<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</u>	26/03/2020
R96	<u>Domestic Abuse Bill</u>	03/03/2020
R97	<u>The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020</u>	24/04/2020
Local authorities		
R98	<u>Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</u>	March 2020
R99	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u>	07/04/2020
R100	<u>Postponement of elections</u>	06/04/2020
R101	<u>Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</u>	01/05/2020
R102	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u>	06/05/2020
R103	<u>25 local councils pledge to continue vital residential building safety work</u>	06/05/2020
Medicines and healthcare products		
R104	<u>Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</u>	07/05/2020
Mental health		
R105	<u>Mental health helplines</u>	March 2020



R106	<u>Support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</u>	31/03/2020
R107	<u>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</u>	March 2020
R108	<u>Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</u>	09/04/2020
Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)		
R109	<u>Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</u>	30/04/2020
Personal protective equipment (PPE)		
R110	<u>PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</u>	10/04/2020
R111	<u>PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</u>	08/04/2020
R112	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</u>	23/04/2020
R113	<u>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</u>	18/04/2020
R114	<u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</u>	10/04/2020
R115	<u>VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)</u>	01/05/2020
Procurement policy guidance to public bodies		
R116	<u>Payment to suppliers of public bodies</u>	17/04/2020
Public information		
R117	<u>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</u>	03/03/2020
R118	<u>NHS health advice for everyone</u>	March 2020
R119	<u>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u>	28/04/2020
R120	<u>Call for evidence by parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee</u>	30/03/2020
R121	<u>Prime Minister’s letter to the nation</u>	23/03/2020
R122	<u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u>	23/03/2020
R123	<u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u>	April 2020
R124	<u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u>	01/05/2020
R125	<u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’</u>	01/02/2020
R126	<u>British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH</u>	Website
R127	<u>Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society</u>	02/05/2020
R128	<u>List of critical workers who can send their children to school</u>	06/05/2020
Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project		
R129	<u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u>	April 2020
Renting and landlords		
R130	<u>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities</u>	28/03/2020



Restoration of NHS services		
R131	<u>Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020</u>	01/05/2020
Rough sleepers		
R132	<u>Dame Louise Casey to lead government specialist task force on rough sleeping</u>	02/05/2020
Scientific advice		
R133	<u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</u>	Website
R134	<u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) membership</u>	07/05/2020
R135	<u>Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response</u>	06/05/2020
Security		
R136	<u>Guidance on cyber security and home working</u>	02/04/2020
R137	<u>'Silent Solution' - contacting the police by mobile phone if you cannot speak</u>	07/04/2019
R138	<u>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary</u>	11/04/2020
R139	<u>Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ</u>	03/04/2020
R140	<u>Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online</u>	Website
Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)		
R141	<u>Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)</u>	01/05/2020
R142	<u>Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</u>	17/04/2020
R143	<u>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people</u>	March 2020
R144	<u>How to help safely: guidance</u>	23/04/2020
Testing and vaccines		
R145	<u>Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus</u>	Website
R146	<u>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes</u>	Website
R147	<u>Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</u>	03/04/2020
R148	<u>Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms</u>	29/04/2020
R149	<u>Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms</u>	29/04/2020
R150	<u>Mobile testing units to test frontline workers</u>	29/04/2020
R151	<u>Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative</u>	26/04/2020
R152	<u>Testing for coronavirus: privacy information</u>	30/04/2020
R153	<u>Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight</u>	04/05/2020
R154	<u>New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing</u>	06/05/2020



Transport and travel

R155	<u>Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK</u>	22/03/2020
R156	<u>Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust</u>	22/03/2020
R157	<u>Government data sources and methodology for gathering transport use data</u>	Website
R158	<u>Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance</u>	22/04/2020

Trials and volunteers

R159	<u>Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app</u>	Website
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VE Day 75th Anniversary: Friday 8th May 2020

R160	<u>VE Day 75th Anniversary: Friday 8th May 2020: Royal British Legion Livestream</u>	04/05/2020
R161	<u>VE Day 75th Anniversary toolkit for home and online commemorations</u>	04/05/2020

World Health Organisation

R162	<u>World Health Organisation</u>	Website
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