



## Briefing Note 45 - COVID-19 Guidance As at 09:00 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

### A. Headline announcements on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Item	
A1	<a href="#"><u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as 'R'</u></a>
A2	<a href="#"><u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u></a>
A3	<a href="#"><u>Information in British Sign Language can be accessed via SIGNHEALTH's website</u></a>
A4	<a href="#"><u>Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding</u></a>
A5	<a href="#"><u>Run for Heroes founder wins Prime Minister's Points of Light award</u></a>
A6	<a href="#"><u>Staying at home and away from others (social distancing) [Updated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020]</u></a>
A7	<a href="#"><u>Treasury Direction to HMRC: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme arrangements</u></a>
A8	<a href="#"><u>Fertility clinics to re-open from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020</u></a>
A9	<a href="#"><u>Health Secretary's statement at 5pm daily media briefing</u></a>
A10	<a href="#"><u>Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders</u></a>

### B. Data Sources

Sources of daily rolling data	
B1	<a href="#"><u>Presentation slides and datasets used to support the ministerial media briefing on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020</u></a>
B2	<a href="#"><u>UK statistics: 27,510 dead (+739) 177,454 tested positive (+6,201)</u></a>
B3	<a href="#"><u>UK government COVID-19 data tracker</u></a>
B4	<a href="#"><u>Office for National Statistics (ONS): Analysis of COVID-19 data and its effect on the UK economy and society</u></a>



## C. Commentary

The 5pm daily ministerial briefing was led by the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock. He announced that now the UK had 'passed the peak' of the pandemic the restoration of NHS services would now begin. Fertility services will be allowed to open from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and a link to the press release is at A8.

Mr Hancock explained that the government's goal of testing 100,00 people each day by the end of April had been met, with 122,347 tests on the final day of April. He paid tribute to the collective national effort to rapidly expand British testing capacity in a few weeks which included:

- Creating a new test for the virus;
- Building a network of regional testing centres;
- Putting a fleet of mobile testing vehicles on the roads; and
- Creating home testing kits enabling those who cannot travel to conduct tests in their home.

The capability for mass testing the population forms part of the government's plan to test, track and trace, and he expects that by mid-May there will be some 18,000 contact tracers in place.

Work is underway to develop the new COVID-19 NHS app which should allow people carrying an enabled smartphone or device to know if they have been in close contact with someone who is transmitting the virus and take appropriate action. The test-track-trace model is intended to drive the infection rate down and lower the rate of infection – known as 'R'. A government video explaining about 'R' is accessible via the hyperlink at A1. Reducing 'R' is a crucial part of the government's plan to slowly ease restrictions and lift the 'lockdown'.

The Chancellor has issued a direction to HMRC to implement the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). The purpose of SEISS is to provide for payments to be made to people carrying on a trade which has been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. A weblink to the direction is at A7.

The Chancellor has also written to all accredited lenders regarding the Bounce Back Loan Scheme which comes into effect on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. A link to his letter is at A10.



# Annex

## RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE ISSUED OR UPDATED
<b>Adult Social Care</b>		
R1	<a href="#"><u>Home care provision</u></a>	06/04/2020
R2	<a href="#"><u>Changes to Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care</u></a>	01/04/2020
R3	<a href="#"><u>How to work safely in care homes</u></a>	27/04/2020
<b>Business and other venues – directions to close</b>		
R4	<a href="#"><u>Closing certain businesses and venues</u></a>	09/04/2020
R5	<a href="#"><u>Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</u></a>	04/04/2020
R6	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for closing certain businesses</u></a>	27/03/2020
<b>Business support and employment</b>		
R7	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</u></a>	07/04/2020
R8	<a href="#"><u>Financial help for the self-employed</u></a>	26/03/2020
R9	<a href="#"><u>Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?</u></a>	30/04/2020
R10	<a href="#"><u>Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u></a>	30/04/2020
R11	<a href="#"><u>Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5</u></a>	24/04/2020
R12	<a href="#"><u>Business Support – Frequently Asked Questions</u></a>	Website
R13	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5</u></a>	24/04/2020
R14	<a href="#"><u>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities</u></a>	02/04/2020
R15	<a href="#"><u>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</u></a>	24/04/2020
R16	<a href="#"><u>Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area</u></a>	27/04/2020
R17	<a href="#"><u>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</u></a>	17/04/2020
R18	<a href="#"><u>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020</u></a>	07/04/2020
R19	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for local authorities on implementing the hardship fund</u></a>	March 2020
R20	<a href="#"><u>Step-by-step guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme</u></a>	April 2020
R21	<a href="#"><u>Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’</u></a>	19/04/2020
R22	<a href="#"><u>Online support tool for employers and the self-employed</u></a>	Website



**Children and young people**

R23	<a href="#"><u>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</u></a>	19/04/2020
R24	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for parents and carers - supporting children's mental health</u></a>	21/04/2020
R25	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for parents &amp; carers on looking after mental health of children</u></a>	21/04/2020
R26	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for local authorities to support and protect vulnerable children</u></a>	03/04/2020

**Construction sites**

R27	<a href="#"><u>Construction site operating procedures – version 3</u></a>	14/04/2020
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**Deaths and bereavement**

R28	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals</u></a>	20/04/2020
R29	<a href="#"><u>Directions to councils in England to allow family members to attend funerals</u></a>	17/04/2020
R30	<a href="#"><u>Statutory guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u></a>	April 2020
R31	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u></a>	19/04/2020
R32	<a href="#"><u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u></a>	21/04/2020
R33	<a href="#"><u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u></a>	April 2020
R34	<a href="#"><u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u></a>	29/04/2020
R35	<a href="#"><u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u></a>	29/04/2020
R36	<a href="#"><u>Chief Coroner's Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u></a>	26/03/2020
R37	<a href="#"><u>Chief Coroner's Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u></a>	27/03/2020
R38	<a href="#"><u>Chief Coroner's Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u></a>	30/03/2020
R39	<a href="#"><u>Chief Coroner's Guidance Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u></a>	28/04/2020

**Education settings and vocational training**

R40	<a href="#"><u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u></a>	April 2020
R41	<a href="#"><u>Information for parents and carers about schools &amp; other educational settings</u></a>	01/05/2020
R42	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</u></a>	19/04/2020
R43	<a href="#"><u>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</u></a>	28/04/2020
R44	<a href="#"><u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</u></a>	27/03/2020
R45	<a href="#"><u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u></a>	28/04/2020
R46	<a href="#"><u>Guidance on maintaining further education</u></a>	24/04/2020
R47	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u></a>	April 2020
R48	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades</u></a>	April 2020
R49	<a href="#"><u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</u></a>	30/04/2020
R50	<a href="#"><u>Free school meals guidance</u></a>	30/04/2020



R51	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u></a>	24/04/2020
R52	<a href="#"><u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u></a>	07/04/2020
R53	<a href="#"><u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u></a>	01/05/2020
R54	<a href="#"><u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u></a>	19/04/2020
R55	<a href="#"><u>Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</u></a>	Website
R56	<a href="#"><u>BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</u></a>	Website
<b>Food hygiene</b>		
R57	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</u></a>	25/04/2020
<b>Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance</b>		
R58	<a href="#"><u>Glossary</u></a>	27/04/2020
<b>Healthcare professionals and hospital settings</b>		
R59	<a href="#"><u>Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)</u></a>	29/04/2020
R60	<a href="#"><u>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</u></a>	27/04/2020
R61	<a href="#"><u>Management of exposed healthcare workers &amp; patients in hospital</u></a>	23/04/2020
R62	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for ambulance trusts</u></a>	11/04/2020
R63	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for first responders</u></a>	24/03/2020
R64	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for taking swab samples</u></a>	23/04/2020
R65	<a href="#"><u>Infection prevention and control</u></a>	27/04/2020
R66	<a href="#"><u>Healthcare support workers required at London NHS Nightingale Hospital</u></a>	Website
R67	<a href="#"><u>Hospital discharge service requirements</u></a>	19/03/2020
R68	<a href="#"><u>Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home</u></a>	23/04/2020
<b>Homecare (Domiciliary Care)</b>		
R69	<a href="#"><u>PPE for care workers delivering home care in England</u></a>	30/04/2020
R70	<a href="#"><u>Putting on PPE for home carers</u></a>	30/04/2020
R71	<a href="#"><u>Taking off PPE for home carers</u></a>	30/04/2020
<b>International</b>		
R72	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</u></a>	24/04/2020
R73	<a href="#"><u>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</u></a>	12/04/2020
R74	<a href="#"><u>PPE export controls on UK companies trading internationally</u></a>	24/04/2020
<b>Laboratories</b>		
R75	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</u></a>	09/04/2020

<b>Laws and regulations</b>		
R76	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus Act 2020</u></a>	25/03/2020
R77	<a href="#"><u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u></a>	10/02/2020
R78	<a href="#"><u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</u></a>	26/03/2020
<b>Local authorities</b>		
R79	<a href="#"><u>Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</u></a>	March 2020
R80	<a href="#"><u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u></a>	07/04/2020
R81	<a href="#"><u>Postponement of elections</u></a>	06/04/2020
R82	<a href="#"><u>Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</u></a>	01/05/2020
<b>Medicines and healthcare products</b>		
R83	<a href="#"><u>Medicines &amp; Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</u></a>	23/04/2020
<b>Mental health</b>		
R84	<a href="#"><u>Mental health helplines</u></a>	March 2020
R85	<a href="#"><u>Support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</u></a>	31/03/2020
R86	<a href="#"><u>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</u></a>	March 2020
R87	<a href="#"><u>Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</u></a>	09/04/2020
<b>Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)</b>		
R88	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</u></a>	30/04/2020
<b>Personal protective equipment (PPE)</b>		
R89	<a href="#"><u>PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</u></a>	10/04/2020
R90	<a href="#"><u>PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</u></a>	08/04/2020
R91	<a href="#"><u>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</u></a>	23/04/2020
R92	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</u></a>	18/04/2020
R93	<a href="#"><u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</u></a>	10/04/2020
R94	<a href="#"><u>VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release).</u></a>	01/05/2020
<b>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies</b>		
R95	<a href="#"><u>Payment to suppliers of public bodies</u></a>	17/04/2020
<b>Public information</b>		
R96	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</u></a>	03/03/2020
R97	<a href="#"><u>NHS health advice for everyone</u></a>	March 2020
R98	<a href="#"><u>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u></a>	28/04/2020



R99	<a href="#"><u>Call for evidence by parliamentary Women &amp; Equalities Committee</u></a>	30/03/2020
R100	<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister's letter to the nation</u></a>	23/03/2020
R101	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u></a>	23/03/2020
R102	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u></a>	April 2020
R103	<a href="#"><u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u></a>	01/05/2020
<b>Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project</b>		
R104	<a href="#"><u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u></a>	April 2020
<b>Renting and landlords</b>		
R105	<a href="#"><u>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities</u></a>	28/03/2020
<b>Scientific advice</b>		
R106	<a href="#"><u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</u></a>	Website
<b>Security</b>		
R107	<a href="#"><u>Guidance on cyber security and home working</u></a>	02/04/2020
R108	<a href="#"><u>'Silent Solution' - contacting the police by mobile phone if you cannot speak</u></a>	07/04/2019
R109	<a href="#"><u>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary</u></a>	11/04/2020
R110	<a href="#"><u>Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ</u></a>	03/04/2020
R111	<a href="#"><u>Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online</u></a>	Website
<b>Social distancing and protecting vulnerable people</b>		
R112	<a href="#"><u>Guidance on social distancing</u></a>	30/04/2020
R113	<a href="#"><u>Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)</u></a>	01/05/2020
R114	<a href="#"><u>Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</u></a>	17/04/2020
R115	<a href="#"><u>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people</u></a>	March 2020
R116	<a href="#"><u>How to help safely: guidance</u></a>	23/04/2020
R117	<a href="#"><u>How to help safely: easy-read guide</u></a>	April 2020
<b>Testing and vaccines</b>		
R118	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus Status Checker - Online Survey</u></a>	Website
R119	<a href="#"><u>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes</u></a>	03/04/2020
R120	<a href="#"><u>Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</u></a>	29/04/2020
R121	<a href="#"><u>Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms</u></a>	29/04/2020
R122	<a href="#"><u>Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms</u></a>	29/04/2020
R123	<a href="#"><u>Mobile testing units to test frontline workers</u></a>	26/04/2020



R124 [Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative](#) 30/04/2020

R125 [Testing for coronavirus: privacy information](#) 01/05/2020

**Transport and travel**

R126 [Essential travel guidance](#) 22/03/2020

R127 [Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust](#) Website

R128 [Government data sources and methodology for gathering transport use data](#) 15/04/2020

R129 [Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance](#) 22/04/2020

**Trials and volunteers**

R130 [Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms](#) 29/04/2020

R131 [Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app](#) Website

**World Health Organisation**

R13 <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019> Website