



Briefing Note 47 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Monday 4th May 2020

A. Headline announcements on Sunday 3rd May 2020

Item

- A1 [New Bounce Back Loan Scheme to be launched on Monday 4th May 2020](#)

B. Data Sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Presentation slides and datasets used to support the ministerial media briefing on Sunday 3rd May 2020](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: 28,446 dead \(+315\) 186,599 tested positive \(+4,339\)](#)
- B3 [UK government COVID-19 data tracker](#)
- B4 [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\): Analysis of COVID-19 data and its effect on the UK economy and society](#)

C. Commentary

The 4pm ministerial media briefing was led by the Cabinet Office Minister, Michael Gove. He reported that the slow downward trend in hospital admissions, use of critical care beds and deaths continues. There had been a reduction in the number of tests carried out (76,496) compared with the 122,347 achieved on the last day of April.

Mr Gove gave some insight into how the government is considering ways to release the lockdown restrictions. He indicated that a phased approach would allow the government to monitor the impact that any changes made would have on public health and, if necessary, pause those changes in a specific and localised way. This could include reintroducing restrictions if necessary.

Today (Monday 4th May,) the government will launch its new Bounce Back Loan Scheme for businesses and a press release is at A1.

Media reports suggest that the Prime Minister will announce the government's comprehensive plan to begin easing lockdown restrictions next Sunday, 10th May 2020.



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
Business and other venues – directions to close		
R4	<u>Closing certain businesses and venues</u>	09/04/2020
R5	<u>Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</u>	04/04/2020
R6	<u>Guidance for closing certain businesses</u>	27/03/2020
Business support and employment		
R7	<u>Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</u>	07/04/2020
R8	<u>Financial help for the self-employed</u>	26/03/2020
R9	<u>Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?</u>	30/04/2020
R10	<u>Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</u>	30/04/2020
R11	<u>Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5</u>	24/04/2020
R12	<u>Business support – Frequently Asked Questions</u>	Website
R13	<u>Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5</u>	24/04/2020
R14	<u>Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities</u>	02/04/2020
R15	<u>Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</u>	24/04/2020
R16	<u>Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England</u>	27/04/2020
R17	<u>Procurement policy guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</u>	17/04/2020
R18	<u>Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020</u>	07/04/2020
R19	<u>Guidance for local authorities on implementing the hardship fund</u>	March 2020
R20	<u>Step-by-step guidance for employers on claiming under Job Retention Scheme</u>	April 2020
R21	<u>Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’</u>	19/04/2020
R22	<u>Online support tool for employers and the self-employed</u>	Website
R23	<u>Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding</u>	01/05/2020



R24	<u>Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme arrangements</u>	01/05/2020
R25	<u>Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders</u>	01/05/2020
R26	<u>Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses</u>	02/05/2020
Children and young people		
R27	<u>Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</u>	19/04/2020
R28	<u>Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children</u>	21/04/2020
R29	<u>Guidance for local authorities to support and protect vulnerable children</u>	03/04/2020
Construction sites		
R30	<u>Construction site operating procedures – version 3</u>	14/04/2020
Deaths and bereavement		
R31	<u>Guidance for care of the deceased – for health professionals</u>	20/04/2020
R32	<u>Directions to councils in England to allow family members to attend funerals</u>	17/04/2020
R33	<u>Statutory guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u>	April 2020
R34	<u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u>	19/04/2020
R35	<u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u>	21/04/2020
R36	<u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u>	April 2020
R37	<u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u>	29/04/2020
R38	<u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u>	29/04/2020
R39	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u>	26/03/2020
R40	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u>	27/03/2020
R41	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u>	30/03/2020
R42	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u>	28/04/2020
Education settings and vocational training		
R43	<u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u>	28/04/2020
R44	<u>Information for parents and carers about schools & other educational settings</u>	01/05/2020
R45	<u>Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</u>	19/04/2020
R46	<u>Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</u>	28/04/2020
R47	<u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges and other premises in England</u>	27/03/2020
R48	<u>Guidance on maintaining further education</u>	24/04/2020
R49	<u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u>	April 2020
R50	<u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers on educational grades</u>	April 2020
R51	<u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical and other qualifications</u>	30/04/2020



R52	<u>Free school meals guidance</u>	30/04/2020
R53	<u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u>	24/04/2020
R54	<u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u>	07/04/2020
R55	<u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u>	01/05/2020
R56	<u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u>	19/04/2020
R57	<u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u>	01/05/2020
R58	<u>Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</u>	Website
R59	<u>BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</u>	Website
Food hygiene		
R60	<u>Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</u>	25/04/2020
Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance		
R61	<u>Glossary</u>	27/04/2020
Healthcare professionals and hospital settings		
R62	<u>Background information (epidemiology, virology and clinical features)</u>	29/04/2020
R63	<u>Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others</u>	27/04/2020
R64	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital</u>	23/04/2020
R65	<u>Guidance for ambulance trusts</u>	11/04/2020
R66	<u>Guidance for first responders</u>	24/03/2020
R67	<u>Guidance for taking swab samples</u>	23/04/2020
R68	<u>Infection prevention and control</u>	27/04/2020
R69	<u>Healthcare support workers required at London NHS Nightingale Hospital</u>	Website
R70	<u>Hospital discharge service requirements</u>	19/03/2020
R71	<u>Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home</u>	23/04/2020
Homecare (domiciliary care)		
R72	<u>PPE for care workers delivering home care in England</u>	30/04/2020
R73	<u>Putting on PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
R74	<u>Taking off PPE for home carers</u>	30/04/2020
International		
R75	<u>Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally</u>	24/04/2020
R76	<u>UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in developing countries</u>	12/04/2020
R77	<u>PPE export controls on UK companies trading internationally</u>	24/04/2020

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Laboratories		
R78	<u>Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</u>	09/04/2020
Laws and regulations		
R79	<u>Coronavirus Act 2020</u>	25/03/2020
R80	<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u>	10/02/2020
R81	<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</u>	26/03/2020
R82	<u>Domestic Abuse Bill</u>	03/03/2020
Local authorities		
R83	<u>Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</u>	March 2020
R84	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</u>	07/04/2020
R85	<u>Postponement of elections</u>	06/04/2020
R86	<u>Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</u>	01/05/2020
Medicines and healthcare products		
R87	<u>Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</u>	23/04/2020
Mental health		
R88	<u>Mental health helplines</u>	March 2020
R89	<u>Support and practical guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</u>	31/03/2020
R90	<u>Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</u>	March 2020
R91	<u>Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</u>	09/04/2020
Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)		
R92	<u>Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</u>	30/04/2020
Personal protective equipment (PPE)		
R93	<u>PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</u>	10/04/2020
R94	<u>PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</u>	08/04/2020
R95	<u>Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</u>	23/04/2020
R96	<u>Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</u>	18/04/2020
R97	<u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</u>	10/04/2020
R98	<u>VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)</u>	01/05/2020
Procurement policy guidance to public bodies		
R99	<u>Payment to suppliers of public bodies</u>	17/04/2020
Public information		
R100	<u>Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK</u>	03/03/2020



R101	<u>NHS health advice for everyone</u>	March 2020
R102	<u>Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</u>	28/04/2020
R103	<u>Call for evidence by parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee</u>	30/03/2020
R104	<u>Prime Minister's letter to the nation</u>	23/03/2020
R105	<u>Coronavirus public information leaflet</u>	23/03/2020
R106	<u>Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet</u>	April 2020
R107	<u>Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do</u>	01/05/2020
R108	<u>Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as 'R'</u>	01/02/2020
R109	<u>British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH</u>	Website
R110	<u>Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society</u>	02/05/2020
Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project		
R111	<u>Indemnities granted to manufacturers</u>	April 2020
Renting and landlords		
R112	<u>Non-statutory renting guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities</u>	28/03/2020
Restoration of NHS services		
R113	<u>Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020</u>	01/05/2020
Rough sleepers		
R114	<u>Dame Louise Casey to lead government specialist task force on rough sleeping</u>	02/05/2020
Scientific advice		
R115	<u>Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</u>	Website
Security		
R116	<u>Guidance on cyber security and home working</u>	02/04/2020
R117	<u>'Silent Solution' - contacting the police by mobile phone if you cannot speak</u>	07/04/2019
R118	<u>Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary</u>	11/04/2020
R119	<u>Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ</u>	03/04/2020
R120	<u>Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online</u>	Website
Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)		
R121	<u>Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)</u>	01/05/2020
R122	<u>Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</u>	17/04/2020
R123	<u>Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people</u>	March 2020
R124	<u>How to help safely: guidance</u>	23/04/2020



Testing and vaccines

R125	<u>Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus</u>	Website
R126	<u>Government plans for scaling up testing programmes</u>	Website
R127	<u>Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</u>	03/04/2020
R128	<u>Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms</u>	29/04/2020
R129	<u>Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms</u>	29/04/2020
R130	<u>Mobile testing units to test frontline workers</u>	29/04/2020
R131	<u>Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative</u>	26/04/2020
R132	<u>Testing for coronavirus: privacy information</u>	30/04/2020

Transport and travel

R133	<u>Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK</u>	22/03/2020
R134	<u>Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways from the Canal and River Trust</u>	22/03/2020
R135	<u>Government data sources and methodology for gathering transport use data</u>	Website
R136	<u>Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland and Wales – DVSA guidance</u>	22/04/2020

Trials and volunteers

R137	<u>Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app</u>	Website
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World Health Organisation

R138	<u>World Health Organisation</u>	Website
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