



## Briefing Note 61 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### A. Headline UK announcements on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020

#### Item

- A1 [Vaccines Manufacturing and Innovation Centre to open 12 months ahead of schedule](#)
- A2 [Funding and manufacturing boost for UK vaccine programme](#)
- A3 [Business Secretary's statement at 4pm media briefing \(YouTube\)](#)

### B. Data sources

#### Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used in 4pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 34,636 \(+170\) \(b\) positive tests 243,695 \(+3,534\)](#)
- B3 [UK government COVID-19 data tracker](#)
- B4 [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\): analysis of COVID-19 data](#)
- B5 [Government Office for Science: The R number \(weekly update\)](#)

### 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 4pm daily ministerial briefing was led by the Business Secretary, Alok Sharma. Technical difficulties with videoconferencing arrangements prevented the display of slides and graphs and the live questioning by journalists. The video recording of the Business Secretary's speech is available [here](#) and the slides and datasets [here](#).

The Business Secretary explained that the UK is now ready to move carefully from the current 'level four' on the [COVID Alert System](#) to 'level three' if the current downward trends in key government indicators continue.



He announced that the planned [Vaccines Manufacturing and Innovation Centre](#) located at a site in Harwell, Oxfordshire will open 12 months ahead of schedule with the boost of government funding to accelerate the construction of the centre and vaccine trials.

The Business Secretary outlined a global licensing agreement signed between Oxford University and [AstraZeneca](#), the UK-based pharmaceutical company, for the commercialisation and manufacturing of the potential vaccine. If the Oxford University vaccine trial is successful, AstraZeneca will produce up to 30 million doses by September 2020 for people in the UK, as part of an agreement to deliver 100 million doses in total.

That said, the Business Secretary pointed out that despite everyone's best efforts a vaccine for COVID-19 may never be found and so the search for drugs to treat the disease continues, with six different drugs undergoing trials.

We can help control the virus  
if we all **STAY ALERT**

HM Government

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Keep your distance if you go out (2m where possible)
- Work from home if you can
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit contact with other people
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms

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## Annex

### RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE
<b>Adult social care</b>		
R1	<a href="#">Changes to Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care</a>	01/04/2020
R2	<a href="#">How to work safely in care homes</a>	27/04/2020
R3	<a href="#">Dedicated app for social care workers</a>	06/05/2020
R4	<a href="#">Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce</a>	11/05/2020
R5	<a href="#">Care homes support package</a>	15/05/2020
R6	<a href="#">Infection Control Fund launched to fight spread of infection in care homes</a>	15/05/2020
<b>Business and other venues – directions to close</b>		
R7	<a href="#">Guidance for closing certain businesses and venues in England</a>	13/05/2020
R8	<a href="#">Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities</a>	23/04/2020
<b>Business support and employment</b>		
R9	<a href="#">Guidance for employees, employers and businesses</a>	15/05/2020
R10	<a href="#">Financial help for the self-employed</a>	26/03/2020
R11	<a href="#">Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?</a>	14/05/2020
R12	<a href="#">Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</a>	14/05/2020
R13	<a href="#">Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5</a>	24/04/2020
R14	<a href="#">Business support – Frequently Asked Questions</a>	Website
R15	<a href="#">Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5</a>	24/04/2020
R16	<a href="#">Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities</a>	02/04/2020
R17	<a href="#">Grant funding allocations by local authority in England</a>	13/05/2020
R18	<a href="#">Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England</a>	11/05/2020
R19	<a href="#">Procurement guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers</a>	13/05/2020
R20	<a href="#">Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020</a>	07/04/2020
R21	<a href="#">Guidance: employers claiming under the Job Retention Scheme (version 4)</a>	11/05/2020
R22	<a href="#">Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for ‘Future Fund’</a>	19/04/2020
R23	<a href="#">Online support tool for employers and the self-employed</a>	Website
R24	<a href="#">Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding</a>	01/05/2020

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R25	<a href="#">Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme</a>	30/04/2020
R26	<a href="#">Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders</a>	01/05/2020
R27	<a href="#">Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses</a>	02/05/2020
R28	<a href="#">Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours</a>	04/05/2020
R29	<a href="#">How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan</a>	Website
R30	<a href="#">Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021</a>	06/05/2020
R31	<a href="#">New funding to support dairy farmers</a>	06/05/2020
R32	<a href="#">Chancellor extends Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until October 2020</a>	12/05/2020
R33	<a href="#">Business support through Trade Credit Insurance guarantee</a>	13/05/2020
R34	<a href="#">Business support funding: guidance on Local Authority Discretionary Fund</a>	13/05/2020

#### Children and young people

R35	<a href="#">Guidance on vulnerable children and young people</a>	15/05/2020
R36	<a href="#">Guidance for parents &amp; carers on looking after mental health of children</a>	21/04/2020
R37	<a href="#">Guidance for children's social care services</a>	06/05/2020
R38	<a href="#">Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: HMRC Collection of Guidance</a>	15/05/2020

#### Construction sites

R39	<a href="#">Construction Leadership Council</a>	Website
R40	<a href="#">Construction site operating procedures – version 3</a>	14/04/2020
R41	<a href="#">Charter for Safe Working Practice</a>	13/05/2020
R42	<a href="#">Working safely in construction - video</a>	13/05/2020

#### Deaths and bereavement

R43	<a href="#">Guidance for care of the deceased</a>	15/05/2020
R44	<a href="#">Directions to councils to allow family members to attend funerals</a>	17/04/2020
R45	<a href="#">Guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</a>	April 2020
R46	<a href="#">Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</a>	19/04/2020
R47	<a href="#">Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</a>	21/04/2020
R48	<a href="#">Information leaflet for the bereaved</a>	April 2020
R49	<a href="#">Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</a>	29/04/2020
R50	<a href="#">New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</a>	29/04/2020
R51	<a href="#">Chief Coroner's Note 34 – guidance for coroners</a>	26/03/2020
R52	<a href="#">Chief Coroner's Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</a>	27/03/2020
R53	<a href="#">Chief Coroner's Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</a>	30/03/2020



R54	<a href="#">Chief Coroner’s Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</a>	28/04/2020
R55	<a href="#">Verification of deaths in times of emergency</a>	05/05/2020
R56	<a href="#">Local death management: templates for use by local authorities in England</a>	15/05/2020

**Education settings and vocational training**

R57	<a href="#">Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</a>	15/05/2020
R58	<a href="#">Information for parents &amp; carers about schools &amp; other settings</a>	11/05/2020
R59	<a href="#">Guidance for schools and councils on maintaining educational provision</a>	05/05/2020
R60	<a href="#">Guidance on temporary closure of schools in England</a>	28/04/2020
R61	<a href="#">Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges, and other premises in England</a>	27/03/2020
R62	<a href="#">Guidance for further education colleges and providers</a>	14/05/2020
R63	<a href="#">Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</a>	15/05/2020
R64	<a href="#">Guidance for teachers, students, parents, and carers on educational grades</a>	15/05/2020
R65	<a href="#">Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical, and other qualifications</a>	30/04/2020
R66	<a href="#">Free school meals guidance</a>	15/05/2020
R67	<a href="#">Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</a>	24/04/2020
R68	<a href="#">Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</a>	07/04/2020
R69	<a href="#">Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</a>	01/05/2020
R70	<a href="#">Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</a>	07/05/2020
R71	<a href="#">Induction for newly qualified teachers</a>	01/05/2020
R72	<a href="#">Actions for higher education providers and support for universities</a>	04/05/2020
R73	<a href="#">International travel advice for educational settings</a>	05/05/2020
R74	<a href="#">Awarding qualifications in 2020: Ofqual update following consultation</a>	06/05/2020
R75	<a href="#">School attendance of children and teachers since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</a>	12/05/2020
R76	<a href="#">Examples of remote education practice from schools &amp; academies</a>	05/05/2020
R77	<a href="#">Preparing education &amp; childcare settings to open on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020</a>	15/05/2020
R78	<a href="#">Vocational and technical qualifications in 2020: guidance for centres</a>	15/05/2020
R79	<a href="#">Planning guide for primary schools reopening in England from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020</a>	15/05/2020
R80	<a href="#">Oak National Academy – an online teaching resource for teachers</a>	Website
R81	<a href="#">BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools</a>	Website

**Food hygiene**

R82	<a href="#">Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene</a>	25/04/2020
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## Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance

R83 [Glossary](#) 03/05/2020

### Healthcare professionals and hospital settings

R84 [Background information \(epidemiology, virology, and clinical features\)](#) 13/05/2020

R85 [Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others](#) 27/04/2020

R86 [Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital](#) 06/05/2020

R87 [Guidance for ambulance trusts](#) 11/04/2020

R88 [Guidance for first responders](#) 09/05/2020

R89 [Guidance for taking swab samples](#) 23/04/2020

R90 [Infection prevention and control](#) 03/05/2020

R91 [Hospital discharge – collection of guidance](#) 13/05/2020

R92 [Hospital discharge service requirements](#) 19/03/2020

R93 [Hospital discharge patient leaflet](#) 19/03/2020

R94 [What you need to know about leaving hospital - leaflet](#) 13/05/2020

R95 [When you leave hospital to go home - leaflet](#) 13/05/2020

R96 [Leaving hospital to go to a care home - leaflet](#) 13/05/2020

R97 [Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home](#) 23/04/2020

### Homecare (domiciliary care)

R98 [PPE for care workers delivering home care in England](#) 30/04/2020

R99 [Putting on PPE for home carers](#) 30/04/2020

R100 [Taking off PPE for home carers](#) 30/04/2020

R101 [Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England](#) 06/05/2020

R102 [Guidance for people who receive direct payments for care and support](#) 07/05/2020

### International

R103 [Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally](#) 24/04/2020

R104 [UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in other countries](#) 12/04/2020

R105 [PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally](#) 05/05/2020

R106 [How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan](#) 26/06/2018

R107 [The British Gurkhas rescue Brits stranded in Nepal \(video\)](#) 07/05/2020

R108 [Attestation forms for travel to and within France](#) 14/05/2020

R109 [UK aid for charities and NGOs fighting COVID-19 in the developing world](#) 15/05/2020

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<b>Laboratories</b>		
R110	<a href="#">Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability</a>	09/04/2020
<b>Laws and regulations</b>		
R111	<a href="#">Coronavirus Act 2020</a>	25/03/2020
R112	<a href="#">Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each measure</a>	07/05/2020
R113	<a href="#">Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</a>	10/02/2020
R114	<a href="#">Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)(England) Regulations 2020</a>	26/03/2020
R115	<a href="#">Domestic Abuse Bill</a>	03/03/2020
R116	<a href="#">The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020</a>	24/04/2020
<b>Local authorities</b>		
R117	<a href="#">Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud</a>	March 2020
R118	<a href="#">Council tax: guidance for local authorities on the hardship fund</a>	March 2020
R119	<a href="#">Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections</a>	15/05/2020
R120	<a href="#">Postponement of elections</a>	06/04/2020
R121	<a href="#">Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities</a>	01/05/2020
R122	<a href="#">25 local councils pledge to continue vital residential building safety work</a>	06/05/2020
<b>Medicines and healthcare products</b>		
R123	<a href="#">Medicines &amp; Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection</a>	14/05/2020
<b>Mental health</b>		
R124	<a href="#">Mental health helplines</a>	Website
R125	<a href="#">Support and guidance for those suffering with mental health issues</a>	31/03/2020
R126	<a href="#">Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body</a>	March 2020
R127	<a href="#">Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity</a>	09/04/2020
<b>Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)</b>		
R128	<a href="#">Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy</a>	Website
<b>Personal protective equipment (PPE)</b>		
R129	<a href="#">PPE use for aerosol generating procedures</a>	10/04/2020
R130	<a href="#">PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures</a>	08/04/2020
R131	<a href="#">Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals</a>	06/05/2020
R132	<a href="#">Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub</a>	18/04/2020
R133	<a href="#">Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan</a>	10/04/2020
R134	<a href="#">VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)</a>	30/04/2020



R135 [Millions more items of PPE to be provided through business partnerships](#) 09/05/2020

R136 [70 million face masks for NHS and care workers through new industry deal](#) 15/05/2020

**Procurement policy guidance to public bodies**

R137 [Payment to suppliers of public bodies](#) 13/05/2020

**Public information**

R138 [Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK](#) 03/03/2020

R139 [NHS health advice for everyone](#) Website

R140 [Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#) 28/04/2020

R141 [Parliamentary Inquiry by Parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee](#) 30/03/2020

R142 [Prime Minister’s letter to the nation](#) 23/03/2020

R143 [Coronavirus public information leaflet](#) 23/03/2020

R144 [Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet](#) April 2020

R145 [Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do](#) 11/05/2020

R146 [Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’](#) 01/02/2020

R147 [British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH](#) Website

R148 [Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society](#) 02/05/2020

R149 [List of critical workers who can send their children to school](#) 05/05/2020

R150 [Statement by the Prime Minister explaining how restrictions will be eased](#) 10/05/2020

R151 [Staying alert and safe \(social distancing\)](#) 11/05/2020

R152 [Staying safe outside your home](#) 11/05/2020

R153 [How to make and wear a cloth face covering](#) 11/05/2020

R154 [Public advised to cover faces in enclosed public spaces](#) 11/05/2020

R155 [New guidance on spending time outdoors](#) 13/05/2020

R156 [Prime Minister’s article in the Mail on Sunday \(17<sup>th</sup> May 2020\)](#) 17/05/2020

**Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project**

R157 [Indemnities granted to manufacturers](#) April 2020

**Recovery**

R158 [OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government’s COVID-19 Recovery Strategy](#) 11/05/2020

R159 [UK Government’s Recovery Strategy: Large print version](#) 12/05/2020

R160 [Working safely during coronavirus: helping Brits get safely back to work](#) 11/05/2020

R161 [Working safely in construction and other outdoor work](#) 11/05/2020

R162 [Working safely in factories, plants, and warehouses](#) 11/05/2020



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R163	<a href="#">Working safely in laboratories and research facilities</a>	11/05/2020
R164	<a href="#">Working safely in offices and contact centres</a>	11/05/2020
R165	<a href="#">Working safely in other people's home</a>	11/05/2020
R166	<a href="#">Working safely in restaurants offering takeaway or delivery</a>	11/05/2020
R167	<a href="#">Working safely in shops and branches</a>	11/05/2020
R168	<a href="#">Working safely in or from a vehicle</a>	11/05/2020
R169	<a href="#">Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces</a>	13/05/2020
R170	<a href="#">Five roadmap taskforces to plan how to reopen closed sectors</a>	13/05/2020
R171	<a href="#">Guidance for moving home safely in England</a>	13/05/2020
R172	<a href="#">Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care</a>	14/05/2020
R173	<a href="#">New taskforce developing plans to reopen places of worship</a>	15/05/2020
<b>Renting and landlords</b>		
R174	<a href="#">Non-statutory guidance for landlords, tenants, and local authorities</a>	28/03/2020
<b>Restoration of NHS services</b>		
R175	<a href="#">Fertility clinics to re-open from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020</a>	05/05/2020
<b>Rough sleepers</b>		
R176	<a href="#">Dame Louise Casey to lead government task force on rough sleeping</a>	02/05/2020
<b>Scientific advice</b>		
R177	<a href="#">Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance</a>	Website
R178	<a href="#">Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) membership</a>	07/05/2020
R179	<a href="#">Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response</a>	Website
R180	<a href="#">Overview of scientific advice published by Department for Education</a>	15/05/2020
R181	<a href="#">Government Office for Science publishes the latest R number</a>	15/05/2020
<b>Security</b>		
R182	<a href="#">Guidance on cyber security and home working</a>	02/04/2020
R183	<a href="#">'Silent Solution' – how to call the police by mobile if you cannot speak</a>	07/04/2019
R184	<a href="#">Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary</a>	11/04/2020
R185	<a href="#">Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ</a>	03/04/2020
R186	<a href="#">Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online</a>	Website
R187	<a href="#">Domestic abuse safe accommodation: emergency support fund</a>	07/05/2020
R188	<a href="#">Countering online child sexual exploitation and abuse during the pandemic</a>	08/05/2020
R189	<a href="#">Voluntary Principles to counter online child sexual exploitation and abuse</a>	08/05/2020



**Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)**

R190	<a href="#">Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus</a>	05/05/2020
R191	<a href="#">Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people</a>	March 2020
R192	<a href="#">How to help safely: guidance</a>	23/04/2020

**Testing and vaccines**

R193	<a href="#">Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus</a>	Website
R194	<a href="#">UK Government Testing Strategy: Scaling up our testing programmes</a>	04/04/2020
R195	<a href="#">Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating</a>	11/05/2020
R196	<a href="#">Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms</a>	11/05/2020
R197	<a href="#">Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms</a>	30/04/2020
R198	<a href="#">Mobile testing units to test frontline workers</a>	26/04/2020
R199	<a href="#">Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative</a>	29/04/2020
R200	<a href="#">Testing for coronavirus: privacy information</a>	01/05/2020
R201	<a href="#">Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight</a>	04/05/2020
R202	<a href="#">New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing</a>	06/05/2020
R203	<a href="#">New online portal for care homes to arrange testing for staff and residents</a>	11/05/2020
R203	<a href="#">Government expands team to roll out test and trace programme</a>	12/05/2020
R204	<a href="#">Patients severely ill with Covid-19 to have their genetic code studied</a>	13/05/2020
R205	<a href="#">How tests and testing kits for COVID-19 work</a>	13/05/2020
R206	<a href="#">Major long-term study to track spread of COVID-19 in UK population</a>	17/05/2020

**Transport and travel**

R207	<a href="#">Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK</a>	22/03/2020
R208	<a href="#">Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways</a>	Website
R209	<a href="#">Government data methodology for gathering transport use data</a>	15/04/2020
R210	<a href="#">Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland, and Wales – DVSA guidance</a>	22/04/2020
R211	<a href="#">£2 billion fund for cycling and walking - reducing public transport use</a>	09/05/2020
R212	<a href="#">Statutory guidance for local authorities on managing their road networks</a>	09/05/2020
R213	<a href="#">Temporary road signs for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists</a>	09/05/2020
R214	<a href="#">Transport Secretary’s oral statement on safer travel guidance</a>	12/05/2020
R215	<a href="#">Transport and travel advice</a>	12/05/2020



R216 [Safer transport guidance for operators](#) 12/05/2020

R217 [Government grants Transport for London £1.6 billion funding package](#) 15/05/2020

**Trials and volunteers**

R218 [Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app](#) Website

R219 [COVID-19 detection dogs trial launched](#) 15/05/2020

**World Health Organisation**

R220 [World Health Organisation](#) Website

R221 [WHO Health for all Challenge on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 \(virtual\)](#) Website