



Briefing Note 69 - COVID-19 Guidance

As at 09:00 Tuesday 26th May 2020

A. Headline UK announcements on Monday 25th May 2020

Item

- A1 [Statement made by Prime Minister at daily ministerial media briefing](#)
- A2 [Horse, taxi, bus and plane: Foreign Office helps British traveller home from Argentina](#)
- A3 [Guidance for secondary schools preparing to open on 15th June 2020](#)
- A4 [COVID-secure guidance for shops and branches \[25th May 2020\]](#)

B. Data sources

Sources of daily rolling data

- B1 [Slides and datasets used at 7pm ministerial media briefing](#)
- B2 [UK statistics: \(a\) recorded deaths 36,914 \(+121\) \(b\) positive tests 261,184 \(+1,625\)](#)
- 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 ministerial media briefing was held at 7pm and led by the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. He said that over the past two weeks the scientific and medical evidence suggested that the infection rate has continued to fall and the country was 'making progress' against the government's [recovery plan](#) to reopen the country. He said 'with confidence' he is putting the British people 'on notice' of the changes that are to take place from Monday 1st June 2020, so that they have time to prepare.



The formal assessment of the five tests that were set for adjusting the lockdown will take place this coming week as part of the three-week legal review.

The Prime Minister announced that he was giving the retail sector notice of the intention to reopen shops from 1st June 2020 so that they may begin their preparations in line with the COVID-secure requirements. The notice applied to outdoor markets and car showrooms, which have significant open space making it easier to apply social distancing rules.

New [guidance for the retail sector](#) explaining how to be 'COVID-secure' was published yesterday (25th May 2020).

All other 'non-essential' retail, ranging from department stores to small, independent shops, will be allowed to reopen from Monday 15th June, subject to progress being made against the five tests'.

COVID Alert Levels		
Level	Description	Action
5	As level 4 and there is a material risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed	Social distancing measures increase from today's level
4	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially	Current social distancing measures and restrictions
3	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation	Gradual relaxing of restrictions and social distancing measures
2	COVID-19 is present in the UK, but the number of cases and transmission is low	No or minimal social distancing measures; enhanced testing, tracing, monitoring and screening
1	COVID-19 is not known to be present in the UK	Routine international monitoring

Annex

RESOURCES: UK government guidance and related advice

REF	DOCUMENTS and OTHER SOURCES OF GUIDANCE	DATE
Adult social care		
R1	Admission and care of residents in care homes [under review]	02/04/2020
R2	Changes to Care Act 2014 allowing local authorities to prioritise care	20/05/2020
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
R6	Care homes support package	22/05/2020
R7	Infection Control Fund launched to fight spread of infection in care homes	15/05/2020
R8	Allocation table for the Infection Control Fund for adult social care	18/05/2020
R9	Providing personal home care [Frequently Asked Questions]	22/05/2020
Business and other venues – directions to close		
R10	Guidance for closing certain businesses and venues in England	13/05/2020
R11	Designated power to issue fixed penalty notices by local authorities	23/04/2020
Business support and employment		
R12	Guidance for employees, employers and businesses	25/05/2020
R13	Financial help for the self-employed	26/03/2020
R14	Are you covered under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme?	21/05/2020
R15	Claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	14/05/2020
R16	Grant funding scheme: guidance for local authorities – version 5	24/04/2020
R17	Business support – Frequently Asked Questions	Website
R18	Guidance for businesses on grant funding schemes: Version 5	24/04/2020
R19	Expanded retail discount 2020-2021: guidance for local authorities	02/04/2020
R20	Grant funding allocations by local authority in England	23/05/2020
R21	Grant payments made to businesses by local authority area in England	19/05/2020
R22	Procurement guidance to public bodies on payment of their suppliers	13/05/2020
R23	Increase to Working Tax Credits with effect from 6th April 2020	07/04/2020
R24	Guidance: employers claiming under the Job Retention Scheme (version 4)	11/05/2020

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R25	Financial support for businesses: Headline terms for 'Future Fund'	19/04/2020
R26	Online support tool for employers and the self-employed	Website
R27	Business Improvement Districts to receive £6.1 million funding	01/05/2020
R28	Treasury Direction: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme	30/04/2020
R29	Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Letter from Chancellor to accredited lenders	01/05/2020
R30	Top-up discretionary business grant fund scheme for small businesses	02/05/2020
R31	Tax credits customers to be paid even if working less hours	04/05/2020
R32	How to apply for a Bounce Back Loan	Website
R33	Business rates revaluation postponed until 2021	06/05/2020
R34	New funding to support dairy farmers	06/05/2020
R35	Chancellor extends Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme until October 2020	12/05/2020
R36	Business support through Trade Credit Insurance guarantee	13/05/2020
R37	Business support funding: guidance on Local Authority Discretionary Fund	13/05/2020
R38	COVID-19 Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme for employers [26/05/2020]	19/05/2020
R39	£40 million boost for cutting-edge start-ups	20/05/2020
R40	Capacity Market consultation: government response to consultation	20/05/2020
R41	Government data on funding to support businesses and self-employed	21/05/2020
R42	Monitoring emissions from some environmental permitting activities	22/05/2020
R43	Treasury Direction modifying the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	23/05/2020

Children and young people

R44	Guidance on vulnerable children and young people	15/05/2020
R45	Guidance for parents & carers on looking after mental health of children	21/04/2020
R46	Guidance for children's social care services	06/05/2020
R47	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme: HMRC Collection of Guidance	15/05/2020
R48	Funding to support children with special needs	19/05/2020

Construction sites

R49	Construction Leadership Council	Website
R50	Construction site operating procedures – version 3	14/04/2020
R51	Charter for Safe Working Practice	13/05/2020
R52	Working safely in construction - video	13/05/2020

Deaths and bereavement

R53	Guidance for care of the deceased	15/05/2020
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R54	<u>Directions to councils to allow family members to attend funerals</u>	17/04/2020
R55	<u>Guidance to local authorities in England on local death management</u>	April 2020
R56	<u>Guidance for managing a funeral during the pandemic</u>	19/04/2020
R57	<u>Collection of guidance for those involved in managing deaths</u>	21/04/2020
R58	<u>Information leaflet for the bereaved</u>	April 2020
R59	<u>Public Health England Data Series on Deaths in People with COVID-19</u>	29/04/2020
R60	<u>New daily reporting for all deaths in England (press release)</u>	29/04/2020
R61	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 34 – guidance for coroners</u>	26/03/2020
R62	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 35 – hearings during the pandemic</u>	27/03/2020
R63	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 36 – Coronavirus Act: provisions relevant to coroners</u>	30/03/2020
R64	<u>Chief Coroner’s Note 37 and possible exposure in the workplace</u>	28/04/2020
R65	<u>Verification of deaths in times of emergency</u>	05/05/2020
R66	<u>Local death management: templates for use by local authorities in England</u>	15/05/2020
R67	<u>Process for informing government of the death of a worker in social care</u>	20/05/2020

Education settings and vocational training

R68	<u>Collection of guidance for schools and other educational settings</u>	24/05/2020
R69	<u>Information for parents & carers about schools & other settings</u>	20/05/2020
R70	<u>Actions for schools and councils during the pandemic</u>	18/05/2020
R71	<u>Actions for schools during the temporary closure of schools in England</u>	18/05/2020
R72	<u>Safeguarding guidance for schools, colleges, and other premises in England</u>	20/05/2020
R73	<u>Guidance for further education colleges and providers</u>	14/05/2020
R74	<u>Guidance for head teachers on awarding qualifications in summer 2020</u>	15/05/2020
R75	<u>Guidance for teachers, students, parents, and carers on educational grades</u>	15/05/2020
R76	<u>Summer 2020 results for vocational, technical, and other qualifications</u>	30/04/2020
R77	<u>Free school meals guidance</u>	15/05/2020
R78	<u>Guidance for apprentices, employers, training providers and assessors</u>	19/05/2020
R79	<u>Funding to support schools with exceptional costs</u>	07/04/2020
R80	<u>Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels: Frequently Asked Questions</u>	22/05/2020
R81	<u>Special schools managing children with complex needs (SEND)</u>	07/05/2020
R82	<u>Induction for newly qualified teachers</u>	01/05/2020
R83	<u>Actions for higher education providers and support for universities</u>	21/05/2020
R84	<u>International travel advice for educational settings</u>	05/05/2020

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R85	Awarding qualifications in 2020: Ofqual update following consultation	06/05/2020
R86	School attendance of children and teachers since 23rd March 2020	19/05/2020
R87	Examples of remote education practice from schools & academies	21/05/2020
R88	Preparing education & childcare settings to open on 1st June 2020	12/05/2020
R89	Vocational and technical qualifications in 2020: guidance for centres	15/05/2020
R90	Planning guide for primary schools reopening in England from 1st June 2020	15/05/2020
R91	Awarding qualifications in England in summer 2020 [updated documents]	23/05/2020
R92	Consultation decisions on vocational & technical qualifications in 2020	23/05/2020
R93	Consultation: extra exam series in autumn 2020 [closes 8th June 2020]	23/05/2020
R94	SAGE assessment of the impact of children returning to school	23/05/2020
R95	Oak National Academy: an online teaching resource for teachers	Website
R96	Oak National Academy: downloadable Schools Pack for remote teaching	23/05/2020
R97	BBC Bitesize: support for students in primary and secondary schools	Website

Food hygiene

R98	Guidance for consumers on how to maintain food hygiene	25/04/2020
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Glossary of terms used in UK government guidance

R99	Glossary	21/05/2020
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Government planning and coordination of UK response to COVID-19

R100	Government planning & response coordination: exchange of letters	23/05/2020
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Healthcare professionals and hospital settings

R101	Background information (epidemiology, virology, and clinical features)	25/05/2020
R102	Collection of guidance for healthcare professionals and others	27/04/2020
R103	Management of exposed healthcare workers & patients in hospital	06/05/2020
R104	Guidance for ambulance trusts	18/05/2020
R105	Guidance for first responders	18/05/2020
R106	Guidance for taking swab samples	23/04/2020
R107	Infection prevention and control	23/05/2020
R108	Hospital discharge – collection of guidance	13/05/2020
R109	Hospital discharge service requirements	19/03/2020
R110	Hospital discharge patient leaflet	19/03/2020
R111	What you need to know about leaving hospital - leaflet	13/05/2020
R112	When you leave hospital to go home - leaflet	13/05/2020

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R113 [Leaving hospital to go to a care home - leaflet](#) 13/05/2020

R114 [Infection control precautions when discharging from hospital to home](#) 20/05/2020

Homecare (domiciliary care)

R115 [PPE for care workers delivering home care in England](#) 30/04/2020

R116 [Putting on PPE for home carers](#) 30/04/2020

R117 [Taking off PPE for home carers](#) 30/04/2020

R118 [Over one million food boxes delivered to those most at risk in England](#) 06/05/2020

R119 [Guidance for people who receive direct payments for care and support](#) 07/05/2020

International

R120 [Guidance for UK businesses trading internationally](#) 24/04/2020

R121 [UK financial assistance to help reduce mass infections in other countries](#) 12/04/2020

R122 [PPE export control process for UK companies trading internationally](#) 05/05/2020

R123 [How the FCO processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan](#) 26/06/2018

R124 [The British Gurkhas rescue Brits stranded in Nepal \(video\)](#) 07/05/2020

R125 [Attestation forms for travel to and within France](#) 14/05/2020

R126 [UK aid for charities and NGOs fighting COVID-19 in the developing world](#) 15/05/2020

R127 [Foreign Ministers meeting re COVID-19 issues \[18/05/2020\]](#) 20/05/2020

R128 [Financial assistance abroad: emergency living costs loans](#) 22/05/2020

R129 [Essential international travel advice](#) 22/05/2020

Laboratories

R130 [Guidance for organisations with laboratory testing capability](#) 09/04/2020

Laws and regulations

R131 [Coronavirus Act 2020](#) 25/03/2020

R132 [Coronavirus Act 2020: table setting out the status of each measure](#) 07/05/2020

R133 [Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020](#) 10/02/2020

R134 [Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\)\(England\) Regulations 2020](#) 26/03/2020

R135 [Domestic Abuse Bill](#) 03/03/2020

R136 [The Adoption and Children \(Coronavirus\)\(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#) 24/04/2020

R137 [HSE guidance on RIDDOR reporting of COVID-19](#) Website

Life assurance scheme for NHS and social care workers [England]

R138 [NHS & Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme](#) Website

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Local authorities		
R139	Guidance to local authorities for controlling fraud	March 2020
R140	Council tax: guidance for local authorities on the hardship fund	March 2020
R141	Guidance to local authorities in England on prioritising waste collections	15/05/2020
R142	Postponement of elections	06/04/2020
R143	Mitigating impacts on Gypsy and traveller Communities	01/05/2020
R144	25 local councils pledge to continue vital residential building safety work	06/05/2020
Medicines and healthcare products		
R145	Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) : collection	21/05/2020
Mental health and related support		
R146	Mental health helplines	Website
R147	Support and guidance for those suffering with mental health issues	31/03/2020
R148	Easy-read guide: looking after your feelings and body	March 2020
R149	Health and social care staff who care for people lacking mental capacity	09/04/2020
R150	Samaritans	Website
R151	Young Minds	Website
R152	Mental Health UK	Website
R153	Every Mind Matters	Website
R154	FRONTLINE: support for health, care, emergency and key workers	Website
Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)		
R155	Coronavirus analysis and implications for the UK economy	Website
Personal protective equipment (PPE)		
R156	PPE use for aerosol generating procedures	10/04/2020
R157	PPE use for non-aerosol generating procedures	08/04/2020
R158	Management of exposed healthcare workers and patients in hospitals	06/05/2020
R159	Coronavirus Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Hub	18/04/2020
R160	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Plan	10/04/2020
R161	VAT removed from PPE purchases for three months (press release)	30/04/2020
R162	Millions more items of PPE to be provided through business partnerships	09/05/2020
R163	70 million face masks for NHS and care workers through new industry deal	15/05/2020
R164	Cleansing and PPE waste at a healthcare management facility: RPS 01	22/05/2020

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Procurement policy guidance to public bodies		
R165	Payment to suppliers of public bodies	19/05/2020
Public information		
R166	Coronavirus: action plan – A guide to what you can expect across the UK	03/03/2020
R167	NHS health advice for everyone	Website
R168	Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	18/05/2020
R169	Parliamentary Inquiry by Parliamentary Women & Equalities Committee	30/03/2020
R170	Prime Minister’s letter to the nation	23/03/2020
R171	Coronavirus public information leaflet	23/03/2020
R172	Coronavirus easy-read public information leaflet	April 2020
R173	Frequently asked questions: what you can and cannot do	22/05/2020
R174	Video explanation about the rate of infection value known as ‘R’	01/02/2020
R175	British Sign Language COVID-19 information accessible via SIGNHEALTH	Website
R176	Emergency funding to support most vulnerable in society	02/05/2020
R177	List of critical workers who can send their children to school	05/05/2020
R178	Statement by the Prime Minister explaining how restrictions will be eased	10/05/2020
R179	Staying alert and safe (social distancing)	11/05/2020
R180	Staying safe outside your home	22/05/2020
R181	How to make and wear a cloth face covering	11/05/2020
R182	Public advised to cover faces in enclosed public spaces	11/05/2020
R183	New guidance on spending time outdoors	13/05/2020
R184	Prime Minister’s article in the Mail on Sunday (17th May 2020)	17/05/2020
R185	Anosmia added to key COVID-19 symptoms	18/05/2020
R186	Health Secretary’s oral statement to Parliament	18/05/2020
R187	Government letter to all social housing residents in England	18/05/2020
R188	Millions are benefitting from government support schemes	19/05/2020
R189	‘Pick for Britain’ website for UK harvesting jobs	Website
R190	Letter of thanks to all postmasters and their staff	13/05/2020
R191	An update on the Grenfell Tower site	21/05/2020
R192	Staying safe: social distancing guidance for young people [24th May 2020]	24/05/2020
Rapidly Manufactured Ventilator System Project		
R193	Indemnities granted to manufacturers	April 2020

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Recovery		
R194	OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy	11/05/2020
R195	UK Government's Recovery Strategy: Large print version	12/05/2020
R196	Working safely during coronavirus [searchable online manual]	25/05/2020
R197	Working safely in construction and other outdoor work	11/05/2020
R198	Working safely in factories, plants, and warehouses	11/05/2020
R199	Working safely in laboratories and research facilities	11/05/2020
R200	Working safely in offices and contact centres	11/05/2020
R201	Working safely in other people's home	11/05/2020
R202	Working safely in restaurants offering takeaway or delivery	11/05/2020
R203	Working safely in shops and branches	25/05/2020
R204	Working safely in or from a vehicle	11/05/2020
R205	Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces	13/05/2020
R206	Five roadmap taskforces to plan how to reopen closed sectors	13/05/2020
R207	Guidance for moving home safely in England	21/05/2020
R208	Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care	14/05/2020
R209	New taskforce developing plans to reopen places of worship	15/05/2020
R210	London Transition Board to be set up to manage London's recovery	23/05/2020
R211	Guidance on accessing green spaces safely	23/05/2020
R212	Reopening High Streets Safely Fund: guidance for local authorities	25/05/2020
R213	Planning guide for reopening early years and childcare settings in England	25/05/2020
Renting and landlords		
R214	Non-statutory guidance for landlords, tenants, and local authorities	28/03/2020
Restoration of NHS services		
R215	Fertility clinics to re-open from 11th May 2020	05/05/2020
Rough sleepers		
R216	Dame Louise Casey to lead government task force on rough sleeping	02/05/2020
Scientific advice		
R217	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): COVID-19 guidance	Website
R218	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) membership	07/05/2020
R219	Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response	23/05/2020
R220	Overview of scientific advice published by Department for Education	15/05/2020

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R221	Government Office for Science publishes the latest R number	22/05/2020
R222	Scientific evidence supporting the UK government response [news story]	20/05/2020
Security		
R223	Guidance on cyber security and home working	02/04/2020
R224	‘Silent Solution’ – how to call the police by mobile if you cannot speak	07/04/2019
R225	Support for victims of domestic abuse announced by Home Secretary	11/04/2020
R226	Directions given to the NHS to disclose cyber security information to GCHQ	03/04/2020
R227	Thinkuknow programme to protect children when using devices online	Website
R228	Domestic abuse safe accommodation: emergency support fund	07/05/2020
R229	Countering online child sexual exploitation and abuse during the pandemic	08/05/2020
R230	Voluntary Principles to counter online child sexual exploitation and abuse	08/05/2020
Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)		
R231	Measures to protect people at higher risk from Coronavirus	18/05/2020
R232	Easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people	March 2020
R233	How to help safely: guidance	23/04/2020
Testing and vaccines		
R234	Status Tracker: tell the NHS about your experience of coronavirus	Website
R235	UK Government Testing Strategy: Scaling up our testing programmes	04/04/2020
R236	Guidance on COVID-19 testing for frontline workers who are self-isolating	11/05/2020
R237	Testing arrangements for essential workers in England with symptoms	11/05/2020
R238	Booking tests: User guide for essential workers in England with symptoms	30/04/2020
R239	Mobile testing units to test frontline workers	26/04/2020
R240	Drug trials could be fast-tracked through new clinical trial initiative	29/04/2020
R241	Testing for coronavirus: privacy information	01/05/2020
R242	Test, track and trace plan launched on the Isle of Wight	04/05/2020
R243	New biological reagent available to support global diagnostic testing	06/05/2020
R244	New online portal for care homes to arrange testing for staff and residents	11/05/2020
R245	Government expands team to roll out test and trace programme	12/05/2020
R246	Patients severely ill with Covid-19 to have their genetic code studied	13/05/2020
R247	How tests and testing kits for COVID-19 work	19/05/2020
R248	Major long-term study to track spread of COVID-19 in UK population	17/05/2020



R249	Vaccines Manufacturing and Innovation Centre to open 12 months early	17/05/2020
R250	Funding and manufacturing boost for UK vaccine programme	17/05/2020
R251	Everyone in the UK (aged over five) with symptoms now eligible for tests	18/05/2020
R252	Trial of rapid COVID-19 test launched in Hampshire	21/05/2020
R253	Antibody tests offered to health & social care staff & patients in England	21/05/2020

Transport, travel and UK border controls

R254	Guidance and advice to avoid non-essential travel in the UK [News Story]	22/03/2020
R255	Safety guidance for towpaths and waterways	Website
R256	Government data methodology for gathering transport use data	15/04/2020
R257	Driver and rider trainers in England, Scotland, and Wales – DVSA guidance	22/04/2020
R258	£2 billion fund for cycling and walking - reducing public transport use	09/05/2020
R259	Statutory guidance for local authorities on managing their road networks	09/05/2020
R260	Temporary road signs for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists	09/05/2020
R261	Transport Secretary’s oral statement on safer travel guidance	12/05/2020
R262	Transport and travel advice for passengers and those working in transport	23/05/2020
R263	Safer transport guidance for operators	12/05/2020
R264	Transport Secretary’s written statement to Parliament on TfL funding	18/05/2020
R265	Government invests to protect critical freight routes	18/05/2020
R266	Recreational general aviation	20/05/2020
R267	Environment Agency waterways: guidance for all users	21/05/2020
R268	New public health measures for all UK border arrivals from 8th June 2020	23/05/2020
R279	Statutory guidance for local authorities to speed up reallocating road space	23/05/2020
R270	Transport Secretary announces new measures to keep passengers safe	23/05/2020

Trials and volunteers

R271	Volunteering for the National Health Service: Good Samaritan app	Website
R272	COVID-19 detection dogs trial launched	15/05/2020

Voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations

R273	Financial support for voluntary, community and related organisations	23/05/2020
R274	Additional funding to support Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland	23/05/2020

World Health Organisation

R275	World Health Organisation	Website
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