

COVID-19: Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable – Updated 07 January

The guidance has been updated to reflect the new national lockdown. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Flu uptake among over 65s highest on record - Press Release 07 January

The government announced that over 80% of the over 65s have received the flu vaccine so far this year, the highest ever uptake. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Mandatory COVID-19 testing introduced to bolster border measures - Press Release 08 January

International arrivals to the UK are now required to have a negative COVID-19 test before departing for the country. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Moderna vaccine becomes third vaccine approved by UK regulator - Press Release 08 January

The third vaccine has been approved by the UK regulator after meeting safety, quality and effectiveness standards. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Getting help with daily activities outside your home during coronavirus - Updated 08 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect that the country is in a new national lockdown. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Free PPE extended until June 2021 - Published 08 January

The Department of Health and Social Care have announced that free PPE for social care providers has been extended until June 2021. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Asymptomatic testing to be rolled out across the country starting this week - Press Release 10 January

The government has announced that local authorities will be encouraged to target testing people who cannot work from home during lockdown and help to identify more positive cases within people who do not display symptoms. This builds on health and social care worker testing. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: COVID-19 Vaccination: a guide for social care staff - Updated 10 January

Additional leaflets have been added in a number of languages to support staff. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: NHS Test and Trace: how it works - Updated 11 January

Guidance updated with the definition of the term 'close contact' updated. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: PPE – Local contacts for providers - Updated 11 January

Guidance updated with education and childcare services included for certain areas. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19) support for care homes - Updated 11 January

Updated to reflect the extension of the free PPE package from the government. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: UK COVID-19 Vaccines Delivery Plan - Published 11 January

This document highlights how the government was able to build up a supply of vaccines and how it plans to deploy them. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: PPE Portal – how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) - Updated 11 January

This document has been reviewed and updated with order limits added to include FFP masks and gowns. For domiciliary and residential care providers, these items are only available when carrying out aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs). For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Advice for pregnant employees - Updated 11 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect the new national lockdown restrictions in the country. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Community Testing - Updated 11 January

This policy paper has been updated to include reference to the expanding of the eligibility of community testing across England. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Visiting arrangements in care homes - Updated 12 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect the new national lockdown restrictions in the country. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Arrangements for visiting out of the care homes - Updated 12 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect the new national lockdown restrictions in the country. For more information, [click here.](#)

Vitamin D supplements: how to take them safely - Updated 12 January

The date to send in applications, for clinically extremely vulnerable people, to sign up has been extended by the government to 21st February 2021. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) - Updated 13 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect the extension of the Infection Control Fund. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Designated settings for people discharged to a care home - Updated 13 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect the national guidelines and how these affect designated settings. For more information, [click here.](#)

**Domestic abuse - an open letter to employers on how to help workers find the right support
- Published 14 January**

This letter has been sent from the Business Minister to highlight how employers can support survivors of domestic violence. For more information, [click here.](#)

Policy Updates

All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be updated in light of government updates.