

CQC: Updated guidance on meeting the Duty of Candour – Published 11 March

CQC have updated their guidance for providers on Regulation 20, making it clear what providers should do to meet the regulation. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Face coverings: When to wear one, exemptions and how to make one – Updated 12 March

Reference has been removed to standards and language has been clarified around the fit and materials of face coverings. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: PPE Portal: How to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) – Updated 15 March

The adult social care order limits have been updated and the section removed on when to use the National Supply Distribution Response. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: PPE Portal: How to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) – Updated 16 March

The order limits for domiciliary care and non-residential special schools have been updated. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: How to quarantine when you arrive in England – Updated 16 March

The guidance has been updated to include that Day 2 tests can be taken in-clinic with an organisation on the list of providers of Day 2 and Day 8 testing for international arrivals. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Further MHRA response to the precautionary suspensions of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca – Updated 16 March

The MHRA have issued another statement highlighting that it has still not been confirmed the reported blood clots were caused by the COVID-19 vaccine, and people should still continue to have the vaccine. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund: Round 2 – Updated 17 March

Annex E has been updated in relation to reporting point 5. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: More than 25 million people in the UK have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine – Published 17 March

A significant milestone has been reached with almost half of all adults in the UK receiving a first dose of the vaccine. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: PHE study shows three quarters of over 70s have COVID-19 antibodies – Press Release 17 March

A study by Public Health England has shown that an estimated 75.8% of over 70 to 84 year old blood donors had antibodies to COVID-19 by early March. For more information [click here](#).

CQC: Improved oversight and reform needed as pressures of pandemic shine light on inconsistent and concerning approaches to DNACPR decisions – Published 18 March

CQC have published a report on the variations in people's experiences of DNACPR and has a number of recommendations. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Letter to clinically extremely vulnerable people – Published 18 March

The government have issued a letter to all people on the Shielded Patient List containing new guidance that takes effect from 1 April, where people are no longer required to shield. For more information [click here](#).

Policy Updates

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of these government updates
- A new 'Visiting Loves Ones Factsheet: A Guide for Family and Friends' has been produced for dom care customers