

COVID-19: Face coverings – when to wear one, exemptions and how to make one – Updated 15th April

Information has been added on transparent face coverings and when they can be worn. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable – Updated 16th April

Easy read, large prints, BSL, audio and translated versions added. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: National Booking System to reopen – Updated 15th April

The UKHCA have advised that the National Booking System (NBS) will reopen for social care workers from 19th April. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: JCVI issues new advice on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women – Press Release 16th April

JCVI have advised that pregnant women should be offered the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as the rest of the population, based on their age and clinical risk group. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: How to work safely in care homes – Updated 16th April

The guidance has been updated following user feedback. PPE must be changed after each episode of personal care, alongside recommendations around eye protection. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce – Updated 19th April

The guidance has been updated to reflect the end of shielding, that the CARE workforce app is now closed and easing of lockdown restrictions is continuing. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Workforce Capacity Fund for adult social care – Updated 19th April

Annex G has been updated. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Vivaldi 2 - coronavirus (COVID-19) care homes study report – Published 19th April

This report provides a summary of antigen testing in all care homes of those over 65 years old and survey results of managers of those homes. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus – Updated 19th April

Guidance has been updated with a YouTube video about the coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and a webinar on the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Private providers of coronavirus testing – Updated 19th April

Both lists of providers have been updated. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: 10 million people receive second dose of COVID-19 vaccine – Press Release 19th April

The milestone means that 1 in 5 adults have received both vaccines. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: 9 in 10 pharmacies now offering free, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) tests – Press Release 19th April

The tests are being offered for home use and are available to everyone in England. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Right to work checks – Updated 20th April

Following the temporary changes made to the right to work check requirements, these will come to an end on 16th May 2021. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance for households with possible COVID-19 infection – Updated 21st April

Translated versions have been added. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Getting tested– Updated 21st April

Links have been added to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in the 'who can be tested' section. 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 factsheet on the mandatory vaccination consultation in care homes has been created following the government's announcement of the five-week consultation