

## **COVID-19 – Free PPE for frontline extended for another year – Published 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Press release highlighting that the offer for free PPE to frontline health and social care staff has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Self-isolation rules for those with COVID-19 can end after five full days following two negative LFDs – Press Release 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Press release highlighting that people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after five full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Supported Living Services during COVID-19 – Updated 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect changes to self-isolation advice, for people receiving a positive COVID-19 test, as well as advice around the Omicron variant. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Guidance on care home visiting – Updated 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect the need not to do a confirmatory PCR test should a positive lateral flow test be received. For more information [click here](#).

## **Cold Weather Alert issued by UKHSA – Updated 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Cold weather alert extended by the UKHSA. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Advice for pregnant employees – Updated 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to provide additional guidance to pregnant employees and employers of pregnant women who are 26 weeks pregnant and beyond. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Enabling safe and effective volunteering – Updated 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect changes to self-isolation rules. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme: Claiming financial support – Updated 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated in relation to eligibility for the scheme, which can be a positive PCR or an assisted rapid lateral flow test. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infections – Updated 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect changes to self-isolation rules. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – How to quarantine at home after international travel – Updated 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect changes to self-isolation rules. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – How to stay safe and help prevent the spread – Updated 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect changes to self-isolation rules. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Management of staff and exposed patients and residents in health and social care settings – Updated 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect the change in isolation period in hospitals from 14 to 10 days for cases and contacts of cases of COVID-19 and includes new changes to self-isolation periods for staff in health and care settings. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – NHS Test and Trace in the workplace – Updated 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to include information on precautionary testing for critical workers. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Coronavirus testing for adult social care settings – Updated 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to include information on giving feedback about your test kit or reporting harm. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – How to stay safe and help prevent the spread – Updated 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect new testing and isolation rules. For more information [click here](#).

## **Cold Weather Alert issued by UKHSA – Updated 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Cold weather alert extended by the UKHSA. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - PM Statement to the House of Commons on COVID-19 – Updated 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Statement to the House of Commons highlighting the move from Plan B to Plan A in England. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Claim back statutory sick pay paid to your employees due to coronavirus – Updated 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to highlight that the scheme has been reintroduced. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Announced move from Plan B to Plan A in England – Updated 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Following the Government's announcement of a move from Plan B to Plan A in England the following guidances have been updated:

[How to stay safe and prevent the spread](#)

[Working safely during coronavirus](#)

[Enabling safe and effective volunteering during coronavirus](#)

## **COVID-19 – England to return to Plan A following the success of the booster programme – Press Statement 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Statement highlighting the move from Plan B to Plan A in England. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - How to do a coronavirus rapid lateral flow test – Updated 19<sup>th</sup> January**

Updated information about the video for SunScreen tests. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - Testing in adult care homes – Updated 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect removal of a confirmatory PCR after a positive LFT and updated advice on testing within 90 days of a positive result. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - Vaccination of workers in social care settings other than care homes: operational guidance – Published 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Operational guidance published to support the implementation of mandatory vaccination requirements in the wider social care setting by 1 April 2022. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - Vaccination of people working or deployed in care homes: operational guidance – Updated 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated following additional regulations coming into force on 6 January 2022. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - Admission and care of people in care homes – Updated 20<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated in line with clinical guidance from the UKHSA. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - Supported Living services during coronavirus – Updated 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Guidance updated for staff members who have developed COVID-19 symptoms or test positive on an LFT or PCR test, as well as information on isolation guidelines. For more information [click here](#).

## **Cold Weather Alert issued by UKHSA – Updated 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Cold weather alert extended by the UKHSA. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - Working safely during coronavirus – Updated 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect new requirements and the need to not work from home where people can. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - PPE portal: how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) – Updated 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Guidance updated to highlight that it is a legal requirement that FFP3 masks must be fit tested on all health and care staff who may be required to wear one. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - How to work safely in domiciliary care in England – Updated 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect new self-isolation rules in place. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Travel to England from another country – Updated 24<sup>th</sup> January**

The Government have announced a change in testing and quarantine rules for international travel to England from 11<sup>th</sup> February, as a result the following guidances have been updated:

[Travel to England from another country](#)

[Coronavirus testing before you travel to England](#)

[Travel abroad from England during Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[How to quarantine at home after international travel](#)

## **COVID-19 - Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions and what makes a good one – Updated 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated to reflect that from 27<sup>th</sup> January face coverings are no longer a legal requirement. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 – Coronavirus Testing – Updated 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Since the Government's announcement that confirmatory PCR tests after a positive LFT and updated advice on testing within 90 days of a positive result, the following guidances have been updated:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing service for extra care and supported living settings](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for anyone working in adult social care who are not part of regular testing at work and unpaid carers](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for homecare workers: information for agencies](#)

## **COVID-19 - Government eases social care restrictions after booster success – Press Release 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Press release on restrictions that were introduced due to Omicron being lifted from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January with unlimited visiting in care homes to be reintroduced and self-isolation after an outbreak being reduced from 28 to 14 days. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - How to stay safe and help prevent the spread – Updated 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Guidance updated in key chapters including NHS Pass, face coverings and travelling to the UK. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 - England returns to Plan A as regulations on face coverings and COVID passes change today – Updated 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Press release detailing the move to Plan A requirements. For more information [click here](#).

### **Policy Updates**

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of government updates please see your dashboard for the latest changes

### **Risk Assessment Updates**

- All risk assessments continue to be updated in light of government updates