

Covid-19 Summary of Published Guidance Documents (24-03-20)

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Section	Sub section	Guidance	Date Published	Updated
Government and NHSE/I sites	Information on COVID-19, including guidance on the assessment and management of suspected UK cases - Information on COVID-19, including guidance on the assessment and management of suspected UK cases.	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus?utm_source=10a41863-e84e-4679-9303-479a2ad6ee07&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate	10/1/20	23/3/20
	Coronavirus guidance for clinicians and NHS managers	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/		
Background	COVID-19: background information - Information on COVID-19 including epidemiology, virology and clinical features	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-background-information	16/1/20	23/3/20
	COVID-19: epidemiology, virology and clinical features	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-background-information/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-epidemiology-virology-and-clinical-features		23/3/20
Guidance for health professionals	COVID-19: guidance for health professionals - Information on COVID-19, including guidance on the assessment and management of suspected UK cases	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus	10/1/20	23/3/20
	COVID-19: investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases - Information on case definitions, and the initial assessment and investigation of possible cases of COVID-19 infection.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases	10/1/20	18/3/20

	COVID-19: guidance for healthcare providers who have diagnosed a case within their facility - Recommendations on actions for healthcare staff who have diagnosed a case of COVID-19 within their facility who was not isolated from admission.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-healthcare-providers-who-have-diagnosed-a-case-within-their-facility	13/3/20	14/3/20
	COVID-19: guidance for healthcare providers who have diagnosed a case within their facility - Recommendations on actions for healthcare staff who have diagnosed a case of COVID-19 within their facility who was not isolated from admission	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-healthcare-providers-who-have-diagnosed-a-case-within-their-facility	13/3/20	14/3/20
	Standard operating procedure for Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Priority Assessment Service (version 3)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/coronavirus-priority-assessment-service-sop-v3.pdf	6/3/20	
Specific Trusts guidance	IMPORTANT ADVICE TO KEEP YOU SAFE FROM CORONAVIRUS - Letter	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/at-risk-patient-letter-march-2020.pdf	Letter undated	
	CARING FOR PEOPLE AT HIGHEST RISK DURING COVID-19 INCIDENT - To: All NHS Medical Directors - All NHS Nursing Directors	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/2020-03-21-COVID-19-at-risk-Trust-letter_FINAL.pdf	Letter dated 21/3/20	
	COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements - Accountable Officers of NHS and Foundation Trusts - Accountable Officers of Clinical Commissioning	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/hmg-letter-hospital-discharge-guidance-v3.pdf	Letter dated 19/3/20	

	Groups - Directors of Adult Social Care			
	Virus transmission - Definition of 'fomite' - Definition of 'droplet'	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/secondary-care/about-covid-19/virus-transmission/		20/3/20
	COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/covid-19-discharge-guidance-hmg-format-v4-18.pdf	19/3/20	
	Case definitions: possible case, as of 13 March 2020 - Patients who meet the following criteria (inpatient definition)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases/investigation-and-initial-clinical-management-of-possible-cases-of-wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wn-cov-infection#criteria		18/3/20
Specific Ambulance and First responders	COVID-19: guidance for first responders - Advice for first responders (as defined by the Civil Contingencies Act) and others who may have close contact with symptomatic people with potential COVID-19.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-interim-guidance-for-first-responders	5/2/20	27/2/20
	COVID-19: guidance for Ambulance Trusts - This guidance is for suspected cases of COVID-19 where an emergency ambulance response is required	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-ambulance-trusts	21/2/20	13/3/20
Specific Primary care	COVID-19: guidance for primary care - Advice for primary care professionals dealing with patients with suspected COVID-19	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wn-cov-guidance-for-primary-care	21/1/20	19/3/20

	Briefing: Primary care providers and the coronavirus (COVID-19)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/coronavirus-primary-care-briefing.pdf	Letter dated 18/3/20	
	Guidance and updates for GPs: At-risk patients	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/guidance-and-updates-for-gps-at-risk-patients/	22/3/20	23/3/20
	Letter to GPs - management and shielding of patients who are at the highest risk of severe morbidity and mortality from coronavirus (COVID-19).	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/200321_COVID-19_CMO_MD_letter-to-GPs_FINAL_2.pdf	21 March 2020	
	COVID-19 Home Management Service (CHMS)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/preparedness-letter-primary-care-10-march-2020.pdf	10/3/20	
	GP letter - caring for people at highest risk during Covid-19 incident	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/200321_GP-letter_Annex-2_FINAL_2.pdf	21/3/20	
Specific Community services	COVID-19 Prioritisation within Community Health Services	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/COVID-19-prioritisation-within-community-health-services-19-March-2020-version-1.1.pdf	19/3/20	
Specific Allied Health professionals	Supporting allied health professionals and allied health professional support workers during the COVID-19 epidemic in the UK	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/letter-supporting-ahps-19-march-2020.pdf	19/3/20	
Investigation Sampling and diagnostics	COVID-19: investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-initial-investigation-of-possible-cases/investigation-and-initial-clinical-management-of-		18/3/20

		possible-cases-of-wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wn-cov-infection#preparing-for-an-assessment		
	COVID-19: guidance for sampling and for diagnostic laboratories	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-guidance-for-clinical-diagnostic-laboratories	15/1/20	20/3/20
	COVID-19: laboratory investigations and sample requirements for diagnosis	COVID-19: laboratory investigations and sample requirements for diagnosis		20/3/20
	Priority of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) testing during periods of significant demand - This guidance provides a priority order of testing for periods when demand for diagnostic testing may exceed local laboratory capacities and triaging of requests is required	Priority of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) testing during periods of significant demand		20/3/20
	COVID-19: how to arrange laboratory testing	COVID-19: how to arrange laboratory testing		20/3/20
	Suspected COVID-19 cases	COVID-19: which samples should be taken (poster)	Undated	
	Suspected COVID-19 cases - Sampling and Packaging	COVID-19: sampling and packaging poster	Undated	
	COVID-19: packaging diagnostic samples containing Hazard Group 3 (HG3) pathogens (video)	COVID-19: packaging diagnostic samples containing Hazard Group 3 (HG3) pathogens (video)		20/3/20
	COVID-19: safe handling and processing for samples in laboratories	COVID-19: safe handling and processing for samples in laboratories		20/3/20
	Specimen result contact form - Excel	COVID-19: Specimen Result Contact Form	Undated	
	Covid – 19 Screening Request form – E28 - PHE	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/868264/PHE_2019-COVID-19_Testing_Request_Form_E28.pdf	No date	

	COVID-19: rapid tests for use in community pharmacies or at home	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-rapid-tests-for-use-in-community-pharmacies-or-at-home/covid-19-rapid-tests-for-use-in-community-pharmacies-or-at-home	15/3/20	
	COVID-19: evaluation of commercially available diagnostic products - Information on how Public Health England (PHE) is evaluating the various commercially available COVID-19 diagnostics products.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-evaluation-of-commercially-available-diagnostic-products	20/3/20	
Infection prevention and Control	COVID-19: infection prevention and control	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control	10/1/20	223/3/20
	When to use a surgical face mask or FFP3 respirator	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874411/When_to_use_face_mask_or_FFP3.pdf	No publication date	
	COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for aerosol generating procedures	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-aerosol-generating-procedures	10/1/20	
	Letter - Guidance on supply and use of personal Protective equipment (PPE)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/PPE-Letter-FINAL-20-March-2020-updated-on-22-March-2020.pdf	20/3/20	
	FAQs on using FFP 3 Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/faq-ffp3-20-march-2020.pdf	20/3/20	
Healthcare providers who have diagnosed a case within their facility	COVID-19: actions required when a case was not diagnosed on admission	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-healthcare-providers-who-have-diagnosed-a-case-within-their-facility/covid-19-actions-required-when-a-case-was-not-diagnosed-on-admission		14/3/20

Disease specific guidance	Cancer – To: cancer alliance	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/cancer-alliance-information-on-managing-cancer-referrals-19-march-2020.pdf	19/3/20	
	Diabetes - COVID-19: NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme – To: NHS DPP Providers/NHS E&I Regional Teams/STP Programme Leads	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/Adaptations-to-the-NHS-Diabetes-Prevention-Programme_19-March.pdf	19/3/29	
Shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable (Published 21st March)	COVID-19: guidance on social distancing and for vulnerable people - Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK, including children, and protecting older people and vulnerable people.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people	16/3/20	23/3/20
	Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from COVID-19	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19	21/3/20	
Dental care	Updates and guidance for primary dental care - Regular updates to primary dental care regarding the emerging COVID-19 situation.	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/preparedness-letters-for-dental-care/	19/3/20	21/3/20
	Dental practice	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/dental-practice/	20/3/20	
HR updates and guidance including	NHS staff hotel accommodation	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/hotel-accommodation-for-nhs-staff-20-march-2020.pdf	20/3/20	

professionals standards	Letter – HR Colleagues	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/letter-hr-colleagues-20-march-2020.pdf	20/3/20	
	Supporting our most vulnerable people	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/annex-2-supporting-our-vulnerable-staff.pdf	Not dated	
	Letter to HR colleagues	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/letter-to-hr-colleagues-19-march-2020.pdf	19/3/20	
	Covid-19 and professional standards activities (including appraisal and revalidation)	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/letter-from-prof-powis-to-ros-and-mds-19-march-2020.pdf	19/3/20	
Letters	Letter - IMPORTANT AND URGENT – NEXT STEPS ON NHS RESPONSE TO COVID-19 – To: Chief executives of all NHS trusts and foundation trusts/CCG Accountable Officers/ GP practices and Primary Care Networks/Providers of community health services	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200317-NHS-COVID-letter-FINAL.pdf	17/3/20	
	Supporting Drs in the event of a Covid 19 Epidemic in the UK	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/supporting-doctors-covid-19-letter-11-march-2020.pdf	Undated	
Estates and Facilities	Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) standard operating procedure - Design note: COVID-19 ward for intubated patients	https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200320-COVID-19-ESTATES-FACILITIES-V1.0.pdf	22/3/20	
Guidance for non clinical settings	Stay at home: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection		24/3/20

	Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Easy Read	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874281/COVID-19_easy_read.pdf	03/2020	
	Stay at Home guidance for households: current guidelines illustrated	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874011/Stay_at_home_guidance_diagram.pdf	Criteria and guidance applied as of 17/03/2020:	
	COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings		19/3/20
	COVID-19: guidance for education settings	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19		20/3/20
	COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses - Guidance for employees, employers and businesses in providing advice about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19	25/2/20	24/3/20
	COVID-19: guidance for hostel or day centres for people rough sleeping - Information on coronavirus disease (COVID-19) for hostel or day centre providers of services for people experiencing rough sleeping.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-services-for-people-experiencing-rough-sleeping	16/3/20	19/3/20
	COVID-19 guidance for mass gatherings - Guidance and advice for those arranging or planning to attend events in the UK.	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-mass-gatherings	16/3/20	

	<p>COVID-19: prisons and other prescribed places of detention guidance - Information for prisons and other prescribed places of detention on coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-prisons-and-other-prescribed-places-of-detention-guidance</p>	<p>16/3/20</p>	<p>19/3/20</p>
	<p>COVID-19: guidance for residential care, supported living and home care - Residential care, supported living and home care in the event of a coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance</p>	<p>13/3/20</p>	<p>19/3/20</p>
	<p>Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from COVID-19</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19</p>	<p>21/3/20</p>	
	<p>Guidance for shipping and sea ports on coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-shipping-and-sea-ports-guidance/guidance-for-shipping-and-sea-ports-on-coronavirus-covid-19</p>		<p>19/3/20</p>
	<p>COVID-19: guidance on social distancing and for vulnerable people - Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK, including children, and protecting older people and vulnerable people.</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people</p>	<p>16/3/20</p>	<p>23/3/20</p>
	<p>COVID-19: guidance for staff in the transport sector - Guidance on COVID-19, including general precautions for staff and guidance on the assessment and management of arrivals into the UK.</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-staff-in-the-transport-sector</p>	<p>14/2/20</p>	<p>19/3/20</p>

