

Guidance update 19 May 2020

Latest figures

As of 9am on 18 May, there have been 2,682,716 tests, with 100,678 tests on 17 May. 1,887,051 people have been tested, of which 246,406 tested positive. As of 5pm on 17 May, of those tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, 34,796 have died. This new figure includes deaths in all settings, not just in hospitals. The equivalent figure under the old measure would have been 28,555.

HEALTHCARE

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance](#)

Find guidance about coronavirus (COVID-19) for health professionals and other organisations. Change made: Updated information on symptoms.

[Covid-19 deaths of patients with a learning disability notified to LeDeR](#)

The documents below show the number of deaths reported to the [LeDeR programme](#) by date of death where the person notifying the death has indicated that COVID-19 is suspected or confirmed as the cause of death.

[Allied health professionals' role in rehabilitation during and after COVID-19](#)

This statement outlines our four nations' collective strategic priorities and approach to AHP rehabilitation leadership during and after COVID-19.

Letters: within the CCG shared files [HERE](#)

Influenza Season 2019/20: Ending The Prescribing And Supply Of Antiviral Medicines In Primary Care

GPs and other prescribers working in primary care should no longer prescribe antiviral medicines, for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza on an FP10 prescription form. Community pharmacists should no longer supply antiviral medicines in primary care, on presentation of an FP10 prescription form.

Webinars

- **Tuesday 19 May, 5-6pm - [Remote Working across primary care](#)**. Looking at remote working from different perspectives - GP, sessional GP, Nursing, CCG and more. Presenters include Dr Paul Atkinson, Helen Crowther RN, Dr Damian Williams
- **Wednesday 20 May, 7-8pm - [Community pharmacy webinar with Keith Ridge and Ed Waller](#)**
- **Thursday 21 May, 5-6pm - [GP Webinar with Nikki and Ed](#) focusing on care homes ([submit your questions](#) in advance)**
- **Tuesday 26 May, 5-6pm - [Update on Direct Booking into General Practice from NHS 111 & CCAS via GP connect](#)**. Presenters include Dr Phil Koczan, GP and Digital Clinical Champion and Michelle McDermott, GP Connect Lead

LOCAL AUTHORITIES / SOCIAL CARE AND COMMUNITIES

[£37 million to support children with complex needs](#)

The multi-million-pound settlement will help low-income families with seriously ill or disabled children with the cost of equipment, goods or services

BUSINESS

[Get a payment deferral or deregister from money laundering supervision due to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Information on payment deferral or deregister for businesses with an annual fee due between 1 May and 30 September 2020.

[Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme set to launch](#)

Employers will be able to make claims through the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme from 26 May.

[Government invests £35 million to protect critical freight routes](#)

Ensuring there is enough freight capacity to prevent disruption to the flow of critical goods, such as food and medical supplies.

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

[Everyone in the United Kingdom with symptoms now eligible for coronavirus tests](#)

Everyone in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms can now get a test.

[Staying safe outside your home](#)

The principles you should follow to ensure that time spent outside your home is as safe as possible. Change made: We have added a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia) as a symptom of coronavirus.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): letter to social housing residents](#)

Letter from the Minister of Housing setting out the measures that are in place to support social housing residents during the next phase towards reopening society.

Rapid evidence reviews From the Oxford Centre for Evidence Based Medicine <https://www.cebm.net/covid-19/>

- [COVID-19 deaths that have occurred but are not yet reported – update 18 May 2020.](#)
- [A Composite Reference Standard for COVID-19 Diagnostic Accuracy Studies: a roadmap](#)
- [COVID-19: Death Data in England – Update 18th May](#)
- [Mast cell stabilisers, leukotriene antagonists and antihistamines: A rapid review of effectiveness in COVID-19](#)
- [Global Covid-19 Case Fatality Rates](#)

[Slides and datasets to accompany coronavirus press conference: 18 May 2020](#)

Press conference slides and datasets used by The Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP.

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This summary of guidance updates is produced rapidly every weekday during the COVID outbreak. It may not be completely comprehensive and it is possible that some updates have been missed.