

COVID-19: National Measures – Updated 22 September

Additional national lockdown measures have been introduced by the Government. More details can be found below.

Job Support Scheme – Launched 24 September

A new Winter Economy Plan has been announced to support businesses and workers impacted by coronavirus. The job support scheme will be introduced from 1st November 2020. For more information [click here](#), and our latest blog on the scheme can be found [here](#).

NHS COVID-19 App - Launched 24 September

The new app is a vital part of the NHS Test and Trace service and can be downloaded for free. For more information, [click here](#).

PPE Portal

The NHS PPE portal has been created for community healthcare providers to access COVID-19-related PPE. The portal can be accessed [here](#).

New National Measures

The Government announced new measures to address the rising cases of coronavirus in the UK. These measures include:

- Face coverings to be worn in private hire vehicles, taxis and in hospitality venues, except when eating or drinking
- Staff in hospitality and retail must now wear face coverings
- Office workers must work from home wherever possible, those businesses which cannot must follow [COVID secure guidelines](#)
- Businesses selling food and drink must close between 10pm and 5am. An at table service should be provided inside the premises
- Businesses will need to display the official NHS QR poster
- Meeting people safely has changed, including indoor organised sports for the over 18s no longer exempt from the rule of 6

New measures will be enforced by the Police and stricter fines have been put in place to deter breaches of the new measures.

Full Government guidance can be found [here](#).

Policy Updates

- All key coronavirus policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated in light of the new national measures
- The Swabbing Policy and Procedure has been reviewed to ensure it reflect current testing guidelines, and it has been renamed the COVID-19 Testing Policy and Procedure
- All fact sheets and easy read documents have also been updated in light of the new national measures