

COVID-19: New film showing the importance of ventilation – Published 18 November

The Government has published a new film to support with showing the importance of ventilation in people's homes to reduce the spread of coronavirus. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance for the health and social care sector from 1st January 2021 – Published 20 November

The Government has published information for industry and organisations involved in health and social care to prepare for the transition period ending on 31st December. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Thousands more health workers to benefit from visa extensions – News story 20 November

The Government has extended visas for a number of healthcare workers for a year. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Consensus statement emphasises the importance of COVID-19-secure workplaces – News story 20 November

Public Health England, the Health and Safety Executive and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine have issued a joint statement on the best approach to reduce risk for workers. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for homecare workers – Published 20 November

This guidance sets out how homecare services can order regular tests for their staff. For more information, visit the QCS Resource Centre or [click here](#).

COVID-19: COVID-19 Winter Plan – Published 23 November

The Government has issued guidance on its COVID-19 Winter Plan to support suppressing the virus until Spring 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Local Restriction Tiers – Published 23 November

The Government has detailed the new local restriction tiers that will be in place from Wednesday 2nd December 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: Making a Christmas Bubble with friends and family – Published 24 November

The Government has detailed its plans for the Christmas period with some social contact restrictions changing over a restricted period of the Christmas period. For more information, [click here](#).

CQC: Designated Settings for COVID-19 Patients Leaving Hospital – Published 24 November

The CQC has reported on its work with the Department of Health and Social Care in ensuring that there are designated settings available, as part of a scheme to allow people with a positive COVID-19 test result to be discharged safely from hospitals. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19: National Living Wage Increase – Press Release 25 November

The Government has announced National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage amounts that will come into force in April 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

Policy Updates

- The COVID-19 Testing Policy and Procedure for domiciliary care has been updated in light of testing being introduced for home care workers on a weekly basis
- The COVID-19 Testing Summary has been updated in the resource centre