

## **COVID-19: Face Coverings: When to wear one, exemptions and how to make your own – Updated 26 November**

The Government have updated this guidance in line with the new tier system and included information on face visors, which can be worn in addition but not instead of face coverings. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Public Health England new vaccine guidance for health and social care workers – News Story 27 November**

Public Health England have published new guidance to support frontline workers to issue the vaccine to the most vulnerable. For more information [click here](#).

## **Guidance – Liberty Protection Safeguards Factsheets – Published 27 November**

Factsheets have been released on the new Liberty Protection Safeguards that will be replacing the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: At risk groups to receive free winter supply of vitamin D – Published 28 November**

The government have announced the offer of a free supply of vitamin D over the winter for those at risk. All care homes will automatically receive a supply. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Community Testing – Published 30 November**

The government have announced community asymptomatic testing to help identify and isolate individuals who have COVID-19. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Individual guidance for each tier restrictions– Published 30 November**

The government have introduced individual tier restriction guidances on what you can and cannot do in each area. For more information see [Tier 1](#), [Tier 2](#) or [Tier 3](#) guidances.

## **The Data Security and Protection Toolkit Update – Updated November 2020**

The DSP Toolkit has been updated to ensure it remains relevant and easy to use for providers. The deadline for completion of the toolkit for 2020/21 is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: CQC COVID-19 Insight – Published November 2020**

CQC have issued another report providing an insight into infection control and prevention in care homes. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Local restriction tiers – what you need to know – Published 01 December**

The government have issued alternative formats of the guidance on what you need to know about the local restriction tiers. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Supported Living services during coronavirus – Published 01 December**

An easy read guidance has been added to further support services in this sector and guidance has been updated to reflect the new restrictions that come into force on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Visiting arrangements in Care Homes – Published 01 December**

The Government have issued guidance on visiting arrangements for Care Homes to allow family and visitors to visit safely. For more information [click here](#).

## **COVID-19: Arrangements for visiting out of Care Homes – Published 01 December**

The Government have issued guidance on supporting residents of working age to undertake visits outside of the Care Home. For more information [click here](#).

## **Policy Updates**

- The Coronavirus Policy and Procedure has been updated in light of the new tier restrictions alongside all factsheets and easy read documents
- The Outbreak Management and Barrier Nursing Policy and Procedure and Pandemic Policy and Procedure have been updated for residential customers in relation to staff movements between premises
- The Re-opening to Visitors During COVID-19 Policy and Procedure has been updated in light of the new care home guidance on visitor testing. A new LFT and Safe Visiting Checklist has also been produced which can be found in the Resource Centre