

COVID-19: Prime Minister Announces New National Lockdown - Press Release 04 January

The Prime Minister announced a new national lockdown instructing people to stay at home and only leave for limited reasons. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Stay at Home Guidance - Published 04 January

Following implementation of the new national lockdown, guidance has been issued to advise what we can and cannot do. For more information, [click here.](#)

Cold Weather Alert from PHE– News Story 04 January

Public Health England has issued a cold weather alert until 8th January with information about how to stay well during low temperatures. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Testing: Privacy Information – Updated 05 January

Guidance has been updated in relation to the new COVID vaccines. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Lockdown grants and support to protect businesses during the lockdown - News Story 05 January

The Government has announced measures to support businesses and protect jobs during the current national lockdown. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Getting Tested – Updated 06 January

The care home testing guidance has been updated for residents and staff in relation to using handheld scanners and registering tests in bulk. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Providing Home Care – Updated 06 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect guidance on shielding and that the clinically extremely vulnerable people should now stay at home. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Supported Living Services During Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Updated 06 January

This guidance has been updated to reflect the national lockdown requirements. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Testing for Homecare Workers – Updated 06 January

Additional summary posters in a number of translations have been added to this guidance page. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Operational Guidance: Vaccination of Frontline Health & Social Care Workers – Published 07 January

NHS England and NHS Improvement have issued a letter providing additional operational guidance in vaccinating frontline health and social care workers. For more information, [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund: Round 2 - Updated 07 January

This guidance has been updated and employers should ensure that staff who need to attend work or another location for the purposes of being vaccinated or tested for COVID-19 are paid their usual wages to do so, as well as any costs associated with reaching a vaccination or testing facility. For more information, [click here](#).

Stay at Home Rules in England

To reduce the transmission of coronavirus further within the UK, the Government has imposed a national lockdown to save lives and protect the NHS. As part of this, you must stay at home except for exceptional circumstances such as to:

- Shop for basic necessities for you or a vulnerable person
- Go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- Exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person; this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area
- Meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- Seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- Attend education or childcare - for those eligible
- To provide care for disabled or vulnerable people

When leaving home you should always stay local.

Policy Updates

All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents are being updated in light of the recent, national lockdown rules that came into force on 5th January.