

COVID-19: Government increases support for those self-isolating – Published 26th March

A new cash injection of £12.9 million per month for local authorities to support those self-isolating. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Mental health and wellbeing recovery action plan – Published 27th March

The government have outlined a policy paper to prevent, mitigate and respond to the mental health impacts of the pandemic during 2021 to 2022. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Work-place testing programme expands to offer free rapid home testing – Published 28th March

All employers will now be able to offer their employees free, rapid, regular testing that can be taken at home by registering with the government. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: COVID-19 restrictions posters 29th March 2021 – Published 29th March

A poster displaying information about the COVID-19 restrictions in England from 29th March. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Public reminded they must stay outside when meeting others to reduce the spread of coronavirus – Press Release 29th March

A new film has been released to remind people to stay outside when meeting others, as part of the easing of lockdown rules. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Making a support bubble with another household – Published 29th March

The guidance has been updated to reflect the new rules of what can be done from 29th March. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Advice for pregnant employees – Published 29th March

The guidance has been updated to reflect the new rules of what can be done from 29th March. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Government reintroduces confirmatory PCR testing for assisted technology – Published 29th March

This documents how PCR confirmatory testing is being reintroduced in order to detect the maximum number of cases with variants. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund – Published 29th March

This guidance details the consolidation of a number of Infection Control funds over the course of the pandemic, which have an extra £341 million of funding until June 2021. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Face coverings – when to wear one, exemptions and how to make one – Updated 30th March

The guidance has been updated to reflect the new rules of what can be done from 29th March. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Supported Living Services during Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Updated 30th March

The guidance has been updated and the 'Visitors and support bubbles' section replaced with 'Visits in and out of supported living settings'. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: PCR Home test kit instructions – Updated 30th March

All easy read documents have been updated on the correct test packaging instructions. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Mental health and wellbeing recovery action plan – Published 31st March

An HTML version of the recovery action plan has been added. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Getting help with daily activities outside of your home during coronavirus – Updated 31st March

Guidance updated to reflect changes made to the restrictions on 29th March. For more information [click here.](#)

COVID-19: Free PPE until March 2022 – Published 31st March

The government have extended support to care providers with free PPE until March 2022. For more information [click here.](#)

Policy Updates

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of these government updates
- A summary on the new Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund has been produced following consolidation of funding streams, and can be found in the Resource Centre
- An action card, following UKHCA news, that PPE requirements are due to change to allow providers to prepare has been produced