

COVID-19: Supporting adults with learning disabilities and autistic adults – Updated 31st March

The guidance has been updated to reflect the easing of lockdown changes that came into force on 29th March. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: PCR home test kit instructions – Updated 1st April

Information has been added about the 'Be My Eyes' app where people can have a live video call with specially trained NHS Test and Trace staff to help people register. For more information [click here](#).

National Living Wage Extended to younger workers – Published 1st April

The threshold for the national living wage changes from 25 to 23. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus – Updated 1st April

The guidance has been updated to reflect the extension of the free PPE provision until March 2022. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable – Updated 1st April

The guidance has been updated with reference to the national lockdown removed and easing restrictions included. Vaccine rollout also included. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Support for care homes – Updated 1st April

The guidance has been updated to reflect the extension of the free PPE provision until March 2022. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Getting Tested – Updated 1st April

Guidance updated about the 'Be My Eyes' app where people can have a live video call with specially trained NHS Test and Trace staff to help people register. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Providing home care – Updated 1st April

The guidance has been updated to reflect the easing of lockdown changes that came into force on 29th March. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Admission and care of people in care homes – Updated 1st April

The guidance has been updated to reflect the easing of lockdown changes that came into force on 29th March. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Designated settings for people discharged to a care home – Updated 1st April

The guidance has been updated to reflect the easing of lockdown changes that came into force on 29th March. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Mental health and wellbeing recovery plan – Updated 1st April

An easy read version has been added. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Two visitors allowed in care homes to reunite with loved ones – Press Release 3rd April

Care home residents will be allowed a second regular visitor indoors, with tests required before entry and PPE provided from 12th April. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Further easing of COVID-19 restrictions confirmed for 12 April – Press Release 5th April

The government has confirmed further easing of COVID-19 restrictions. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Twice weekly rapid testing to be available to everyone in England – Press Release 5th April

The government has confirmed everyone in England will be able to access free, regular rapid coronavirus testing from 9th April. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Visiting arrangements in care homes – Updated 6th April

The government have updated the guidance to reflect that from 12th April all care home residents can have up to two people visiting indoors. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: How to work safely in care homes – Updated 6th April

The government have updated the guidance in relation to PPE and now recommends PPE be changed after each episode of personal care and new recommendations have been included around eye protection when providing personal care within 2 metres. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: How to work safely in domiciliary care in England – Updated 6th April

The government have updated the guidance in relation to PPE and now recommends PPE be changed after each episode of personal care and new recommendations have been included around eye protection when providing personal care within 2 metres. For more information [click here](#).

COVID-19: Visits out of care homes – Updated 7th April

The government have updated the guidance to include more information around steps that should be taken to reduce the risks around a visit out of the care home. 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, in particular the PPE and Reopening to Visitors During COVID-19 policies and procedures have been updated
- A new poster on the Short-Term Paid Work Scheme has been produced to display within services and inform people of the new government scheme