

COVID-19 – Providing unpaid care – Updated 8th July

Translations updated as well as an easy read and large print version added. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 - DHSC recognises the importance of transparent face masks to make communication easier – News story 8th July

This news story talks of the findings into the benefit of transparent face masks and funding which has been allocated to pilot these further across health and social care settings. For more information, [click here](#).

Changes to giving free prescriptions to people aged 60 and over (easy read) - Updated 9th July

Information about the Government consultation which closes on 2nd September. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Testing for adult social care settings - Updated 9th July

PDF updated in relation to the 'Self-test for ASC services - summary rapid LFT guide'. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus vaccines highly effective in most people in clinical risk groups - Updated 10th July

A study by PHE of over 1 million people in at-risk groups has identified that the vaccines have been effective in the majority of people with underlying health conditions. For more information, [click here](#).

Buzzing for Bees' Needs Week 2021 – Published 12th July

The Government is encouraging people to do their bit at home for bees, with five simple actions. For more information, [click here](#) and you can also refer to our blog on why 'Don't step on a bee day' is so important in care homes.

Public Health England priorities in 2021 – Published 12th July

Letter published that sets out the priorities of PHE over 2021, in support of the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA). For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Guidance on protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable - Updated 12th July

The guidance has been updated to highlight that people who are extremely vulnerable, as a minimum, must follow the same rules as the general population. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Testing for coronavirus before hospital - Updated 12th July

The procedure has been updated to remove the registration step from the instructions relating to the elective care testing service and a change in instructions on how to return the test kit. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Prime Minister confirms move to step 4 - Press Release 12th July

The Government has announced that step 4 of the roadmap will go ahead as planned on 19th July. Most restrictions will end and personal responsibility will be emphasised. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus restrictions – what you can and cannot do - Updated 12th July

Guidance updated following the announcement of changes to take place from 19th July. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – COVID-19 Response – Summer 2021 - Updated 12th July

The guidance now includes the 'Moving to Step 4 of the Roadmap' publication. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – COVID-19 Vaccination Programme - Updated 12th July

A COVID-19 vaccination guide for employers document has been added to this page. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – COVID-19 Vaccination: Guide for employers - Published 12th July

This guidance document will provide employers with information about the vaccination programme. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread from 19th July - Updated 12th July

This guidance has been updated to reflect the changes coming into force on 19th July; it provides information on the changes and what people must follow. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents - Updated 13th July

This guidance document has been updated with the most up-to-date email addresses. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Making and registering an LPA during the coronavirus outbreak - Updated 13th July

This guidance document has been updated to reference that the registration time has changed from 15 to 20 weeks. For more information, [click here](#).

Policy Updates

- All coronavirus policies and Resource Centre documents continue to be reviewed and updated in light of government updates

Risk Assessment Updates

- All risk assessments continue to be updated in light of government updates