

COVID-19 – Guidance for people receiving direct payments - Updated 26th January

Guidance updated following the change in self-isolation requirements, as well as travel changes and extension of the PPE scheme until 2023. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Face coverings – when to wear one, exemptions and what makes a good one - Updated 27th January

Guidance updated following the face covering regulations that are coming to an end on 26th January. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Boosters provide high level of protection against death with Omicron - Press Release 27th January

Findings from the UKHSA have been published and show that the booster significantly reduces the risk of death from Omicron. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Advice for UK Visa applicants and temporary UK residents - Updated 28th January

Guidance updated in the 'if you're in the UK' section - concessions in relation to COVID-19 restrictions removed as this is no longer applicable. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Oral statement on vaccines as a condition of deployment - Updated 31st January

Statement from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the situation with vaccinations as a condition of deployment. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Consultation on removing vaccination as a condition of deployment for health and social care staff - Updated 31st January

Consultation opened on the policy around vaccinations as a condition of deployment to allow the Government to consider how best to achieve public health and safety with the minimum number of restrictions. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Visiting arrangements in care homes - Updated 31st January

Guidance updated to reflect there is now no limit on visitor numbers and following a normal visit out, residents do not need to test or self-isolate. Where there are emergency hospital and high-risk outings, information about self-isolation and testing rules have also been updated. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Guidance for households with possible coronavirus - Updated 1st February

Guidance updated on what to do if someone has a negative PCR test after a positive LFD test. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Visiting arrangements in care homes - Updated 2nd February

Guidance updated to provide clarity on essential care giver visits during an outbreak. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Throat and nose test for care home staff - Updated 3rd February

Guidance updated on how to get a kit and getting help with doing the test. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Vaccination of people working or deployed in care homes: operational guidance - Updated 3rd February

Note added to the guidance to reflect that the Government has announced its intention to revoke the regulations subject to parliamentary process. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Vaccination of workers in social care settings other than care homes: operational guidance - Updated 3rd February

Note added to the guidance to reflect that the Government has announced its intention to revoke the regulations subject to parliamentary process. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus testing guidance for extra care and supported living settings - Updated 4th February

Updated to reflect changes for asymptomatic regular testing guidance. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus testing for homecare workers - Updated 4th February

Updated to reflect changes for asymptomatic regular testing guidance. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus testing for anyone working in adult social care who is not part of regular testing at work - Updated 4th February

Updated to reflect changes for asymptomatic regular testing guidance. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Coronavirus testing for adult social care settings - Updated 4th February

Updated guidance summary. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Designated setting for people discharged to a care home - Updated 7th February

Updated guidance throughout with latest clinical guidance from the UKHSA, including the change in isolation period in care settings from 14 to 10 days for cases of COVID-19. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 –Patients to receive better care as NHS and social care systems link up - Press Release 9th February

The Government has announced a new Integration White Paper to bring the NHS and local government closer together to improve care for all and value for money. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 - Revoking vaccination as a condition of deployment across all health and social care– Open consultation 9th February

The Government opened its consultation on VCOD for feedback on revoking the regulations. The consultation closes on 16th February. For more information, [click here](#). [Operational guidance has also been updated](#).

COVID-19 – How to stay safe and prevent the spread - Updated 9th February

Booster information added to guidance as well as information for pregnant women. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – Health and social care integration – joining up care for people, places and populations – Published 9th February

White paper published setting out the measures to make integrated health and social care a universal reality. For more information, [click here](#).

COVID-19 – FAQ Vaccination as a condition of deployment for healthcare workers - Published 9th February

NHS FAQ document on common questions surrounding VCOD. 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. Please see your dashboard for the latest changes

Risk Assessment Updates

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