

Please see the latest update below from Public Health England for 17 August.

As of Monday 17 August 2020, 319,197 people have tested positive for coronavirus in the UK (pillar 1 and 2, see descriptions below) and there has been 41,369 deaths. Daily reported COVID deaths are now measured across the UK as deaths that occurred within 28 days of the first laboratory-confirmed positive COVID test. Data using the old and new measures can be downloaded [here](#). The dashboard deaths page is being re-developed.

Further information on the data is available here: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

## Announcements

- [Secretary of State message to the NHS on the coronavirus response](#)
- [Millions of self employed to benefit from second stage of support scheme](#)
- [Public encouraged to register for COVID-19 vaccine trials as 100,000 already sign-up](#)
- [Restrictions on household gatherings to continue in parts of North West, West Yorkshire, East Lancashire and Leicester](#)
- [UK government secures new COVID-19 vaccines and backs global clinical trial](#)
- [Test and Trace service reaches more than 250,000 people since launch](#)

## Data

- [PHE's National COVID-19 surveillance reports](#), including weekly summary of findings monitored through various COVID-19 surveillance systems (updated 14 August)
- Latest [NHS test and trace stats for England](#) are now available and are also now available at UTLA level.
- [Regional excess death reports](#) are now published with data available by age, sex, Upper Tier Local Authority, ethnic group, level of deprivation, cause of death and place of death.
- [ONS Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey pilot: England and Wales, 7 August 2020](#) Initial data from the COVID-19 Infection Survey. This survey is being delivered in partnership with IQVIA, Oxford University and UK Biocentre.
- [Weekly all-cause mortality surveillance: 2019 to 2020](#) - How the actual number and type of death registrations in England and Wales compare to predictions for each week.
- The ONS comparisons of all-cause mortality between European countries and regions:  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/articles/comparisonsofallcausemortalitybetweeneuropeancountriesandregions/januarytojune2020>
- [Follow this link](#) for the latest reproduction number (R) and growth rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK (updated 7 August 2020).
- [ONS Deaths involving COVID-19, England and Wales: June 2020](#) (published 17 July).  
[Coronavirus cases in the UK: daily updated statistics](#) The latest number of coronavirus (COVID-19) tests, cases and deaths in the UK.
  - Weekly number and percentage of [care homes](#) reporting a suspected or confirmed outbreak of COVID-19 to PHE by local authorities, regions and PHE centres.

## Information, advice and guidance

- [COVID-19: guidance for managing a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic](#)  
Guidance for managing a funeral during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- [Assessment and procurement of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests](#) How the government assesses offers of COVID-19 tests from developers for procurement and use in the UK.
- [Guidance for Good Laboratory Practice \(GLP\) facilities in relation to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) The UK Good Laboratory Practice Monitoring Authority (UK GLPMA) recognises that there are potential challenges COVID-19 will present to members of the GLP monitoring programme.

## Marketing and communications materials

### Joint Biosecurity Centre Action Cards

The JBC has now published [Action Cards](#) to provide the latest instructions to anyone responsible for businesses or organisations (e.g. café, hairdresser or place of worship) to identify, report and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks. They have been developed to cover a range of businesses and organisations to provide specific advice on the issues each type of organisation may face now lockdown restrictions have been eased. The cards are designed to be printed or downloaded to keep on-hand in a business or organisation. The Cards provide the owners and managers of organisations a single point of access to the right information to ensure local Health Protection Teams can be notified in a timely manner by all sectors. The Cards complement and support existing local or sector specific guidance and are not intended to replace existing guidance or the expertise of local public health professionals. It will be a process of continuous learning and improvement as more people use the Action Cards, and we learn more about what responses are most effective.

### e-Bug resources for schools

The Department for Education have recently published "[Guidance for full opening: schools](#)", recommending Public Health England's free infection prevention education resource 'e-Bug'. Use [e-Bug](#) to [prepare for the full opening of Schools](#) in September by:

- Completing **free e-learning** to improve knowledge and confidence to teach children and young people about microbes and how to prevent the spread of infection
- Displaying 'Hand hygiene' and 'Cover coughs and sneezes' **posters** in bathrooms, handwashing stations, classrooms and shared spaces
- Sharing "My Back to School Bubble" **e-storybook** for parents/carers to read with younger children to help them understand new COVID-19 protective measures and tackle anxiety about returning to school
- Using **lesson plans/activities** to teach about hand and respiratory hygiene in an engaging and age-appropriate way

All resources are free and can be accessed from [e-Bug's COVID-19 webpage](#).

### Return to School

[Radio](#): 30s radio ad with Andrea a teacher (Wave Sound)

[Leaflets](#): A5 Q and A leaflet for primary and secondary school

[Social media animations](#): Primary and secondary

### **NHS Test and Trace**

Various resources for different settings featuring a new creative:

- [Posters](#)
- [Social statics](#)
- [TV Ad](#)
- [Customisable posters](#)

### **Local outbreak toolkit**

Translated versions of the 'informative' posters featuring messaging for working from home, limiting contact, keeping a safe distance, self-isolating when alerted and handwashing are now available from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) (please note you will need to be logged-in to access these and only available to users with a .nhs.uk or .gov.uk email address). They include the following languages:

- Somali
- Slovak
- Punjabi (Pakistan)
- Polish
- Urdu

[New translations](#) of the above posters, including Bengali and Hindi, are now available to all partners (non-localisable). We also have [additional translations for the local outbreak toolkit](#), in Hindi. These are customisable and available only to our professional users. Please note that Punjabi (IN), Gujarati, Arabic and Mandarin Chinese version will be available shortly.

### **Stay Alert to Stay Safe**

[Posters](#): White background easy print for face coverings and distance

[Social media animations](#) – 1m + messaging and resources with youth focus

[Posters](#): Face coverings and social distance, A3 & A4 high res and low res (PDF)

[Social Media Statics](#): Face coverings and social distance (JPG)

[Social Media Animations](#): Face coverings (MP4)

[Radio](#): 30 radio with bus driver and delivery driver (Wave Sound)

[Social media – outdoor guidance](#): 3 x social static images for Twitter

New [Static Social Media](#) assets and [Posters](#) promoting the mandatory use of face coverings in shops have been made available.

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