

Please see the update below from Public Health England from 20 March.

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that, as of 9am on 20 March 2020, 66,976 people have been tested in the UK, of which 62,993 were confirmed negative and 3,983 were confirmed positive. As of 1pm, 177 patients in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have died. DHSC will publish updated data on [this page](#) on a daily basis at 2pm until further notice. Please be aware that tests are now being prioritised for those who require hospital care for pneumonia or acute respiratory illness – while continuing to investigate outbreaks, ie where several cases are connected, especially in a particular setting such as a care home. This change is being reflected in the surveillance data we report which will monitor, support and inform the public health actions we are taking while no longer providing a running commentary of individual cases, or individual deaths.
- The Prime Minister has confirmed a daily press conference will now be held to keep the public informed of latest COVID-19 advice and the Government's response. A statement from today's press conference announcing further social distancing measures and a package to support business and the economy will follow shortly.
- The [public information campaign](#) has been updated with a variety of digital, social and print materials available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) (CRC).

Latest PHE guidance can be found [here](#). PHE has also published [Staying at home, for households with possible COVID-19 infection](#) and [Social distancing to protect vulnerable groups](#). Any further guidance to support schools and educational settings remaining open for children of key workers will be published [here](#).

- DfE has set up a [helpline](#) offering guidance for anyone with education related questions.