

Daily update from GOV.UK for:

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[How to treat certain expenses and benefits provided to employees during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Page summary:

Find out about taxable expenses and benefits when they are paid to employees because of coronavirus and how to report them to HMRC.

Change made:

The section 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) tests' has been updated.

Time updated:

8:50am, 19 January 2021

[European Structural and Investment Funds: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response](#)

Page summary:

A series of documents and updates regarding the 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Programme and the response to COVID-19.

Change made:

The EAFRD Q&A has been updated to provide clarity to a number of existing questions. See the dates next to the questions for updates.

Time updated:

8:58am, 19 January 2021

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey: antibody data for the UK, January 2021](#)

Page summary:

This release provides antibody data by UK country and English regions from the Coronavirus

(COVID-19) Infection Survey. This survey is being delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford, the University of Manchester, and Public Health England.

Change made:
First published.

Time updated:
9:30am, 19 January 2021

[Social care sector to receive £269 million to boost staffing levels and testing](#)

Page summary:
The funding is to protect and support staff and residents in care homes and those receiving help in their own homes.

Change made:
Added table showing indicative grant allocations for local authorities.

Time updated:
10:00am, 19 January 2021

[More than 4 million people receive first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in UK](#)

Page summary:
Vaccination programme continues to accelerate with opening of 10 new vaccination centres.

Change made:
First published.

Time updated:
10:16am, 19 January 2021

[PPE deliveries \(England\): 11 January to 17 January 2021](#)

Page summary:
Experimental statistics showing the latest number of personal protective equipment (PPE) items distributed for use by health and social care services in England.

Change made:
First published.

Time updated:
11:00am, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19: letter to clinically extremely vulnerable people](#)

Page summary:
Reference-only version of letter from the government to people who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

Change made:
Added easy read version of the letter.

Time updated:
11:12am, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

Page summary:
Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

Change made:
Added Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), French, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi and Urdu translations.

Time updated:
11:24am, 19 January 2021

[Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Page summary:
Attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April.

Change made:

Added 'Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – 23 March 2020 to 14 January 2021'

Time updated:

11:57am, 19 January 2021

[Laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers progress data as of 12 January 2021](#)

Page summary:

How many laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers we have delivered or dispatched to local authorities and academy trusts up until 12 January 2021.

Change made:

Added a link to the official statistics collection page.

Time updated:

12:09pm, 19 January 2021

[Laptops and tablets progress data as of 19 January 2021](#)

Page summary:

Information about how many laptops and tablets that have been delivered or dispatched to local authorities and academy trusts.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

12:09pm, 19 January 2021

[Test to Release for international travel: minimum standards for testing](#)

Page summary:

Sets out the minimum standards that private sector providers of COVID-19 testing for 'Test to Release for international travel' must meet.

Change made:

Added 'including Madeira and the Azores' to the Portugal listing.

Time updated:

12:40pm, 19 January 2021

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): how to self-isolate when you travel to England](#)

Page summary:

Information on how to self-isolate, which you must now do when arriving in England.

Change made:

Updated with information about pre-departure testing, closing 'travel corridors' and additional travel restrictions for the following countries: South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Eswatini, Zambia, Malawi, Lesotho, Mozambique, Angola, Mauritius or Seychelles, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cape Verde, Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores) and Panama.

Time updated:

12:49pm, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19: impact on vaccination programmes](#)

Page summary:

Reports assessing the impact of COVID-19-related physical distancing measures on delivery of childhood vaccination programmes in England.

Change made:

Added HPR 15(2) report on vaccination counts to week 53, 2020.

Time updated:

1:00pm, 19 January 2021

Page summary:

Lists of and information about approved suppliers of private testing kits for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made:

Updated both lists of private providers.

Time updated:

1:19pm, 19 January 2021

[Test and Trace Support Payment scheme: claiming financial support](#)

Page summary:

Who can claim the support and how to apply.

Change made:

Updated 'eligibility' section: you can make a claim for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme or a discretionary payment up to 28 days after the first day of your period of self-isolation.

Time updated:

1:28pm, 19 January 2021

[Monitoring emissions from some environmental permitting activities: RPS C20](#)

Page summary:

When you can delay and reschedule some emissions to air and water monitoring and other environmental monitoring because of COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions.

Change made:

We have extended the expiry date of this RPS to the 30 June 2021.

Time updated:

1:55pm, 19 January 2021

Page summary:

When you can delay submitting data, reports and other records required by your environmental permit because of coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

Change made:

We have extended the expiry date of the RPS to 30 June 2021.

Time updated:

1:59pm, 19 January 2021

[Incinerating specified healthcare wastes at a municipal waste incinerator: RPS C23](#)

Page summary:

When you can incinerate coronavirus (COVID-19) infectious waste at a municipal waste incinerator without varying your permit.

Change made:

We have extended the expiry date of this RPS to 31 July 2021.

Time updated:

2:06pm, 19 January 2021

[2021 exams – a bigger disaster than last year?](#)

Page summary:

SMC Commissioner and academy vice-principal Sammy Wright asks whether government exams plans in the face of COVID will leave pupils more disadvantaged than 2020.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

2:38pm, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19: Guidance for small marriages and civil partnerships](#)

Page summary:

Guidance for people planning to get married or form a civil partnership in England.

Change made:

Guidance for small marriages and civil partnerships updated to reflect the revised national lockdown regulations which came into force on 6 January 2021.

Time updated:

2:52pm, 19 January 2021

[New UK Government Covid testing site opens in Paisley](#)

Page summary:

The UK Government has opened a new walk-through coronavirus testing centre at Bridge Street Car Park in Paisley

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

2:54pm, 19 January 2021

[Supply chain workers crucial to vaccination programme to receive jobs](#)

Page summary:

Up to 2,000 highly trained workers identified by the government will be offered COVID-19 vaccines in the coming days.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

3:35pm, 19 January 2021

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): reducing burdens on educational and care settings](#)

Page summary:

List of data collections, services or requests which will be cancelled, paused or will continue.

Change made:

Updated list of data collections, services or requests that are available, closed or paused.

Time updated:

4:31pm, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19: PHE laboratory assessments of inactivation methods](#)

Page summary:

PHE has undertaken assessments of inactivation methods against SARS-CoV-2 with further evaluations ongoing.

Change made:

Added 12 new reports and updated 043, 050 and 051.

Time updated:

4:34pm, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic](#)

Page summary:

Guidance to provide advice on how places of worship can open, for limited permitted activities, in a manner that is safe and in line with national lockdown restrictions.

Change made:

Updated: Celebrating religious festivals during coronavirus (COVID-19).

Time updated:

5:10pm, 19 January 2021

[COVID-19 variants: genomically confirmed case numbers](#)

Page summary:

Genomically confirmed case numbers for SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

5:34pm, 19 January 2021