

Please see the update below from Public Health England for 31 March. Also, Government Guidance has just been published giving advice and information on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing during the Covid-19 outbreak (see [COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing](#)).

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has [confirmed](#) that, as of 9am on 31 March 2020, a total of 143,186 people have been tested, of which 25,150 were confirmed positive. As of 5pm on 30 March, of those hospitalised in the UK, 1,789 have sadly died.
- DHSC will publish updated data on [this page](#) on a daily basis each afternoon 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 ONS has [published](#) provisional data on deaths registered weekly in England and Wales. This weekly data now provides a separate breakdown of the numbers of deaths involving COVID-19. That is, where COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 was mentioned anywhere on the death certificate, including in combination with other health conditions. ONS has also [published a blog](#) and a [statement](#).
- The Cabinet Office has published [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#). This includes answers to questions such as “can I drive to green spaces?” and “can I go to the park?”
- **New Every Mind Matters COVID-19 assets:** Every Mind Matters has created new COVID 19 specific assets to help you support the public’s Mental Health whilst staying at home. These include long and short videos featuring Dr Hilary Jones and animated social assets which are now available to download on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#).
- **GOV.UK WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Service:** A new GOV.UK WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Service has now been launched. The purpose of this product is to combat the spread of misinformation propagated through WhatsApp on an Official Government channel. To use the service, members of the public simply add +44 7860 064422 to their contacts and send a WhatsApp message saying “Hi”. Please promote this service through your channels.
- **Coronavirus fact sheet for children:** [Information for children](#) to help them understand what Coronavirus is, the importance of hand washing and how to help stop the virus spreading is available on the Campaign Resource Centre. This was developed by the Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. They have also made an [animation](#) to go with it. A We Transfer link to the video for download is [here](#).

- The Local Government Association is hosting useful coronavirus information on their [website](#) to aid local authorities. The site includes links to government as well as bespoke local authority material.
- Guidance for staff in the transport sector has been updated and is available [online](#).
- Guidance for [households with possible infection](#), [staying at home and away from others](#), and [protecting vulnerable people \(shielding\)](#). Latest PHE guidance can be found [here](#).
- 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.

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