

Please see the Public Health England Update below from 27 March 2020.

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that, as of 9am on 27 March 2020, a total of 113,777 people have been tested, of which 99,234 were confirmed negative and 14,543 were confirmed positive. As of 5pm on 26 March 2020, 759 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 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 Prime Minister has issued a [video message](#) after confirming he is self-isolating in Downing Street after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). A full transcript is also available on the [Downing Street website](#).
- Today's Downing Street press conference is being hosted by Cabinet Office Minister Michael Gove, and features Sir Simon Stevens, chief exec of the NHS in England, who is updating on preparations by the NHS.
- Yesterday the Chancellor outlined measures to support the self-employed and details are available [online](#).
- 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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