



## Central West BCU Partner, Business, and Stakeholder Update

### Coronavirus – Local Update 10

26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

#### Current overview (subject to change or variation):

- All citizens to stay at home, except for the following permitted activities:
  - shopping for basic necessities, as infrequently as possible and no more than once a day;
  - one form of exercise a day - e.g. a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with your household;
  - any medical need, to provide care or to help a vulnerable person; and
  - Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.
  - all non-essential retail, including clothing and electronics stores, and other premises including libraries, communal places within parks (playgrounds), and places of worship (except for funerals) will be required to close;
  - all gatherings of more than two people in public, excluding households or work-related are banned; and
  - all social events, including weddings, baptisms and other ceremonies, but excluding funerals with immediate family are also banned.
- We do not at this stage have additional powers to enforce the new measures, but these will follow. We will be applying our common sense and experience, taking a sensible and graduated approach to the situation.
- We will continue to work around the clock to help keep Londoners safe and they can have confidence that we are planning to ensure we maintain critical services as the virus continues to spread.
- The Met, and London is extremely resilient. Our officers are, and will continue to be out on the streets and supporting communities.
- We are here to support people and to continue to perform our primary function - to protect lives and prevent crime wherever we can.
- The public can help us by familiarising themselves with the many different ways they can contact us in non-emergency situations, such as using our website. This will help free officers and call handlers to attend to those who need us the most.
- Message from BCU Commander Chief Superintendent Helen Harper with further information and Empty Commercial Premises crime prevention advice attached in this email.

#### Advice to stakeholders, organisations, and businesses in Central London

Please follow the advice issued by HM Government and Public Health England, found at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus).

As of 1500hrs, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 the advice is:

##### **STAY AT HOME TO STOP CORONAVIRUS SPREADING**

- **EVERYONE** must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.
- This includes people of all ages – even if you do not have any symptoms or other health conditions.

##### **You can only leave your home:**

- **to shop for basic essentials** - only when you need to
- **to do one form of exercise a day** – such as a run, walk or cycle, alone or with other people you live with
- **for any medical need** – for example, to visit a pharmacy or deliver essential supplies to a vulnerable person
- **to travel to and from work** – but only where this is absolutely necessary

##### **Important**

These 4 reasons are exceptions – even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household.

If you need medical help for any reason, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature or a new, continuous cough), use the [111 Coronavirus service](#)

Information on HM Government's response can be found [on this link](#).

Guidance for guidance for employees, employers and businesses can be found [on this link](#).

Guidance on social distancing and protecting older and vulnerable people can be found [on this link](#).

Guidance on staying at home, including household isolation, can be found [on this link](#).



[@metpoliceuk](#) on the day for up to date police information across London

[@PHEuk](#) for latest information from Public Health England