



Central West BCU Partner, Business, and Stakeholder Update

Coronavirus – Local Update 20

5TH APRIL 2020

Current overview (subject to change or variation):

- We are aware that people have continued to congregate in open spaces today across the tri-borough area. To keep people safe, we have diverted officers from other duties to patrol these areas, engage with them, explain why they should not congregate, and encourage them to leave. People are generally complying with police directions when encouraged.
- We adopt a graduated response to using the new policing powers, with enforcement action only taking place where other less intrusive options have failed or are likely to do so in the circumstances
- Since the Government has introduced stringent conditions the MPS policing style to help enforce these conditions should be graduated as follows:
 - Enhanced visibility in our communities
 - Engagement and encouragement to adhere to Government direction
 - Support to Local Authorities in enforcing premises closure
 - Issue of Fixed Penalty Notices where a power exists and is appropriate
 - Use of powers when necessary and as a last resort.
- The Met, and London is extremely resilient. Our officers are, and will continue to be out on the streets and supporting communities.

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://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

As of 1500hrs, 5th April 2020 the advice is:

STAY AT HOME TO STOP CORONAVIRUS SPREADING

- **EVERYONE** must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.
- You should only leave the house for 1 of **4 reasons**:
 - **Shopping for basic** necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
 - **One form of exercise a day**, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household
 - **Any medical need**, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
 - **Travelling for work purposes**, but only where you cannot work from home

Important

These 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](#) and [@DHSCgovuk](#) for latest information from Public Health England and Department for Health and Social Care, respectively.