



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

### Coronavirus – Local Update 41

28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020

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

- We are aware that Extinction Rebellion may be undertaking activity on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020. This is likely to be placing posters on buildings and stores that are currently closed that, in their opinion, are “polluting industries” receiving government support during the coronavirus epidemic.
- A dedicated reassurance policing plan is in place using local officers to patrol areas where it is more likely that activity may take place. We will continue our approach for those not abiding by coronavirus regulations (as below).
- The stay at home instruction remains in place. This does not change the approach the Met has been taking by **engaging, explaining, encouraging** and, if necessary, **enforcing** the legislation.
- We continue to ask the public to consider whether their journey is essential. We all have a shared responsibility to stay home, protect the NHS, and save lives and we ask the public to apply their common sense.
- The vast majority of people are following the regulations. There is a small minority of people who are refusing to follow instructions despite every effort to engage, explain and encourage. In these rare cases, officers have used these powers to protect the NHS and keep people safe.
- The Met is a large and resilient organisation, and is in great shape. Against a backdrop of falling demand, we remain determined to focus on protecting the public and supporting the health authorities.
- Officers continue to bear down on crime, especially violence, across the capital. They are highly visible on the streets and open spaces, and are continuing to respond to urgent calls for assistance. We are here for London.

#### 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, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020 the advice is:

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

- **EVERYONE** must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus. This is called social distancing.
- 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 (3 steps) away from anyone outside of your household.

While everyone is being told to stay at home, it can be hard to know what to do if you're unwell.

- For help from a GP – use your GP surgery's website, use an online service or app, or call the surgery.
- For urgent medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online.
- For life-threatening emergencies – call 999 for an ambulance.

**If you're advised to go to hospital, it's important to go.**

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.