

Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) – Daily Briefing

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Daily Mortality Figures (London)

Data Provided from NHS Statistics. Please note that this data records the date the death occurred rather than the date the death was announced. Interpretation of the figures should consider the fact that totals by date of death, particularly for most recent days, are likely to be updated in line with future NHS releases. Please note, as of 1st May 2020, the SCG daily briefing now takes account of mortalities that do not have a positive test result, but where COVID-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death, dated back to the 24th April – for more information on this methodology, please visit <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily) (59)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (5,132)
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Key Government Messages

This Evening's Downing Street Press Conference will be led by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Robert Jenrick.

Partner Agencies Top-Line Messages

Metropolitan Police Service

London Together – Stay Home, Protect the NHS & Save Lives (1st May 2020)

The Met Police has launched a new social media campaign to thank all Londoners who have followed the government guidelines by staying at home. They are urging the public to keep going and following these rules to beat COVID-19.

Partners are encouraged to share the video [here](#).

Mayor of London

Use of Face Coverings (1st May 2020)

"I am pleased that the Prime Minister has said that non-medical face coverings will play an important role as we eventually look to lift lockdown restrictions. This is something I and others have been pushing the Government to change the guidance on. A change in the guidance can't come soon enough.

"Londoners have shown that they want to do everything they can to slow the spread of the virus. They have been sticking to the rules and staying home to protect the NHS and save lives.

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“Many Londoners are already making essential journeys on public transport wearing face coverings to protect themselves and other passengers and we have seen from around the world that non-medical facial coverings can play a role in helping slow the spread of COVID-19.

“These can be home made, from a t-shirt, scarf or bandana. They should not be medical face masks which must be preserved for use by the NHS and care workers.”

Easing of Lockdown Restrictions (1st May 2020)

“Even when lockdown is lifted, Londoners should realise that life simply won't be returning to what it was before, and it is vital that the Government now has an open and honest conversation with the public about how we'll all have to play our part ensuring we maintain appropriate social distancing in all aspects of our daily lives. It's about keeping people's trust, but also ensuring we are fully prepared, learning all the lessons from other countries.

“Whether it's schools, construction sites or other industries having to stagger their opening hours, continued home working for as many people as possible, restrictions on the use of the public transport, or additional measures to get more people walking and cycling, no options should be off the table.

“Even though the Government has said that we have now passed the peak of the virus, I want to reiterate to Londoners that all of the UK's social distancing measures still remain in place.

“That's the right decision – to be guided by the science and continue suppressing the spread of this virus and save lives.”