

Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) – Daily Briefing

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Daily Mortality Figures (London)

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 updated methodology, please visit [here](#).

Patients who have died in London hospitals and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death.	
Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily) (68)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (5664)

Patients who have died in London hospitals where there has been no COVID-19 positive test result, but where COVID-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death on the death certification process.	
Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily) (11)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (96)

Updated Guidance

As a result of the Prime Minister’s broadcast this week (10.5.20), the Government has produced a series of new guidance documents:

The UK Government’s COVID-19 Recovery Strategy & FAQ’s

The Government’s roadmap for how and when the UK will adjust its response to the COVID-19 crisis. Read the full guidance [here](#)

Frequently asked questions on what you can and can’t do during the coronavirus outbreak. Read the full list of FAQs [here](#)

Specific Guidance Documents

The Government has updated its guidance/advice across a range of specific sectors, see below for updated guidance on:

Transport Systems (12th May 2020) [here](#)

Education Settings (11th May 2020) [here](#)

Workplace Safety (11th May 2020) [here](#)

Use of Face Coverings (11th May 2020) [here](#)

Staying Safe Outside Your Home (11th May 2020) [here](#)

Government Announcements

HM Treasury

Extension of the Furlough Scheme (12th May 2020)

The Government has today announced an extension to their furlough scheme until the end of October. The percentage of government wage support will remain at 80%. The chancellor is expected to announce further details of this extension, including employer flexibility regarding part time employees, later this month.

Read more on this announcement [here](#)

Department for Health & Social Care

New Care Home Portal (11th May 2020)

A new online portal, that makes it easy for care homes to arrange deliveries of coronavirus test kits, has been launched. As the national testing capacity has increased, the government is prioritising testing for care homes and other areas with the greatest need.

Learn more about the new portal [here](#)

Partner Agencies Top-Line Messages

London Councils

Food & Medicine Hubs (12th May 2020)

London Councils, in partnership with the SCG, has produced a new video highlighting the work of food and medicine distributions hubs across the capital.

Please click and share the video [here](#)

Transport for London

Statement on Emergency Budget (12th May 2020)

A TfL spokesperson said: “We have done everything possible to help reduce the spread of coronavirus by working with the Government to rapidly reduce ridership to low levels not seen for 100 years while keeping transport available for essential journeys, such as NHS or supermarket staff heading to work.

This was the right thing to do and has saved lives. But given that 80 per cent of our income is from fares, it has had a highly significant impact on our finances and will do for the coming months. This is why our finance committee will discuss a proposed Emergency Budget that prioritises what is essential for maintenance of basic services to support coronavirus government planning. This is an interim measure until we can propose a revised budget later in the year. But it is clear that the long-term impact of the coronavirus will mean that we need financial support now and into the future so that we can support the recovery of London and the UK. We are in constructive discussions with the Government over the necessary financial support, and a successful conclusion to these is now extremely urgent.”

Statement on Ridership Figures (12th May 2020)

A TfL spokesperson said: “Tube ridership is still around 95 per cent less than it was at the same time last year. In keeping with the Government’s road map, Londoners who can work from home should continue to do so. Public transport should be avoided wherever possible and we encourage people to walk or cycle where they can, including on new facilities being introduced across London. If public transport is the only alternative then please travel outside the peak times, use a face covering, carry a hand sanitizer and allow two metre social distancing to be maintained where possible.” Yesterday morning (11 May 2020), Tube ridership was around five per cent higher than it was at the same time last week (4 May 2020). This is broadly in line with increases we have seen in recent weeks.

British Transport Police

Statement on Updated Government Guidance (12th May 2020)

“The message is clear – everyone should avoid public transport if at all possible. Our officers are out and about across the rail network, focusing their time at stations where they are most needed. At some of the busier stations you may see more officers than usual. They’re there to help keep passengers and rail staff safe – helping get people to where they need to be safely.

If you don’t need to travel by rail or Tube, then don’t - and if you do need to, give yourself plenty of time. Perhaps speak to your employer and stagger the times you would normally go to and from work and avoid rush hours where possible. We all have a role to play in keeping the rail network safe.

Our policing approach remains the same. Our officers will be engaging with passengers and staff and will only use enforcement if absolutely necessary. No-one should underestimate the immense logistical challenge facing the rail industry and its staff as it works to keep people who need to use the network moving. They’re taking extra steps to ensure people stay safe including aiding social distancing and keeping overcrowding to a minimum. These steps mean everyone is going to have to get used to a new way of travelling.

In line with government guidance, you may see our officers wearing face coverings when on routine patrol. They'll be wearing them when they themselves feel it is necessary – for example in enclosed spaces where social distancing is not always possible.

We will of course also continue with our business-as-usual policing during this unprecedented time – countering terrorism; reducing delays and disruption; preventing and detecting crime and identifying and helping vulnerable people in crisis.

All of us – passengers, rail staff and our officers – want to be safe when we're working and using the rail network and we need to support each other so we can all do the right thing."