

Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) – Daily Briefing

For any enquiries relating to the daily briefing, please contact
COVID19CommsHub@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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) (24)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (5806)

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) (2)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (130)

Government Messaging

The Government continues to issue updated sectoral guidance in relation to the easing of the lockdown. For a full list of these government updates, please refer to the [appendix](#).

Partner Agencies Top-Line Messages

London Councils

Pan-London PPE Boost (19th May 2020)

London boroughs have agreed a new pan-London partnership to secure emergency supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) for care homes and other crucial local services on the Covid-19 frontline.

The initiative is expected to result in more than 48 million PPE items becoming available for all London local authorities to distribute in the coming weeks, as care services across London continue to face intense pressures.

The collaboration between the boroughs builds on a supply chain established by the West London Alliance. Through expanding the West London Alliance's successful shared procurement of PPE, all the 32 boroughs and the City of London Corporation will now benefit from economies of scale and ease the strain on PPE supply lines caused by surging global demand.

This work is supported by the London Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) as part of the capital's emergency response to the pandemic and will complement the government's national supply lines.

London boroughs have consistently highlighted the importance of providing PPE to social care services to protect those most at risk from coronavirus. By working closely with local care providers and co-ordinating available resources, boroughs have focused support on vulnerable Londoners and those caring for them.

Read more on this new partnership [here](#)

Government Announcements

Office for National Statistics

Labour Market Overview (19th May 2020)

Estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK.

See all of the collated ONS employment reports [here](#)

Mortality Statistics (19th May 2020)

Provisional counts of the number of deaths registered in England and Wales, including deaths involving the coronavirus (COVID-19), by age, sex and region, in the latest weeks for which data are available.

Read the full statistical bulletin [here](#)

Department for Education

New Family Fund Trust (19th May 2020)

Children with special educational needs and disabilities in England will benefit from £37.3 million of direct support in 2020-21, which is expected to help more than 75,000 families in England. £10 million of the total has been committed specifically in response to the unique difficulties presented by the coronavirus pandemic

Read more on this announcement [here](#)

Appendix - Full Government Guidance Documents

As a result of the Prime Minister's broadcast this week (10.5.20), the government has produced a series of new guidance documents regarding the easing of the lockdown:

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:

Updated Guidance on Testing Eligibility (19th May 2020) [here](#)

Updated Symptoms Guidance (18th May 2020) [here](#)

Free School Meals (15th May 2020) [here](#)

New Guidance for Sports & Leisure (13th May 2020) [here](#)

Use of Open & Green Spaces (13th May 2020) [here](#)

Moving Home during COVID-19 (13th May 2020) [here](#)

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

Extension of the Furlough Scheme (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](#)