



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

### Coronavirus – Local Update 51

22<sup>ND</sup> M A Y 2020

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

- Government restrictions to control the spread of Coronavirus remain in place. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday, 10 May a number of these restrictions have been altered slightly.
- Whilst the changes to the legislation impact on what is and is not permitted, our approach will remain entirely the same. We will continue to police by consent, and we'll apply the four Es seeking to evidence each step as we go.
- If someone is out and about and we do have some questions as to whether they are abiding by the new restrictions, we will still talk to them, we will engage, explain and encourage them to go home where possible. Enforcement has always been, and remains an absolute last resort.
- We appreciate the way our communities have responded to the restrictions over the past two months – their actions have undoubtedly saved lives. We expect our policing role to reduce in some areas, as there is increased flexibility and legitimate reasons for the public to be outside of their homes.
- The focus of our policing role will need to remain focused on any larger gathering and groups where the risk to health would be at its greatest.
- The Met is a large and resilient organisation, and is in great shape. Against a backdrop of falling demand we remain absolutely 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 1400hrs, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 the advice is:

#### **STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS, SAVE LIVES**

People and employers should stay safe in public spaces and workplaces by following “Working Safely During Coronavirus (COVID-19)” guidelines [link](#). This should enable more people to go back to work, where they cannot work from home, and encourage more vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to go to school or childcare as already permitted.

You should stay alert when you leave home [link](#): washing your hands regularly, maintaining social distancing, and ensuring you do not gather in groups of more than two, except with members of your household or for other specific exceptions set out in law.

You must continue to stay home unless necessary to go out for specific reasons set out in law, but - in line with scientific advice - can take part in more outdoor activities.

It is still very important that people **STAY HOME**. Reasons of necessity include:

- for work, where you cannot work from home;
- going to shops that are permitted to be open – to get things like food and medicine, and to collect goods ordered online or on the phone;
- to exercise or spend time outdoors for recreation;
- any medical need, to donate blood, avoid injury or illness, escape risk of harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.

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](#). You can also ask for a test to check if you have the virus by clicking on [this link](#).

Information on HM Government's response can be found [on this link](#).

Guidance to help employers, employees and the self-employed understand how to work safely, can be found [on this link](#).

Guidance on Staying alert and safe (social distancing) [on this link](#)

Guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, 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.