

Strategic Coordination Group SCG Daily Bulletin – 20 May 2020

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.

Patients who have died in London hospitals and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death.

Recorded Hospital Deaths – Daily 13 Recorded Hospital Deaths – Cumulative 5819

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 1 Recorded Hospital Deaths – Cumulative 131

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 Messaging

Mayor of London

Availability of Face-Coverings in Retail Sector (20th May 2020)

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan is urging retailers across the capital to work with him to stock nonmedical face coverings in all of their stores to help in the battle against COVID-19.

Today the Mayor has written to London's supermarkets and other retailers urging them to stock reusable, non-medical face coverings in all of their London stores at a price point that makes them accessible to all Londoners. While the Mayor has said that suitable face coverings could be made by Londoners at home, there may be Londoners who will need or want to purchase a ready-made product instead.

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "Londoners have shown that they want to do everything they can to slow the spread of this virus, and the wearing of non-medical face coverings will be essential as the lockdown begins to end, particularly for those who have no option but to use public transport.

I really appreciate all the work being done by retailers across the capital to keep Londoners safe during this crisis, including all the vital measures they have put in place to ensure we can all socially distance. I want to work with London's retailers to now go even further - ensuring they can supply reusable, non-medical face coverings in an affordable and accessible way for all Londoners."

London Councils

Updated Lines on Parking & Traffic Management (20th May 2020)

“Parking and traffic management provides important benefits for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and communities throughout London. These include maintaining road safety and access to jobs, goods and services.

London boroughs have responded to huge changes in demands and priorities throughout the Covid19 pandemic. This response has been invaluable in many ways, especially the flexibility provided to NHS staff, emergency services and care workers.

Transport is a hugely important factor in ensuring we continue to control the virus and save lives, whilst allowing a phased lifting of lockdown restrictions. In order to manage a safe and controlled recovery there must be a carefully phased reintroduction of traffic and parking management and enforcement as people look to return to work and schools.

As restrictions are lifted there will be more demand for parking, particularly for those avoiding public transport. While this is necessary there must also be priority for individuals supporting the fight against Covid-19 and those who need parking most. The reintroduction of charges and enforcement may be necessary to support these individuals.

Road space must also be maintained for additional walking and cycling along with freight for essential deliveries and services. Individual boroughs have different needs, so local action will be dependent on local circumstances. It is entirely for each council to decide what is best for their communities. Government parking concessions for the NHS, health and social care workers and NHS Covid-19 volunteers still apply as these groups remain a priority for the limited parking available.”

Government Announcements

HM Treasury

Future Fund Open for Applications (20th May 2020)

The Chancellor has today announced the ‘Future Fund’, a scheme to enable UK companies to secure investment throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, has opened for applications today.

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Start-Up Funding Launched for Businesses (20th May 2020)

The Government has launched a start-up specific fund, which is approximately £40m in total, to support “cutting-edge” firms that are providing technological solutions to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Updated Local Government Guidance (20th May 2020)

The government have provided the following specific updates to guidance documents for local government stakeholders:

1. Letter to social housing residents
2. Support for care homes
3. Details of the recently announced care home support package

Cabinet Office

Coronavirus Honours (20th May 2020)

The Cabinet Office have today (20th May 2020) issued a new form to enable the public to nominate those in the United Kingdom who have contributed to the response to the Coronavirus crisis.

Health & Safety Executive

Guidance on Legionella Risks (19th May 2020)

The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has issued guidance to ensure employers, the self-employed and people in control of premises, such as landlords, identify and control risks associated with legionella. This is of particular relevance, if your building was closed or has reduced occupancy during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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.

Frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak.

Specific Guidance Documents

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

Use of Open & Green Spaces (13th May 2020)

Moving Home during COVID-19 (13th May 2020)

Transport Systems (12th May 2020)

Education Settings (11th May 2020)

Workplace Safety (11th May 2020)

Use of Face Coverings (11th May 2020)

Staying Safe Outside Your Home (11th May 2020)