

## **Strategic Coordination Group SCG Daily Bulletin – 4 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 **22**      Recorded Hospital Deaths – Cumulative **5178**

*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 **40**

### **Government Messaging**

#### **Second Phase of lockdown**

The Prime Minister has released a new video outlining that the ‘five tests’ the government have set must be met before we move to the second phase of the Lockdown. These five steps are:

1. Evidence that the NHS can cope across the UK
2. A sustained fall in daily death rates
3. Evidence that the rate of infection is decreasing
4. Confidence that supplies of testing and PPE are able to meet demand
5. No risk of a second peak

### **Partner Agencies Messaging**

#### **Mayor of London**

##### **Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse (4th May 2020)**

The Mayor of London today made a virtual visit today to see accommodation support schemes for domestic abuse victims.

The Mayor of London said: “It is vital that anyone who is scared and facing self-isolating with someone who is violent, threatening or controlling, experiencing forced marriage or being physically threatened by their child for example, has urgent access to safe and secure accommodation.

Since the Government’s lockdown measures were introduced, we have seen a 25 per cent increase in calls to the National Domestic Abuse helpline and a rise in domestic abuse-related incidents in the capital. We have to act now. That is why I have invested £1.5 million

in an emergency response to secure safe accommodation for victims of domestic abuse, during the coronavirus lockdown.

Today, I have seen an example of the type of accommodation we have been able to swiftly secure to support victims across the city. Accommodation for 82 victims in houses and hostels across the city have already been found, providing vital shelter during the public health crisis for victims and their children.

My message to anyone feeling threatened or unsafe or suffering silently in their own homes, is that the police are there for you. If you are in danger and you need to phone 999, you should do so, and if you need help you can also call the national domestic abuse helpline who will be there to speak to you.”

## **London Councils**

### **Supporting London Businesses affected by COVID-19 (4th May 2020)**

London Councils has called on the government to amend their guidelines for grants to provide funding support to businesses who currently do not have adequate help.

Cllr Clare Coghill, London Councils’ Executive Member for Business, Europe, and Good Growth, said: “We welcome the huge amount the government has done to date to support businesses and the self-employed but a significant number of London’s well-known and much-loved small businesses are still currently ineligible for grants, which is why we’ve called for an urgent increase to the rateable value threshold.”

“The current criteria does not include London’s large and complex supply chain that supports the hospitality and leisure industry either. Businesses such as laundry services to hotels have lost all their work. We have also asked the government for additional support for firms whose livelihoods rely on the industries likely to recover most slowly from lockdown.

“Boroughs will continue to work tirelessly to support London’s businesses and make sure they receive the money they are entitled to. We urge any small business who thinks they are eligible to visit their local borough website for further information.”

### **Updated Lines on COVID-19 Impact on BAME Community (4th May 2020)**

London boroughs are extremely concerned by the emerging evidence of Covid-19’s disproportionate impact on those from black, Asian or other minority ethnic backgrounds.

Boroughs are working hard to protect all vulnerable Londoners and to ensure that the specific needs of BAME communities are met during this hugely challenging time.

Boroughs are engaging closely with local community, faith, and voluntary sector leaders and targeting support for BAME Londoners at particular risk.

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted longstanding health inequalities within London, which boroughs are determined to address. This is a crucial priority for building a healthier and fairer London.

## **Walking & Cycling Commissioner**

### **Streetscape Plan (4th May 2020)**

Will Norman, Walking and Cycling Commissioner, on plans for more facilities for cyclists in connection with social distancing

## **Government Announcements**

### **Public Health England**

#### **New COVID-19 Review Launched (4th May 2020)**

Thousands of existing health records for people who have had COVID-19 are to be examined as part of a major exercise to establish more robust data on the factors impacting the number of cases and health outcomes for different groups within the population.

The exercise is part of a rapid review being led by Public Health England (PHE) to better understand how different factors such as ethnicity, deprivation, age, gender and obesity could impact on how people are affected by COVID-19.

The review will also look at vulnerable groups such as people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping to understand how the virus affects them and their health outcomes.

### **Department for Education**

#### **New Higher Education Support Measures (4th May 2020)**

The Government has announced a range of measures to protect students and the higher education sector from the impact of coronavirus.

### **HM Treasury**

#### **Bounce Back Loan Scheme (4th May 2020)**

Britain's small businesses will be able to apply for quick and easy-to access loans of up to £50,000 from today – with the cash expected to land within days.