# Strategic Coordination Group (SCG) - Comms Hub Briefing

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# **Daily Mortality Figures (London)**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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  $24^{th}$  April.— for more information on this updated methodology, please visit here.

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Patients who have died in London hospitals and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death.	
Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily) (7)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (6050)
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) (0)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (181)

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Patients who have died in London hospitals and	d had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death.
Recorded Hospital Deaths (Daily) (17)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative) (6043)
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)	Recorded Hospital Deaths (Cumulative)
(3)	(181)

# **Government/SCG Messaging**

The Prime Minister has this evening announced that from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020, households with one single adult (including single parent adults with children under 18) can form a 'social bubble' with another household. That person will not have to follow social distancing rules when in that household and will be allowed to stay overnight in that household.

The 'Support Bubbles' must be exclusive, meaning that a person living alone is not permitted to have more than one household inside their bubble and will not be permitted to switch that household with another.

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Those who are shielding cannot form a social bubble and if any person within the bubble develops known COVID-19 symptoms, everyone within it must self-isolate immediately.

The Prime Minister also reiterated the news non-essential businesses will be permitted to re-open on 15<sup>th</sup> June and confirmed, as per multiple reports, a number of outdoor attractions, including safari parks and outdoor cinemas are permitted to open from Monday 15th June.

## Partner Agencies Top-Line Messages

#### Mayor's Office

#### First meeting of the London Transition board (10<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

The London Transition Board, set up to coordinate London's transition from lockdown to recovery from Covid-19, has met for the first time - jointly chaired by the Mayor of London and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Discussion at the meeting focused on infection control and testing and how the capital is responding to the biggest challenges relating to COVID-19. Key themes the Board would focus on over the coming months, including the safe reopening of businesses, transport and the use of public space, and the challenges faced in health and social care were also discussed.

Read more here

### Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm announced (9th June 2020)

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, announced a commission to review and improve diversity across London's public realm to ensure the capital's landmarks suitably reflect London's achievements and diversity.

The Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm will focus on increasing representation among Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities, women, the LGBTQ+ community and disability groups.

Read more here

#### **Transport for London**

#### Cycle Scheme (10<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

Transport for London (TfL) has set out plans to expand the Santander Cycles scheme to keep up with unprecedented demand. TfL data shows that cycling in the capital has increased significantly in recent weeks, with thousands of Londoners using bikes more often for both leisure and essential travel.

TfL is working hard to keep up with the demand, starting with rolling out eight new docking stations this summer to ensure that more people can use the bikes to get to where they need to be.

Read more on this announcement here



#### **London Councils**

#### Rent Payments Campaign (10<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

London Councils, in partnership with the FSB, have today called on landlords to negotiate a fair deal with tenants as the next quarter rent payments typically occur at the end of June.

An FSB survey of their London members has shown that for small businesses paying a mortgage or lease on their premises in London, nearly a third (32%) have failed to make, or faced severe difficulties, in making rent or mortgage repayments as a result of the coronavirus lockdown's economic impact.

Commercial rents are typically paid quarterly, with the next bills arriving at the end of June, meaning tenants are dealing with increased uncertainty and pressure this month as the Covid-19 pandemic continues.

Read more on this campaign here

#### **NHS**

#### Protection for BAME Staff in the NHS (10th June 2020)

Yvonne Coghill is to lead plans to rapidly improve support during the pandemic for black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) healthcare staff across London.

The NHS in London is already assessing how best to protect BAME staff from the risk of Covid-19 following evidence of higher rates of illness and death among people from many ethnic backgrounds.

Yvonne Coghill, who is highly respected within the health service and received a CBE in 2018 for her commitment to equality and diversity in the NHS, will lead the London Covid-19 Race Equality Programme, supporting health trusts to resolve the issues identified through these assessments.

Read more here

# **Government Announcements**

#### **Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government**

Non-Essential Retail (9th June 2020)

Shops in England selling non-essential goods will be able to reopen from Monday 15 June, the Business Secretary confirmed today, thanks to continuing progress in meeting our 5 tests.

Read more here



#### **HM Treasury**

#### **Paternity & Maternity Leave**

People who are on paternity and maternity leave and who return to work in the coming months, they will be eligible for the government's furlough scheme even after the 10th June cut-off date.

More Information here

#### New Debt Advice Funding (9th June 2020)

The Treasury has announced new funding for debt advice providers to help people affected by Coronavirus.

Read more on this announcement here

# **Appendix - Government Guidance Documents**

The government has produced a series of guidance documents regarding the easing of the lockdown:

Full Campaign Assets & Materials here

#### **Updated Social Distancing Rules:**

Staying Safe Outside of your Home here

Guidance for those who are shielding here

FAQ's here

#### **NHS Test & Trace Guidance:**

How it works guidance here

Workplace guidance here

#### 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

Frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak. Read the full list of FAQs here

Full list of Local Government Guidance Documents here

Full list of Education Guidance Documents here

Higher Education Guidance here