

Daily update from GOV.UK

Coronavirus (COVID-19): UK government response

[MHRA guidance on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Page summary

We are producing guidance for industry covering the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made

Added new link to Guidance for Manufacturers Specials licence holders on ‘packing down’ medicines during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Time updated

11:15am, 25 March 2020

[How to place a Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) test kit on the market](#)

Page summary

What manufacturers need to do

Change made

We have provided a new form and updated instructions as to where it should be sent.

Time updated

11:30am, 25 March 2020

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on business support grant funding](#)

Page summary

This guidance sets out details of eligibility and delivery of the Small

Business Grants Fund (SBGF) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF).

Change made

Paragraph 17 updated to: Hereditaments that were not eligible for percentage SBRR relief (including those eligible for the Small Business Rate Multiplier) are excluded.

Time updated

11:39am, 25 March 2020

[Government launches Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp](#)

Page summary

The UK Government has today launched a GOV.UK Coronavirus Information service on WhatsApp.

Change made

First published.

Time updated

2:07pm, 25 March 2020

[COVID-19: Call for rapid sanitising technology for ambulances](#)

Page summary

Do you have an innovative or novel approach to get ambulances cleaner quicker to help combat Coronavirus?

Change made

First published.

Time updated

3:36pm, 25 March 2020

[COVID-19: guidance for educational settings](#)

Page summary

Guidance for schools and other educational settings in providing advice about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Change made

Added guidance poster.

Time updated

4:05pm, 25 March 2020

[Business rates: expanded retail discount – guidance](#)

Page summary

Guidance on the operation of expanded retail discount 2020 to 2021 coronavirus response, announced at Budget 2020.

Change made

Guidance updated so that certain properties previously excluded from the relief, but that have been forced to close as a result of coronavirus restrictions, will now be eligible for the relief.

Time updated

4:32pm, 25 March 2020

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel advice for educational settings](#)

Page summary

Advice for educational settings, and their students and staff, who are travelling or planning to travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made

Updated information for overseas trips currently taking place for under 18s, students and staff considering travelling overseas, students and staff already overseas, and Erasmus+ students.

Time updated

5:11pm, 25 March 2020

[COVID-19: hotel accommodation to support key workers and vulnerable people](#)

Page summary

Letter regarding the exemption for hotels, hostels and B&Bs to open so they can offer accommodation to key workers and support rough sleepers to keep them off the streets and in suitable accommodation.

Change made

First published.

Time updated

5:23pm, 25 March 2020

[PM statement on coronavirus: 25 March 2020](#)

Page summary

Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a statement on coronavirus.

Change made

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Time updated

5:36pm, 25 March 2020

[International cooperation only way to get travellers home and beat coronavirus, says the Foreign Secretary](#)

Page summary

Foreign Secretary statement, after the US-chaired session in which G7 Foreign Ministers committed to use their powers to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Change made

First published.

Time updated

6:18pm, 25 March 2020

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance](#)

Page summary

Find guidance about coronavirus (COVID-19) for health professionals and other organisations.

Change made

Added guidance for food businesses.

Time updated

6:55pm, 25 March 2020

[Government to provide free car parking for NHS and social care staff](#)

Page summary

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is giving immediate financial backing for all NHS trusts to provide free car parking to NHS staff for the duration of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made
First published.

Time updated
7:11pm, 25 March 2020

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on vulnerable children and young people](#)

Page summary

Questions and answers about the provisions being made for vulnerable children and young people.

Change made

Updated guidance to include additional information on children with education health and care (EHC) plans and children in alternative provision (AP) settings.

Time updated

8:00pm, 25 March 2020