

COVID-19 summary update 25th September 2020

Thanks to Dr Linda Bell and Christine Poulter for their contributions. This document is a compilation of advice from a number of sources and is designed to help OH personnel in providing accurate and consistent advice to their patients and clients. Sources are clearly cited, and internet links given where possible. Although this document is kept under review and updated, it remains an individual responsibility to ensure advice given is up to date and accurate, so please check the weblinks on a regular basis as knowledge of COVID-19 is still evolving and advice may change.

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1. [KEY INFORMATION SITES](#)

WHO

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

GOV UK

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS ENGLAND

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/>

SCOTLAND

<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19/>

<http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-individual-risk-assessment-for-the-workplace/>

NORTHERN IRELAND

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus>

WALES

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

NICE

<https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19>

BMJ

<https://www.bmj.com/coronavirus>

LANCET

<https://www.thelancet.com/coronavirus>

DEATHS BY OCCUPATION - STATISTICS

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) related deaths by occupation, before and during lockdown, England and Wales: deaths registered between 9 March and 30 June 2020](#)

TESTING

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-antibody-tests/coronavirus-covid-19-antibody-tests>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-guidance-for-employers/coronavirus-covid-19-testing-guidance-for-employers-and-third-party-healthcare-providers>

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tfms-consensus-statement-on-mass-testing-27-august-2020?utm_source=6939df2f-9c94-4821-8784-921d3f7a1423&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

2. STATISTICS

a. Globally

World Health Organisation

<https://covid19.who.int/>

John Hopkins University USA

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

b. UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-covid-19-surveillance-reports>

c. Scotland

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-daily-data-for-scotland/>

d. Wales

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

e. NI

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/covid-19-statistics>

3. GUIDANCE

“Extremely vulnerable”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

“High Risk”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

“Note: there are some clinical conditions which put people at even higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.”

“Carers”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

Stay at home guidance – for those with possible Coronavirus

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-listed-as-a-notifiable-disease>

ALAMA GROUP RISK ASSESSMENT TABLES – “Covid-Age”

<https://alama.org.uk/covid-19-medical-risk-assessment/>

DVLA - D4 – HGV/PSV

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-takes-further-action-to-support-bus-and-lorry-drivers-who-are-keeping-the-country-moving?utm_source=35d75bc9-0288-4d4c-9a75-df0f0669d9e2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

HSE:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/index.htm>

HSE – Appointed Doctor & Health Surveillance – amended 3rd September 2020

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/health-surveillance.htm>

HSE – Divers – Amended 27th May 2020

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/first-aid-and-medicals/divers-medical-certificate-extension.htm>

HSE – PPE at Work

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/ppe-face-masks/index.htm>

RIDDOR Reporting – COVID-19

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/riddor/index.htm>

Correct procedure for donning and removal of PPE - NHS

<https://youtu.be/pAuoEBoMxvs>

Spirometry

<https://www.artp.org.uk/News/artp-guidance-respiratory-function-testing-and-sleep-services-during-endemic-covid-19-august-2020/243425>

4. INDEMNITY

NHS

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/services/claims-management/clinical-schemes/clinical-negligence-scheme-for-coronavirus/>
https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/20200402-Tripartite_Indemnity_letter.pdf

RETURNING PROFESSIONALS

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/Covid-19-returning-professionals>

RCN

<https://rcni.com/nursing-standard/opinion/expert-advice/covid-19-and-professional-indemnity-what-nurses-need-to-know-160611>

GMC

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/managing-your-registration/information-for-doctors-on-the-register/insurance-indemnity-and-medico-legal-support>

HISCOX TEST CASE

<https://www.hiscox.co.uk/business-insurance-coronavirus-faqs>

BDA

<https://bda.org/Indemnity/faqs>

OTHER

<https://www.chemistanddruggist.co.uk/news/scottish-contractors-not-covered-covid19-indemnity>

<https://www.themdu.com/guidance-and-advice/latest-updates-and-advice/coronavirus-medico-legal-update>

Please note there is no clarity on Indemnity for private work outside the NHS in relation to the Coronavirus.

5. ETHICS

GMC

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-hub>

NMC

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/how-we-will-continue-to-regulate-in-light-of-novel-coronavirus/>

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/>
