

5 June 2020

Government press conference - 4 June

The [press conference](#) was chaired by the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps. Measures were outlined to promote greener forms of transport and to help people avoid using public transport. In anticipation of the next easing of restrictions on Monday 15 June, the Government reiterated the importance of people continuing to work from home if it is possible to do so.

It was announced that from 15 June, [face coverings will become mandatory on public transport](#). The Government highlighted that home-made masks will be adequate and there will be exceptions to the rule for very young children, disabled people, and those with breathing difficulties.

On cycling, it was noted that there has been around a 100% increase in weekday cycling and a 200% increase at weekends. The Government promoted schemes including Cycle to Work which enables employees to buy a tax-free bike and highlighted that it has been extended to cover e-bikes.

The press conference slides and datasets are available to [view online](#).

As of 5pm on 4 June, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was **281,661**. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **1,805**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths was **39,904**, with **176** new deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

National context

Support for vulnerable children

A new coalition of charities will help vulnerable children most impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic as part of a Department for Education programme. The Government has [announced](#) a fund of more than £7 million to launch the [See, Hear, Respond](#) service, to provide targeted help to vulnerable children, young people and their families.

Funding for frontline domestic abuse charities

The Government has [announced](#) that over 100 successful charity bids will receive a share of £8.1 million funding to continue to provide services during the crisis. The funding comes from £10 million that has been made available to domestic abuse charities to support them during the coronavirus pandemic. A second bidding round has opened and accompanying guidance has been [published](#).

PPE portal for social care and primary care providers

The Department of Health and Social Care has [published](#) guidance on how social care and primary care providers can order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the portal.

Accommodation providers

Guidance has been [updated](#) for those providing hotel and other accommodation in the UK. Businesses providing holiday accommodation should remain closed for leisure related stays, however businesses may remain open to provide essential accommodation for certain groups while ensuring that all guidelines on social distancing and cleaning are followed.

Initial teacher training (ITT)

The Department for Education has [updated](#) the guidance on ITT based on current public health advice, to help providers reduce the impact of Covid-19 on their ITT provision.

Virtual Jobs Fair

The National Careers Service will hold its [second virtual jobs fair](#) from 8-12 June for young people and adults looking for a new role or for support to progress. The South East jobs fair will be held on Friday 12 June 11am-12pm.

Covid-19 disparities

The Government's Equality Hub has [outlined](#) the next steps following the release of the [Public Health England review](#) into disparities in the risks and outcomes of Covid-19. The work will be led by the Equalities Minister, Kemi Badenoch, and supported by other Government departments and agencies.

Official statistics

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has [published](#) initial data from the Covid-19 Infection Survey – which considers the number of infections within the community population (i.e. private households).

ONS has also published the weekly update on the [social impacts](#) of Covid-19 and an update on the [economic impacts](#) based on responses from the new voluntary fortnightly business survey. Additionally, they have published a release which presents findings from examining [death registrations](#) which do not mention Covid-19, to understand the apparent increase in deaths compared to the previous five-year average for deaths in the same weeks.

Children's health

NHS England and NHS Improvement have [issued](#) guidance to health networks for restoring community health services for children and young people.

Outdoor spaces

Ordnance Survey, in collaboration with Natural England, have created a site that brings together current advice from Government, councils and other outdoor organisations, to help the public decide where to go and what to do outside - [Get Outside](#).

Local context

Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Hampshire County Council has [confirmed](#) further details of the new booking system which will be launched to reduce traffic queues at HWRCs. The new system for residents to book slots at a HWRC will begin on Monday 15 June.

From this date, all HWRCs will also revert to their normal summer opening hours of 9am until 6pm, seven days a week.

Bookings will need to be made online, however arrangements are also being made for a telephone booking line for residents who do not have access to the internet.

Residents will be able to book a 30-minute slot up to 48 hours in advance, limited to one slot per household per week. It is anticipated that over 30,000 booking slots will be available each week.

School attendance

Almost all of Hampshire's 425 primary schools opened for priority year groups (Years R, 1 and 6) on Monday 1 June. Schools are reporting that attendance of pupils in the priority year groups has varied - between 30% and 90%. All schools made the decision to open, following the Government's direction and guidance and, in doing so, have undertaken a thorough health and safety risk assessment to identify the measures they need to have in place to reduce the risk of spreading infection. This includes minimising contact by having smaller class sizes and avoiding mixing between groups.

Citizens Advice Hampshire

Citizens Advice Hampshire has [created an infographic](#) which highlights the range of work undertaken to support people in Hampshire throughout May. The infographic shows that they helped 6,234 clients resolve their problems.

Additional links

- Hampshire County Council webpages on coronavirus (including links to press releases): <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus>
- Latest information on coronavirus: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- NHS information on coronavirus: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Guidance for local government: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-government>
- County Councils Network (CCN) coronavirus information pages: <https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk/coronavirus-information-for-local-authorities/>
- Local Government Association (LGA) councillor guidance: <https://www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-outbreak-councillor-guidance>

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