

Daily update from GOV.UK for:

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) lateral flow tests waste codes

Page summary:

Information for local authorities about the waste codes and management routes when conducting mass testing using lateral flow antigen tests.

Change made:

Under the 'Likely management route/waste hierarchy' column, added 'energy from waste' as the first option for swabs and cartridges or devices.

Time updated:

9:23am, 3 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey: antibody data for the UK: 3 February 2021

Page summary:

Antibody data by UK country and English regions from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey. This survey is being delivered in partnership with University of Oxford, University of Manchester, Public Health England and Wellcome Trust.

Change made:
First published.

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9:30am, 3 February 2021

Check which employees you can put on furlough to use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Page summary:
Find out which employees you can put on furlough and claim for through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Change made:
Added translation

Time updated:
9:38am, 3 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance

Page summary:
Find guidance about coronavirus (COVID-19) for health and social care settings, other non-clinical settings, and for the general public.

Change made:
Added 'SARS-CoV-2 VOC: investigating and managing individuals with a possible or confirmed case'.

Time updated:
9:42am, 3 February 2021

COVID-19: guidance for health professionals

Page summary:

Information on COVID-19, including guidance on the assessment and management of suspected UK cases.

Change made:

Added 'SARS-CoV-2 VOC: investigating and managing individuals with a possible or confirmed case'.

Time updated:

9:44am, 3 February 2021

Calculate how much you can claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Page summary:

Calculate how much you have to pay your furloughed employees for hours on furlough and how much you can claim back.

Change made:

Added translation

Time updated:

10:13am, 3 February 2021

Claim for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Page summary:

Claim for some of your employee's wages if you have put them on furlough or flexible furlough because of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made:

Added translation

Time updated:

10:36am, 3 February 2021

Higher education providers: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Page summary:

Information on the return of students from January 2021 and NHS Test and Trace channels.

Change made:

Updated 'Students returning to, and starting higher education in spring term 2021' with changes to when students can return to campus, updates on testing asymptomatic students and international students, and added information about Erasmus+.

Time updated:

11:40am, 3 February 2021

Pay Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants back

Page summary:

Find out how to pay all or some of your grant back if you've

overclaimed, or if you do not need the grant and want to make a voluntary repayment.

Change made:
Added translation

Time updated:
12:03pm, 3 February 2021

Private providers of coronavirus testing

Page summary:
Lists of and information about approved suppliers of private testing kits for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made:
Updated both lists of providers.

Time updated:
12:20pm, 3 February 2021

Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund: round 2

Page summary:
Sets out the infection control measures that the new infection control fund will support, including information on the distribution of funds and reporting requirements.

Change made:
Replaced the local authority reporting template (Annex E) with an updated version.

Time updated:
12:25pm, 3 February 2021

Social Mobility Commission unveils Annual Review 2020

Page summary:

The Social Mobility Commission unveils its annual review, including a 30-year framework for social mobility, and looking at the impact of COVID.

Change made:
First published.

Time updated:
12:45pm, 3 February 2021

Check if you can claim for your employees' wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Page summary:

Find out if you're eligible and how much you can claim to cover wages for employees on temporary leave ('furlough') due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made:
Added translation

Time updated:
12:54pm, 3 February 2021

Vulnerable children and young people survey

Page summary:

Summary of local authority survey in England to help understand the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak on children's social care.

Change made:

Added 'Vulnerable children and young people survey: waves 1 to 17'.

Time updated:

1:00pm, 3 February 2021

Steps to take before calculating your claim using the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Page summary:

Find out what steps you need to take before you calculate how much you can claim for furloughed and flexibly furloughed employees.

Change made:

Added translation

Time updated:

1:40pm, 3 February 2021

Transport use during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Page summary:

To monitor the use of the transport system during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. DfT provides statistics on transport use by mode.

Change made:

Latest data table added.

Time updated:

2:00pm, 3 February 2021

Guidance for schools: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Page summary:

What school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made:

Added 'Supplier relief for schools'.

Time updated:

2:22pm, 3 February 2021

Supplier relief for schools

Page summary:

How schools and academy trusts should support suppliers through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:
2:22pm, 3 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19): financial support for education, early years and children's social care

Page summary:

Funding and financial support available for education, childcare and children's social care organisations.

Change made:

Updated the guidance on supply teachers and other contingent workers in state-funded schools.

Time updated:
2:47pm, 3 February 2021

COVID-19 vaccination: information for healthcare practitioners

Page summary:

Guidance for healthcare practitioners about the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.

Change made:

Updated guidance: details on page 5.

Time updated:
2:57pm, 3 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for local government

Page summary:

Guidance for local councils during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made:

The following sections have been updated: Business and charity support; Housing; National restrictions; Public health; Schools and education; Social care; Testing; Vaccines; and Other.

Time updated:

3:06pm, 3 February 2021

Ask HMRC not to publish your Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme claim details

Page summary:

Find out what to do if you are an employer and publishing your claim details could leave individuals at risk of violence or intimidation.

Change made:

Added translation

Time updated:

3:15pm, 3 February 2021

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges

Page summary:

Information for parents and carers about attending schools, nurseries and colleges in the spring term 2021.

Change made:

Updated sections on attending nursery, school and college, remote education, exams, asymptomatic testing and lateral flow tests, Ofsted inspections, entry tests for selective schools, food, and EHC plans.

Time updated:

4:21pm, 3 February 2021

Guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings

Page summary:

What all special schools and other specialist settings will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made:

Updated the guidance on rapid asymptomatic testing to include changes to daily contact testing advice, information on the rollout of testing to primary school staff and further guidance on the different approaches to testing.

Time updated:

4:47pm, 3 February 2021

Kickstart Scheme: promotional materials

Page summary:

Use these materials to promote the Kickstart Scheme to employers and potential job placement participants.

Change made:

Updated the employer guide PDF because you no longer need a minimum of 30 job placements to apply directly. Employers can choose to apply online themselves or through a Kickstart gateway already working with the scheme.

Time updated:

5:10pm, 3 February 2021

Community testing

Page summary:

Community asymptomatic testing helps identify and isolate individuals who have coronavirus (COVID-19) but do not have symptoms.

Change made:

Added to the list of community testing programme areas in the East Midlands, South East, West Midlands and Yorkshire and the Humber regions.

Time updated:

5:16pm, 3 February 2021

Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 3 February 2021

Page summary:

Prime Minister Boris Johnson gave a statement at the coronavirus press conference.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

5:17pm, 3 February 2021

Kickstart Scheme employer resources

Page summary:

If you've been offered Kickstart Scheme funding, you can use these resources to show your support for the scheme.

Change made:

Updated 'Guidance on choosing a Kickstart gateway' PDF and HTML documents because employers no longer need a minimum of 30 job placements to apply directly. They can choose to apply online themselves or through a Kickstart gateway already working with the scheme.

Time updated:

5:23pm, 3 February 2021

UK funds to help communities in Peten to tackle COVID-19 impact

Page summary:

The British Ambassador in Guatemala, Nick Whittingham, visited Peten and met with communities and authorities who are receiving

assistance to improve governance, reduce poverty and continue preventing COVID-19 infections.

Change made:
Added translation

Time updated:
5:39pm, 3 February 2021

Slides and datasets to accompany coronavirus press conference: 3 February 2021

Page summary:
Slides and datasets on coronavirus presented by Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England.

Change made:
First published.

Time updated:
5:45pm, 3 February 2021

Slides, datasets and transcripts to accompany coronavirus press conferences

Page summary:
Slides, datasets and transcripts from press conferences at 10 Downing Street in response to coronavirus.

Change made:

Updated with slides and datasets to accompany coronavirus press conference: 3 February 2021

Time updated:

5:45pm, 3 February 2021

More than 10 million people receive first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in UK

Page summary:

Significant milestone reached as almost 1 in 5 adults in the UK get the vaccine.

Change made:

Updated to include quote from Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Time updated:

6:31pm, 3 February 2021

New Commissioner appointed to oversee education catch-up

Page summary:

Prime Minister and the Education Secretary appoint Sir Kevan Collins as Education Recovery Commissioner.

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

6:35pm, 3 February 2021

Assessment and procurement of coronavirus (COVID-19) tests

Page summary:

How the government assesses offers of COVID-19 tests from developers for procurement and use in the UK.

Change made:

Updated the 'National technical validation process for manufacturers of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) tests' document to add 2 new validated technologies, 'LumiraDx: POC rapid COVID-19 Ag test' and 'Primer Design Ltd: PROMate direct: qRT-PCR'.

Time updated:

6:43pm, 3 February 2021

Coronavirus COVID-19 serology and viral detection tests: technical validation reports

Page summary:

Findings from technical validations and in-service valuations reviewed by the Technical Validation Group.

Change made:

Replaced 'Nonacus: VirPath Sars-CoV-2 Multiplex qRT-PCR: qRT-PCR' report (with updated results) and added 2 new reports, 'LumiraDx: POC rapid COVID-19 Ag test' and 'Primer Design Ltd: PROMate direct: qRT-PCR'.

Time updated:

6:43pm, 3 February 2021

World-first COVID-19 alternating dose vaccine study launches in UK

Page summary:

The study will examine whether different vaccines can safely be used for 2-dose regimes in the future.

Change made:

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Time updated:

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