

- The **Department of Health and Social Care** (DHSC) has confirmed that, as of 9am on 16 April ,417,649 tests have concluded, with 18,665 tests carried out on 15 April. 327,608 people have been tested, of whom 103,093 tested positive. As of 5pm on 15 April, of those hospitalised in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus, 13,729 have died.
- **DHSC** will publish updated data on [this page](#) on a daily basis each afternoon until further notice. And PHE is now hosting a revised dashboard on [gov.uk](#)
- Today's Downing Street press conference is being hosted by Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab. And he is joined by Sir Chris Whitty, chief medical officer for England, and Sir Patrick Vallance, the government's chief scientific advisor.
- Earlier today Domninc Raab chaired the government's Cobra emergency committee. In the press conference he confirmed the lockdown measures would be extended for at least three weeks.
- **Every Mind Matters:** tomorrow, PHE will launch a campaign to encourage adults to take steps to look after their mental health during this difficult time, using Every Mind Matters and its self-care resources. The EMM platform has been updated to incorporate the new Covid-19 mental health guidance and provide content to help people look after their mental and physical health while staying at home. The campaign will be targeted at all adults, weighted towards those most at risk of mental health problems and more vulnerable groups (such as BAME groups and those aged 70+). Our media will run for two weeks from 17 April and will include PR, TV, search, digital and social media activity. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will also endorse this new campaign and have provided the voiceover for a new short film to help drive PR activity and for our TV ad. We've created a range of new partner assets to assist your engagement with the campaign - social, digital, print friendly posters and a PR toolkit. **These are embargoed until 00.01 Friday 17 April and will be accessible on the Covid 19 section of the Campaign Resource Centre from tomorrow.**
- **Additional campaign assets now available**
- New social distancing graphic showing 'exponential growth' now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#)
- New 'Stay Home, Save Lives' Hindi and Punjabi radio adverts now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#)

- New 'Stay Home For Your Family' social animations now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#)
- The Coronavirus (COVID-19): adult social care action plan unveiled by the Health Secretary at yesterday's Downing Street press conference has been published on gov.uk. The plan outlines how the government will support the adult social care sector in England throughout the coronavirus outbreak https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-adult-social-care-action-plan?utm_source=dfdae1be-7cc5-474f-a0de-4ec26695bdba&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate
- And the slides to accompany the coronavirus press conference on 15 April 2020 are available online https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-and-datasets-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-15-april-2020?utm_source=b471de14-d78a-4cc8-939d-a9a1126da768&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate
- The government has published guidance for commissioners and providers of services for those dependent on drugs or alcohol www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-commissioners-and-providers-of-services-for-people-who-use-drugs-or-alcohol
- The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has announced that local authorities will be allowed to defer £2.6 billion in business rates payments to central government, and £850 million in social care grants will be paid up front this month https://www.gov.uk/government/news/councils-given-greater-financial-relief-against-cash-flow-pressures?utm_source=949257f0-20a2-45b9-846e-e72effc769e1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate
- The latest government updates and guidance for all sectors is available [online](#).
- Any further guidance to support schools and educational settings remaining open for children of key workers will be published [here](#).

DfE has set up a [helpline](#) offering guidance for anyone with education related questions.

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