

COVID-19 update from Public Health England

Update below from Public Health England at 1 April. Also, a reminder of the Kent Together 24/7 helpline which went live yesterday - more information at <https://kccmediahub.net/kent-together-helpline-launched-by-kent-county-council745>.

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has [confirmed](#) that, as of 9am on 1 April 2020, 152,979 people have been tested, of which 29,474 were confirmed positive. As of 5pm on 31 March 2020, of those hospitalised in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus, 2,352 have died.

- [See here](#) for the slides and datasets to accompany the coronavirus press conference: 1 April 2020.

- DHSC will publish updated data on [this page](#) on a daily basis each afternoon until further notice. Please be aware that tests are now being prioritised for those who require hospital care for pneumonia or acute respiratory illness – while continuing to investigate outbreaks, ie where several cases are connected, especially in a particular setting such as a care home. This change is being reflected in the surveillance data we report which will monitor, support and inform the public health actions we are taking while no longer providing a running commentary of individual cases, or individual deaths.

- New 'Act Like You've Got It, Anyone Can Spread It' assets - a new set of assets featuring a revised creative (red and yellow) are now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). These resources stress the importance of staying at home and can be used in conjunction with other public information resources found on the Campaign Resource Centre. Assets available so far include web banners (various sizes), social media assets (JPG & MP4), Radio advertisement (30s and 40s) and DOOH 6 sheet. Further assets (including posters) will be uploaded soon. The key messages are:
 - IF YOU GO OUT, YOU CAN SPREAD IT. PEOPLE WILL DIE.
 - ACT LIKE YOU'VE GOT IT, ANYONE CAN SPREAD IT.
 - ANYONE CAN GET IT, ANYONE CAN SPREAD IT.

- The Local Government Association is hosting useful coronavirus information on their [website](#) to aid local authorities. The site includes links to government as well as bespoke local authority material.

- Guidance for staff in the transport sector has been updated and is available [online](#).

- Guidance for [care of the deceased](#), [households with possible infection](#), [staying at home and away from others](#), and [protecting vulnerable people \(shielding\)](#). Latest PHE guidance can be found [here](#).

- 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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