

Compendium of guidance and resources: COVID-19

The full suite of COVID-19 infection prevention and control guidance for healthcare settings can be accessed here: [COVID-19: infection prevention and control \(IPC\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc). Settings specific guidance is highlighted within relevant sections of this document.

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Table 1: General

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
Live documents	National Infection Prevention and Control Manual and associated literature reviews	An evidence-based infection control policy mandated for use in NHSScotland. This evidence base currently underpins IPC guidance from NHS England and NHS Improvement.	Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (ARHAI) Scotland
08/03/2021	Supporting excellence in Infection prevention and control behaviours: implementation toolkit	Resources on leadership, awareness, morale, wellbeing, training and operational interventions to support excellence in IPC	NHS England and NHS Improvement
15/03/2021	Investigation and management of suspected SARS-CoV-2 reinfections: a guide for clinicians and infection specialists	Guidance is intended for clinicians (primary and secondary care) who may encounter individuals suspected to have been reinfected with SARS-CoV-2.	UK Health Security Agency
14/12/2020	COVID-19: investigation and initial clinical management of possible cases	Information on case definitions, and the initial assessment and investigation of possible cases of COVID-19 infection.	UK Health Security Agency
17/01/2022	COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients or residents in health and social care settings	This guidance provides advice on the management of staff and patients or residents in health and social care settings according to exposures, symptoms and test results.	UK Health Security Agency
24/12/2021	COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable	Updated 'Guidance for people previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19'.	UK Health Security Agency
01/01/2022	Visiting Guidance Adult Healthcare settings Trigger Tool	Trigger tool for visiting in adult healthcare settings.	NHS England and NHS Improvement

23/12/2020	Key actions: infection prevention and control and testing	Key actions on infection prevention and control for organisations and systems. Includes board responsibilities, staff testing and patient testing	NHS England and NHS Improvement
01/01/2022	Visiting healthcare inpatient settings during the COVID-19 pandemic	Visiting guidance and trigger tool for inpatient settings.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
03/12/2021	Guidance and Updates for Trusts: At risk patients	Update on guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable individuals	NHS England and NHS Improvement
12/01/2022	Risk assessments for staff	Information on vulnerable groups to inform risk assessments for staff during COVID-19.	NHS Employers
13/0/2022	Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)	Guidelines for making different types of workplace COVID-secure.	UK Health Security Agency
17/01/2022	Stepdown of infection control precautions and discharging COVID-19 patients and asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infected patients	Advice on appropriate infection prevention and control precautions for stepdown in hospital or discharge to home or residential settings for COVID-19 patients.	UK Health Security Agency
27/07/2020	COVID-19 rapid guideline: arranging planned care in hospitals and diagnostic services	NICE guideline (NG179).	National institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
15/12/2021	Guidance for care of the deceased with suspected or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)	This guidance is designed for people who are required to manage the body of the deceased during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes deaths where COVID-19 infection was present.	UK Health Security Agency

09/02/2021	Infection prevention and control and preparedness for COVID-19 in healthcare settings - sixth update (europa.eu)	This document aims to provide guidance to EU/EEA healthcare facilities and healthcare providers on infection prevention and control (IPC) measures for the management of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in healthcare settings, including long-term care facilities. It also offers guidance on the management of specimens at laboratories in the EU/EEA.	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
22/12/2021	Coronavirus Act 2020: status - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	A table setting out the status of each measure in the Coronavirus Act 2020.	Department of Health and Social Care
16/10/2020	Guidance for discharge and ending of isolation of people with COVID-19	This document provides guidance for planning the discharge and ending of isolation of COVID-19 patients	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
01/04/2020	Recommendations to Member States to improve hand hygiene practices to help prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus (who.int)	WHO recommends member states provide universal access to public hand hygiene stations and making their use obligatory on entering and leaving any public or private commercial building and any public transport facility. It is also recommended that healthcare facilities improve access to and practice of hand hygiene.	World Health Organization
28/03/2020	Severe Acute Respiratory Infections Treatment Centre	Manual for setting up and managing a severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) treatment centre and a SARI screening facility in health-care facilities.	World Health Organization
26/03/2020	Coronavirus Bill: what it will do	Measures contained in the fast-tracked coronavirus legislation and why they are needed to effectively manage the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the UK	Department of Health and Social Care
26/02/2020	Checklist for hospitals preparing for the reception	Checklist has been developed to support hospital preparedness for	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

	and care of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) patients	the management of COVID-19 patients.	
01/12/2020	Mask use in the context of COVID-19	Interim guidance on the use of masks for reducing the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and practical considerations.	World Health Organization
02/02/2021	COVID-19: Occupational health and safety for healthcare workers	Guidance on specific measures to protect occupational health and safety of health workers and highlights the duties, rights and responsibilities for health and safety at work in the context of COVID-19.	World Health Organization

Table 2: PPE, ventilation and management of the environment

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
22/07/2021	(HTM 03-01) Specialised ventilation for healthcare buildings	These documents give comprehensive advice and guidance on the legal requirements, design implications, maintenance and operation of specialised ventilation in healthcare premises providing acute care.	Department of Health Estates and Facilities division
08/01/2021	Estates and Facilities Standard operating procedures for cleaning. https://future.nhs.uk/connect.ti/system/text/register	Updated estates and facilities standard operating procedures. Registration required	NHS England and NHS Improvement
30/11/2020	Cleaning for Confidence: The Midlands approach	Cleaning for Confidence: The Midlands approach.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
31/08/2021	Disinfecting premises using fog, mist, vapour or ultraviolet (UV) systems during the coronavirus pandemic	HSE Guidance on disinfection premises during Coronavirus pandemic.	Health and Safety Executive
29/10/2020	Supporting fit testing: steps and actions to be taken where staff may require the use of FFP3 mask	Algorithm produced to help NHS organisations to identify the steps they should take where staff are to be deployed to clinical areas which require FFP3 respirator masks to be worn	NHS England and NHS Improvement
29/9/2020	Personal protective equipment (PPE) strategy: stabilise and build resilience	Policy paper on PPE strategy	Department of Health and Social Care
07/12/2021	COVID-19 waste management standard operating procedure V 6	This document sets out the waste management approach for all healthcare facilities including primary care facilities and testing	NHS England and NHS Improvement

		facilities in England and Wales during the COVID-19 outbreak.	
02/07/2020	Estates and facilities frequently asked questions (FAQs) V008 https://future.nhs.uk/connect.ti/system/text/register Register for Future NHS account	FAQs regarding ventilation, air conditioning and fans	NHS England and NHS Improvement
17/04/2020	COVID-19 putting on and taking off PPE - a guide for care homes	Video to demonstrate putting on and removal of PPE for care home staff (non-AGP's)	UK Health Security Agency
15/09/2021	COVID-19: ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus	Guidance on the ventilation of indoor spaces to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).	UK Health Security Agency
30/11/2021	Technical specifications for personal protective equipment (PPE)	The technical and regulatory standards for PPE.	Cabinet Office and Department of Health and Social Care
21/08/2020	COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for non-aerosol generating procedures	Guidance on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for non-aerosol generating procedures (APGs)	UK Health Security Agency
21/08/2020	COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for aerosol generating procedures	Guidance on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs).	UK Health Security Agency
15/05/2020	Cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces in the context of COVID-19 (who.int)	Guidance on the cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces in the context of COVID-19. This guidance is intended for health care professionals, public health professionals and health authorities that are developing and implementing policies and	World Health Organization

		standard operating procedures (SOP) on the cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces in the context of COVID-19.	
23/12/2020	Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and considerations during severe shortages	This document summarizes WHO recommendations for the rational use of personal protective equipment (PPE) in health care settings and temporary strategies during acute supply shortages.	World Health Organization
	Using PPE at work during the coronavirus pandemic	Guidance on current issues with PPE in health and social care	Health and Safety Executive
	Hand sanitiser products and surface disinfectants during the coronavirus pandemic – use, manufacture and supply	Guidance for employers who are providing hand sanitiser for their workers and others to use in their workplaces, and for existing and new manufacturers of hand sanitisers and surface disinfectants.	Health and Safety Executive
09/04/2021	Regulatory status of equipment being used to help prevent coronavirus (COVID-19)	Information on regulations which applying to devices and equipment including hand gels and PPE (personal protective equipment)	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
01/10/2021	Annex to Infection prevention and control during health care when coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is suspected or confirmed (who.int)	This document is an update of a guidance published on 12 July 2021, after the review of new scientific evidence on transmission of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOC). It contains updated recommendations on the use of masks and respirators for health workers providing care to suspected or confirmed COVID-19.	World Health Organization

Table 3: Setting specific secondary care (paediatrics/maternity/haematology etc.)

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
26/11/2021	National guidance for the recovery of elective surgery in children	Evidence-based practice that will enable recovery of children's elective surgery	Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
16/12/2020	Recommendations for Minimising the Risk of Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) in UK Adult Haemodialysis Units	Guidance from renal clinical reference group on minimising transmission in adult haemodialysis units.	The Kidney Quality Improvement Partnership KQuIP
25/03/2021	Frequently asked questions within Neonatal services	A BAPM supplement to Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)	British Association of Perinatal medicine (BAPM)
21/04/2021	COVID-19 Guidance for paediatric services	Guidance for health professionals working in paediatrics and child health with advice around the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19	Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)
07/12/2021	National guidance for the management of children with bronchiolitis during COVID-19	Recommendations on the management of children with bronchiolitis and respiratory tract infections in hospital settings during COVID-19 are for clinicians.	Royal college of Paediatrics' and Child Health
15/04/2020	Coronavirus » Supporting pregnant women using maternity services during the coronavirus pandemic: Actions for NHS providers (england.nhs.uk)	This document replaces 'Framework to assist NHS trusts to reintroduce access for partners, visitors and other supporters of pregnant women in English maternity services'	NHS England and NHS Improvement
18/05/2020	Supporting patients of all ages who are unwell with coronavirus (COVID-19) in mental health, learning disability, autism, dementia and specialist inpatient facilities V1	A compilation of guidance produced in collaboration with the Royal College of Nursing's Mental Health Programme, the Royal College of Psychiatrists and Unite in Health.	NHS England and NHS Improvement

06/08/2020	Mouth care for hospitalised patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19	This guidance outlines mouth care for hospitalised adults and children with confirmed or suspected coronavirus (COVID-19) who are non-ventilated, ventilated and those having step down or end of life care.	UK Health Security Agency
30/08/2020	Considerations for the provision of essential oral health services in the context of COVID-19 (who.int)	Guidance on essential oral health services in the context of COVID-19 in accordance with WHO operational guidance on maintaining essential health services.	World Health Organization

Table 4: Primary Care

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
07/12/2022	Updates and guidance for general practice	Regular updates to general practice regarding COVID-19.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
21/12/2021	New recommendations for primary and community health care providers in England.	Guidance on face coverings and face masks in primary care.	UK Health Security Agency
July 2021	Assessment of COVID-19 in primary care	A systematic guideline to assist in identifying and triaging patients presenting with potential COVID-19	Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
19/10/2020	COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures for primary care, including general practitioner practices, dental clinics and pharmacy settings: first update (europa.eu)	This document provides guidance on infection prevention and control measures to healthcare providers in the European Union/European Economic Area and the United Kingdom in order to prevent COVID-19 infection.	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Table 5: Care homes and social care

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
13/01/2022	Guidance on Care Home Visiting	This guidance sets out the government's advice to support safe visiting in care homes.	UK Health Security Agency
17/08/2021	Admission and care of residents in a care home during COVID-19	Guidance for care homes, local health protection teams, local authorities, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and registered providers of accommodation for people who need personal or nursing care.	UK Health Security Agency
17/05/2021	Discharge into care homes for people who have tested positive for COVID-19: clarification note	A clarification and summary of existing national guidance on discharge into care homes.	UK Health Security Agency
17/05/2021	Discharge into care homes: designated settings	Guidance on the designated settings scheme for people discharged from hospital to a care home with a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test.	UK Health Security Agency
13/01/2022	Visiting arrangements in care homes: Guidance on care home visiting	Advice to support safe visiting in care homes.	Department of Health and Social Care
13/01/2022	Visiting arrangements in care homes: Summary of guidance for visitors	Guidance for named visitors in care homes.	Department of Health and Social Care
13/01/2022	Visits out of care homes	Sets out how care homes can support residents of working age on visits outside of the care home.	Department of Health and Social Care
16/08/2021	COVID-19: How to work safely in care homes	Guidance for those working in care homes providing information on how to work safely during this period of sustained transmission of COVID-19.	UK Health Security Agency
23/06/2021	Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19)	Information for adult social care providers on COVID-19 guidance and support.	Department of Health and Social Care

20/07/2021	Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care	When to use PPE, including for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs), in education, childcare and children's social care settings for COVID-19.	UK Health Security Agency
01/12/2020	Coronavirus (COVID-19): reducing risk in adult social care	A framework for how adult social care employers should assess and reduce risk to their workforce during the coronavirus pandemic	Department of Health and Social Care
01/05/2020	COVID-19 population management strategy for prisons - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	This paper assesses the impact of various population management strategies implemented in prisons in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Ministry of Justice UK Health Security Agency and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service

Table 6: Community settings and home care

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
20/07/2021	Use of PPE in education, childcare and children's social care	When to use PPE, including for aerosol generating procedures (AGPs), in education, childcare and children's social care settings for COVID-19.	UK Health Security Agency
26/08/2021	Guidance: How to work safely in domiciliary care.	A resource for those working in domiciliary care providing information on the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).	UK Health Security Agency
09/06/2021	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) illustrated guide for community and social care settings	This resource outlines personal protective equipment (PPE) advice for health and social care workers working in the community.	UK Health Security Agency
19/07/2021	COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings	IPC guidance for cleaning, disinfecting, and management of laundry and waste on non-healthcare settings.	UK Health Security Agency
22/12/2021	Preventing and controlling outbreaks of COVID-19: prisons and other places of detention	Information on operational requirements for prisons and other prescribed places of detention in the event of a coronavirus (COVID-19) incident or outbreak.	UK Health Security Agency
08/11/2021	Coronavirus (COVID-19): providing home care	Information for those providing personal care to people living in their own home during the coronavirus outbreak.	Department of Health and Social Care
01/12/2020	Advice on the use of masks in the community, during home care and in healthcare settings in the context of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (who.int)	This document provides updated guidance on mask use in health care and community settings, and during home care for COVID-19 cases. It is intended for policy makers, public health and infection prevention and control professionals, health care managers and health workers.	World Health Organization
29/04/2020	Considerations for infection prevention and control	This document provides advice on personal protective measures on public transport	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

	measures on public transport in the context of COVID-19	(e.g. bus, metro, train, commuter boats).	
31/03/2020	Infection prevention and control in the household management of people with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19)	This document provides guidance on infection prevention and control (IPC) measures for people with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) who are experiencing mild symptoms that do not require hospitalisation, therefore self-isolating at home	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
13/08/2020	Home care for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and management of their contacts	Advice on safe and appropriate home care for patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and on the public health measures related to the management of their contacts.	World Health Organization
11/01/2022	Stay at home: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. Suite of documents including translations.	UK Health Security Agency

Table 7: Ambulance service and first responders

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
30/11/2021	Infection prevention and control for seasonal respiratory infections in health and care settings (including SARS-CoV-2) for winter 2021 to 2022 - Appendix for UK ambulance services	Infection Prevention and Control guidance for ambulance services.	UK Health Security Agency
January 2021	IPC Precautions during hospital handover delays	Guidance for Ambulance crews	Association of Ambulance Chief Executives
20/12/2021	COVID-19: guidance for first responders	Guidance is for fire and rescue services, police services, ambulance services, individuals and members of voluntary organisations who, as part of their normal roles, may provide immediate assistance to individuals with potential COVID-19 infection.	UK Health Security Agency

Table 8: Dentistry and optometry

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
19/10/2020	COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures for primary care, including general practitioner practices, dental clinics and pharmacy settings: first update (europa.eu)	This document provides guidance on infection prevention and control measures to healthcare providers in the European Union/European Economic Area and the United Kingdom in order to prevent COVID-19 infection.	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
30/11/2021	Dental Standard operating Procedure: Transition to recovery v4.2	A phased transition for dental practices towards the resumption of the full range of dental provision.	Office of Chief Dental Officer England and NHS England and NHS Improvement
21/12/2021	COVID-19: infection prevention and control dental appendix	Additional IPC guidance for Dental Practitioners.	UK Health Security Agency

Table 9: Letters and alerts

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
04/01/2022	COVID Virtual Ward Including: Supporting hospital discharge SOP: Covid Virtual ward COVID Virtual ward; pulse oximeter request proforma	Letter and SOP to support the immediate roll out of the COVID “virtual ward” model	NHS England and NHS Improvement
24/12/2020	CAS Alert CEM/CMO/2020/043	CAS Alert 2020 043 Immediate actions in response to SAR COV 2 virus new variants of concern	NHS England and NHS Improvement UK Health Security Agency Department of Health and Social Care
11/12/2020	UK Chief Medical Officers' statement on the self-isolation period: 11 December 2020	Press release: A change to the self-isolation period from 14 to 10 days has been announced.	UK Health Security Agency
11/11/2020	Oxford University and PHE confirm high sensitivity of lateral flow tests	Press release	UK Health Security Agency
07/11/2020	Immediate action in response to mink-variant SARS-CoV-2 virus in Denmark	MHRA CAS ALERT CEM/CMO/2020/036	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency NHS England
10/09/2020	Nursing and midwifery workforce response to COVID-19 – third phase	CNO Letter. NHS Nursing and Midwifery 3 rd phase workforce response	NHS England and NHS Improvement
07/08/2020	Implementing Phase 3 of the NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic	Further to the letter of 31 July 2020 about the third phase of the NHS response to COVID-19, a range of supplementary materials to support implementation	NHS England and NHS Improvement

31/07/2020	Third Phase of NHS response to COVID 19.	Letter sent out to systems re next phase of NHS COVID-19 response	NHS England and NHS Improvement
30/07/2020	Statement from the UK Chief Medical Officers on extension of self-isolation period: 30 July 2020	Self-isolation period has been extended to 10 days.	UK Health Security Agency
16/02/2021	Guidance and updates for GPs: Highest clinical risk patients	Letters to GPs	NHS England and NHS Improvement
24/06/2020	Healthcare associated COVID-19 infections – further action	Letter to system leaders about the further action required to tackle healthcare associated COVID-19 infections.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
23/06/2020	Central Alerting System (Reference CMO 2020 027)	Personal protective equipment and heat: risk of heat stress	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
09/06/2020	Minimising nosocomial infections in the NHS	Letter to systems about test and trace	NHS England and NHS Improvement
09/05/2020	Tiger Eye Protector Product - removal from the supply chain in respect of COVID-19 use	MHRA Alert CEM/CMO/2020/021	Medicines and Healthcare Products regulatory Authority (MHRA)
29/04/2020	Second phase of NHS response to COVID-19: Letter from Sir Simon Stevens and Amanda Pritchard	2 nd Phase letter	NHS England and NHS Improvement
24/04/2020	Expansion of patient testing for COVID-19	Letter to chief executives, medical directors and directors of nursing about the expansion of patient testing	NHS England and NHS Improvement
16/04/2020	New requirement to test patients being discharged from hospital to a care home	Letter to accountable officers of all hospitals (public and private sector) working for the NHS and discharge teams and all NHS commissioned community health providers.	NHS England and NHS Improvement

12/04/2020	Letter: COVID-19 testing to support retention of NHS staff	Update of testing of NHS staff and household members	UK Health Security Agency
12/04/2020	Approval by Health and Safety Executive for use of coveralls as an alternative option for non-surgical gowns	Letter sent to NHS trust CEOs, medical directors, directors of nursing and procurement leads	UK Health Security Agency
30/07/2020	Statement from the UK Chief Medical Officers on extension of self-isolation period	News item	Department of Health and Social Care
16/02/2021	Guidance and updates for GPs: Highest clinical risk patients	Includes links to letters for at risk patients and FAQs	NHS England and NHS Improvement
18/9/2020	Adult social care winter plan: letter from Minister for Care to local authorities	Outlining the expectations of local authorities in relation to the adult social care winter plan published on 18 September 2020	Department of Health and Social Care
25/08/2021	National Patient Safety Alert: Infection risk when using FFP3 respirators with valves or Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) during surgical and invasive procedures	This alert asks providers to revise procedures, purchasing processes, stock supply, checklists, and stock labelling around the use of these respirators to ensure they are not used during surgical and invasive procedures except in very specific circumstances set out in infection control guidance linked in the Alert.	Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
19/07/2021	Arrangements for primary care from 19 July 2021	Letter outlining continuing expectations across primary care in relation to access, infection prevention and control, and continuing contractual/regulatory arrangements.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
12/08/2021	Updated PHE guidance on NHS staff and student self-isolation and return to work	Letter outlining changes to the requirements to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 contact for NHS staff and students.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
14/01/2022	Letter: Updated UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance - isolation	Letter outlining changes to the requirements for staff to self-isolate following a positive COVID-19 test result.	UK Health Security Agency

Table 10: Vaccination

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
20/01/2021	COVID-19 Vaccination Centres: Operating Framework V 1.1	Information and guidance on operating Vaccination Centers.	NHS England and NHS Improvement
15/01/2021	Infection prevention and control (IPC) principles and procedures for COVID-19 vaccination activities.	IPC Aide Memoire	World Health Organization
June 2021	Clinical guidance for healthcare professionals on maintaining immunisation programmes during COVID-19	Guidance for healthcare professionals on maintaining immunisation programmes during COVID-19.	NHS England and NHS Improvement UK Health Security Agency
12/01/2022	COVID-19: the green book, chapter 14a	Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination information for public health professionals.	UK Health Security Agency
12/12/2021	COVID-19 vaccination: information for healthcare practitioners	Guidance for healthcare practitioners about the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination programme.	UK Health Security Agency
01/03/2021	COVID-19 vaccination: guide for healthcare workers	Information for frontline healthcare workers on COVID-19 vaccination.	UK Health Security Agency

Table 11: Testing, Contact tracing and outbreak investigation

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
11/01/2022	Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person	Guidance for people who have been notified by NHS Test and Trace that they are a contact of a person who has had a positive test result for COVID-19 and who is not from that person's household.	UK Health Security Agency
14/05/2021	Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing for homecare workers	Sets out how homecare agencies in England can order regular tests for their homecare (domiciliary care) staff	Department of Health and Social Care
11/01/2022	NHS Test and Trace in the workplace	Guidance on what to do if you or someone you employ is contacted by NHS Test and Trace, including self-isolation, sick pay and financial support	Department of Health and Social Care
11/01/2022	NHS Test and Trace: what to do if you are contacted	An overview of NHS Test and Trace, including what happens if you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive.	Department of Health and Social Care
10/082021	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Getting tested.	Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested	UK Health Security Agency
07/08/2020	COVID-19: epidemiological definitions of outbreaks and clusters in particular settings	Guidance to provide nationally agreed epidemiological definitions for coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks and clusters	UK Health Security Agency
29/03/2021	COVID-19: guidance for sampling and for diagnostic laboratories - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Information for clinical diagnostic laboratories regarding safety, sampling and packaging specimens associated with COVID-19	UK Health Security Agency

Table 12: Scientific evidence and reviews

Date	Title	Summary description	Author/owner
08/01/2021	Investigation of novel SARS-CoV-2 Variant. Variant of Concern 202012/01 Technical briefing 4	A technical briefing on new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern.	UK Health Security Agency
08/07/2021	The Independent Panel on High Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP): summary of recommendations	Advice relating to High Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs). Summary of recommendations arising from evidence reviews to date.	UK Health Security Agency
04/11/2020	Potential application of Air Cleaning devices and personal decontamination to manage transmission of COVID-19	An assessment of evidence of the application of air cleaning devices by the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and the Environmental and Modelling Group (EMG) Review of Air cleaning devices.	UK Health Security Agency
Updated monthly	Rapid Review of the literature: Assessing the infection prevention and control measures for the prevention and management of COVID-19 in health and care settings	A rapid review of the scientific evidence base to inform the infection prevention and control measures required for the prevention and management of COVID-19 in health and care settings.	Antimicrobial resistance and Healthcare and Associated infection (ARHAI) Scotland
14/05/2021	Assessing the evidence base for medical procedures which create a higher risk of respiratory infection transmission from patient to healthcare worker V1.2	A review of extant scientific literature and expert opinion to inform the current list of procedures defined as aerosol generating (AGPs).	Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (ARHAI) Scotland.
22/07/2020	NERVTAG/EMG: Role of aerosol transmission in COVID-19	An assessment of the evidence of aerosol transmission of SARS-CoV-2.	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies Environmental Modelling Group.
31/07/2020	SBAR Ventilation, water and environmental cleaning in dental surgeries relating to COVID-19	A literature review and recommendations on ventilation water and environmental cleaning in	NHS National Services Scotland

		dental surgeries relating to COVID-19.	
19/04/2021	Rapid review of aerosol generating procedures (AGPs) in dentistry	A rapid review of the evidence related to the mitigation of aerosol generating procedures in dentistry and the associated risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)	Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme
29/03/2021	Risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from newly-infected individuals with documented previous infection or vaccination (europa.eu)	A summary of the available scientific evidence on the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission to susceptible contacts from infected individuals with documented previous infection or vaccination	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
19/05/2020	Surveillance of COVID-19 at long-term care facilities in the EU/EEA (europa.eu)	Technical report providing guidance to Member States for the development of COVID-19 surveillance at LTCFs	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
15/02/2021	Using face masks in the community: first update - Effectiveness in reducing transmission of COVID-19 (europa.eu)	This technical report reviews the evidence that has been accumulated since the emergence of COVID-19, in addition to what has existed on this topic prior to the pandemic, and updates the ECDC opinion on the suitability of using face masks in the community published on 9 April 2020	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
17/06/2020	Criteria for releasing COVID-19 patients from isolation (who.int)	This scientific brief provides the rationale for the changes made to the clinical management of COVID-19 guidance, based on recent scientific evidence.	World Health Organization
23/04/2021	Masks for healthcare workers to mitigate airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2	A summary of the evidence on SARS-CoV-2 transmission and mitigation in UK health and care settings, with a specific focus on small particle aerosols and healthcare worker (HCW) facemasks.	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies

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[Transmission of SARS-CoV-2: implications for infection prevention precautions \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/sars-cov-2)

An overview of the modes of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, what is known about when infected people transmit the virus, and the implications for infection prevention and control precautions within and outside health facilities.

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