Guidance Currently Available in Relation to COVID-19

Introduction

The following document seeks to identify the most up to date guidance available with a relevance to local government colleagues. This will be reviewed on a regular basis and any changes will be identified and highlighted.

The document also contains links to recent circulars and conditions of service information which have been issued in light of COVID-19 as well as frequently asked questions.

If colleagues are aware of any guidance which does not feature here, please contact Laura on laura@cosla.gov.uk and this will be updated.

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Core COVID-19 Information and Guidance for General (Non-Healthcare) Settings

Version 4.5 – 10 July 2020 (Current Version)

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf

Key Changes:

In summary, the changes since the guidance was initially published on 4 March 2020 include updates on: shielding, personal or work travel including UK and foreign travel, testing, social distancing, face coverings and PPE, symptoms and stay at home advice.

A full list of changes is set out under Annex A.

COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Social, Community and Residential Care Settings

Version 1.2 - 11 June 2020 (Current Version)

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/3045/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-social-community-residential-care.pdf

Key Changes:

In summary, the changes since the guidance was initially published on 4 May 2020 include updates on children being moved between or to new care placements, children leaving placement, personal or work travel and social distancing.

A full list of changes is set out under Annex B.

COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Care Home Settings

Version 1.52 – 15 June 2020 (Current Version)

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2980/documents/1_covid-19-information-and-guidance-for-care-homes.pdf

Key Changes:

In summary, the changes since the guidance was initially published on 26 May 2020 include testing and admission to care homes, PPE and guidance for visitors.

A full list of changes is set out under Annex C.

Advice for Social or Community Care and Residential Settings Staff

Version 1.2 – 17 June 2020

https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/3088/documents/2_covid-19-advice-for-social-or-community-care-and-residential-settings-staff.pdf

Key Changes:

In summary, the changes since the guidance was initially published on 17 April 2020 include updates on updated information in 'measures to protect staff at increased risk of severe illness' section and a case definition added staff responsibilities to prevent spread of COVID-19' section updated and updated advice in 'testing'.

Covid-19: Interim Guidance on the Extended Use of Medical Masks and Face Coverings in Hospitals and Care Homes

Version 1 – 17 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/06/coronavirus-covid-19-interim-guidance-on-use-of-face-coverings-in-hospitals-and-care-homes/documents/interim-guidance-on-extended-use-of-face-coverings-in-hospitals-and-care-homes/interim-guidance-on-extended-use-of-face-coverings-in-hospitals-and-care-homes/govscot%3Adocument/guidance-face-masks.pdf

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Phase 3: guidance on re-opening school age childcare services

3 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-reopening-school-age-childcare-services/

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Public Libraries Guidance

14 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-libraries-guidance/

Coronavirus COVID-19: Guidance for Museums, Galleries and Heritage Attractions

10 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-museums-galleries-and-heritage-attractions/

Key Change:

The change since the guidance was initially published on 6 July 2020 was where the operational guide page was amended to include information on face masks in retail.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Getting Tested in Scotland

21 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Route Map – What You Can and Cannot Do

14 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-can-and-cannot-do/

Coronavirus (COVID-19): social distancing in non-healthcare public services

1 April 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-social-distancing-in-non-healthcare-public-services/pages/background/

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Returning to Work Safely

1 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-returning-to-work/pages/overview/

Key Changes were as follows:

1 Jul 2020 - Adding links to new guidance on employers page.

29 May 2020 - First published date.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Reopening and Managing Household Waste Recycling Centres

27 May 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-reopening-and-managing-household-waste-recycling-centres/

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Advice for People with Specific Medical Conditions

17 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-tailored-advice-for-those-who-live-with-specific-medical-conditions/

Coronavirus (Covid-19): Guidance for Homeworking

23 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-homeworking/pages/operational-guide/

Shielding Route Map

23 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2020/03/covid-shielding-contacts/documents/coronavirus-covid-19-shielding-route-map---for-those-at-highest-risk/coronavirus-covid-19-shielding-route-map---for-those-at-highest-risk/govscot%3Adocument/Shielding%2B-%2BScottish%2BGovernment%2BShielding%2BRoutemap%2B-%2B1%2B-%2B09%2BJuly%2B2020.pdf

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance on Individual Risk Assessment for the Workplace

27 July 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-individual-risk-assessment-for-the-workplace/

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance on Preparing for the Start of the New School Term in August 2020

30 July 2020

http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-preparing-start-new-school-term-august-2020/

Coronavirus (COVID-19): General Guidance for Safer Workplace

17 August 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-general-guidance-for-safer-workplaces/

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Phase 3: Staying Safe and Protecting Others

14 September 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-staying-safe-and-protecting-others/pages/overview/

SJC Circulars and Conditions of Service

SJC-63 Re-Opening of Schools for the 20/21 Term

19 June 2020

SJC63.pdf

SJC-62 COVID-19 and Casual Workers

17 April 2020

SJC62.doc

SJC-61 COVID-19 – Homeworking Advice

18 March 2020

SJC-61.pdf

SJC-60 Coronavirus Quarantine and SJC Provisions

2 March 2020

SJC-60.pdf

SNCT Circulars and Conditions of Service

SNCT 20-76 SNCT Arrangements for Re-opening Schools August 2020

4 June 2020

SNCT 20-76.pdf

JS/20/79 SNCT Advice on Working Time Agreements Session 2020-21 – COVID-19

12 May 2020

JS_20_79.pdf

JS-20-78 SNCT Supply Teachers Job Retention Scheme

3 April 2020

JS-20-78.pdf

SNCT 20-75 SNCT School Closures COVID-19

26 March 2020

SNCT-20-75.pdf

SNCT 20-74 Coronavirus COVID-19

19 March 2020

SNCT-20-74.pdf

Human Resource Circulars

HRA 09-29 Waste Collection Services and Physical Distancing Checklist

2 September 2020

HRA 09-20
COVID-19 Waste Coll

HRA 05-20 Agency Workers Health and Safety Guidance COVID-19

19 May 2020

HRA-05-20.pdf

HRA 03-20 COVID-19 and Sickness Absence

24 March 2020

HRA-SPDS-03-20.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions

Non-Healthcare Settings FAQs

17 April 2020

https://www.cosla.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/16750/non-healthcaresettingfaqs17042020-1.pdf

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

27 March 2020

https://www.cosla.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/14744/lgemployeefaqs27320v1interactive.pdf

<u>Guidance on Individual Risk Assessment</u>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance on Individual Risk Assessment for the Workplace

4 September 2020

https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-individual-risk-assessment-for-the-workplace/

Key Change

Updated since initial publication on 27 July 2020 to revise the risk assessment matrix by age group.

Annex A

Core COVID-19 Information and Guidance for General (Non-Healthcare) Settings

Version	Date	Summary of changes
V1.0	04/03/2020	First version of document
V2.1	13/03/2020	Clearer identification of sections 1 and 2 and how to read them Section 2 expanded with further information for setting-specific groups New case definition All sections updated to reflect current move to delay phase
V3.2	17/03/2020	Update on household isolation, social distancing. Aligned with newly published guidance on specific settings
V3.5	23/03/2020	Update on advice for educational settings Included advice for homelessness settings Update on advice for transport sector and points of entry Links to external points of information updated
V3.6	23/03/2020	Update on shielding advice
V3.7	24/03/2020	Update on advice for educational settings during lock down
V3.8	27/03/2020	Update for UK Border Force Update to Educational settings
V3.9	03/04/2020	Update in light of social distancing PPE Revisions
V4.0	14/04/2020	Personal travel section added Organisational and workplace arrangements

		section added Links to external points of information updated Gypsy/Traveller section added
V4.1	30/04/2020	Addition of maintenance worker section Face covering information added Amended references to 'social distancing' to 'physical (social) distancing'
V4.2	01/05/2020	Addition of testing section
V4.3	20/05/2020	Case definition updated
V4.4	21/05/2020	Test and protect advice added throughout document Stay at home advice strengthened to include asymptomatic COVID-19 diagnoses throughout document Personal and work travel advice updated in section 1.5 Addition of PPE advice in section 1.6 Updated advice on testing of workers in section 1.10 Additional advice added to foreign travel section 1.11 Amendments to homelessness section 2.7
V4.5	10/07/2020	Restructuring of the guidance and inclusion of Section 3. Update to section 1.1: ☐ How is COVID-19 spread? ☐ What should I do if I have symptoms? Amendment to section 1.2: ☐ Physical distancing ☐ Shielding Amendment to section 1.3: face coverings

Amendment to section 1.4:
testing advice
Amendment to section 2:
external links updated
Addition of section 2.1: who
should go to work
Amendment to section 2.4:
external links added
Amendment to section 2.5:
external links added
Amendment to section 2.7
personal or work travel
information updated
Amendment to section 3.1:
addition of travel within UK
section
Amendment to section 3.3:
external links updated
Amendment to section 3.6:
external link added
Amendment to section 3.9:
advice updated
Addition of section 3.10:
customer and public toilets

Annex B

COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Social, Community and Residential Care Settings

Version	Date	Summary of changes
V1.0	04/05/2020	First version of document
V1.1	19/05/2020	Updated to section 1: case definition
V1.2	11/06/20	1 Measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 and protect people at increased risk of severe illness: risk assessment added 5 Measures for residents exposed to a case of COVID-19: updated 7 Children being moved between or to new care placements: added 8 Resident/individual placement: residents who leave the premises updated 15 Staffing: Ensure staff are enabled to follow key measures described in this guidance to prevent spread and staff testing links added 16 Personal or work travel and physical (social) distancing added

Annex C

COVID-19: Information and Guidance for Care Home Settings

Version	Date	Summary of changes
V1.0	26/04/2020	First version of document
V1.1	28/04/2020	Testing and admission information updated Providing care for residents during pandemic section updated
V1.2	01/05/2020	Testing information updated
V 1.3	20/05/2020	Case definition updated
V1.4	21/05/2020	1 Measures to prevent spread of COVID-19 and protect people at increased risk of severe illness: information on risk assessment added 3 Providing care for residents: outbreak information updated 6 Admission of individuals to care home: updated 7 Testing in care home: updated 9 PPE: AGP list updated 16 Caring for someone who has died: Updated external link 16 Personal or work travel and physical (social) distancing: re-added 17 Visiting care homes: updated
V1.5	30/05/2020	Annex 1: re-added Included asymptomatic positive individuals where symptomatic individuals mentioned throughout Test and protect advice added throughout document and summarised in section 1 3 Providing care for residents during COVID-19 pandemic: declaring outbreak over and reopening facility for admissions advice added. 6. Added section on what do when testing is not possible 9.1 PPE: fit testing advice added

		11. Environmental decontamination to take place at least twice daily
		15.3 Added importance for staff and their households to self-isolate whether symptomatic or asymptomatic PCR positive
		15.4 Added link to interim guidance on PCR testing in care homes and management of test positive residents and staff
		18 Death certification during COVID-19 pandemic: section added
		Annex 1: Household isolation and test and protect sections added
V1.51	07/06/2020 (not published)	3 Providing care for residents during COVID-19 pandemic: definition of an outbreak in a care home updated
		6 Admissions of individuals to care home facility: admission of non- COVID-19 patients updated
V1.52	15/06/2020	Updated "stay at home" link from PHE to SG throughout
		Changed all mention of physical (social) distancing to physical distancing throughout
		16 Personal or work travel and physical distancing: addition of Transport Scotland face coverings information