

## Annex A: National policy developments timeline

Since the last update to Executive Board, the government has taken a number of measures to respond to changing rates of infection across the country. This timeline does not detail every national development, but covers some of the most significant. Full details of guidance and communications issued by the government can be found on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk). Over this period, the government's international travel advice has also changed in response to changing rates of infections in other countries. The details of these changes are not included in this timeline, but the latest travel advice and guidance can be found on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk).

Date	Policy announcement
<b>28 July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A £2bn national cycling and walking programme was announced, which includes protected bike lanes, a cycle training scheme, a national e-bike programme and bikes available on prescription. A long term cycling programme and budget to ensure a guaranteed pipeline of funding was also announced.</li> </ul>
<b>30 July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In response to rising cases of Covid-19 in these areas, restrictions on gatherings of more than one household were introduced in parts of Northern England including Greater Manchester, parts of East Lancashire, the city of Leicester, Kirklees, Calderdale and Bradford.</li> <li>People who test positive for coronavirus or show symptoms must now self-isolate for 10 days, rather than seven.</li> <li>NHS Test and Trace launched a new business plan to double testing capacity to 500,000 tests a day ahead of winter.</li> </ul>
<b>31 July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to increasing cases of Covid-19 across the country, the Prime Minister announced a pause to the Road to Recovery plan, with casinos, bowling alleys, skating rinks and close contact services to remain closed, and indoor performances to remain suspended, until at least the 15<sup>th</sup> August.</li> </ul>
<b>1 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The advice for the clinically extremely vulnerable to shield from Covid-19 was paused across England.</li> <li>Employers were given discretion to decide whether employees should continue to work from home, or from a Covid-secure workplace.</li> </ul>
<b>3 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Eat Out to Help Out scheme was launched to support the hospitality sector over the summer. Customers received 50% off bills, up to £10 per person, in participating restaurants, pubs and cafes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August.</li> </ul>
<b>8 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings became mandatory in more settings, including places of worship, libraries, community centres and museums.</li> </ul>
<b>10 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government announced that NHS Test and Trace will provide local authorities with teams of contact tracers to work alongside local public health teams from 24 August.</li> </ul>
<b>12 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Office for National Statistics confirmed that the UK economy is in recession following a record GDP fall of 20.4% in Quarter 2 of 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>15 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a two-week pause to the Roadmap to Recovery plan, indoor play and soft play, bowling alleys, skating rinks and casinos were permitted to reopen; beauty salons, tattoo studios, spas and barbers permitted to offer close contact services; indoor theatres, music and performance venues were allowed to reopen with socially distanced audiences. Small wedding receptions were permitted and pilots of sporting events to take place to test the safe return of spectators.</li> </ul>

<b>17 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A second round of the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme opened, with grants of up to £6,570 available to eligible self-employed individuals.</li> </ul>
<b>18 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An announcement was made that a new National Institute for Health Protection will take over elements of PHE, NHS Test &amp; Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre under the interim leadership of Baroness Dido Harding from spring 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>21 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A ban on evictions, except in the most egregious cases, was extended by four weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>26 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary schools and colleges were given discretion to decide whether face coverings should be worn by pupils and staff in communal areas. This is to be mandatory in areas where local restrictions are in place.</li> </ul>
<b>27 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Test and Trace reaches almost 300,000 people, in the 3 months of its operation</li> </ul>
<b>28 August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahead of the bank holiday weekend, a new enforcement power was introduced, so that organisers of prohibited gatherings of over 30 people can be fined £10,000. People who attend illegal events can be fined £100, doubled on each repeat offence up to £3,200.</li> <li>• New fines were also introduced for those who refuse to wear face coverings where mandated (and when not exempt), with initial fines of £100, doubled on each repeat offence up to a maximum of £3,200.</li> <li>• Landlords must give tenants 6 months' notice of eviction until March 2021, except in the most serious cases.</li> </ul>
<b>1 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A trial began of a new payment scheme for people on low incomes who need to self-isolate and cannot work from home, and who live in areas with high rates of Covid-19. The trial began in Blackburn with Darwen, Pendle and Oldham.</li> </ul>
<b>2 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Kickstart Scheme opened for applications from employers. The scheme offers fully subsidised 6-month placements for 18-24 year olds.</li> </ul>
<b>9 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Prime Minister announced new measures to address a national increase in Covid-19 infection rates. From Monday 14 September, the public must not meet with people from other households (indoors and outdoors) socially in groups of more than 6 in England, with the exception of single households/support bubbles larger than six.</li> <li>• The Prime Minister also announced he has tasked the Cabinet with increasing enforcement, including growing enforcement capacity of local authorities by introducing COVID Secure Marshalls to help ensure social distancing in town and city centres, and by setting up a register of Environmental Health Officers that local authorities can draw upon for support.</li> <li>• From Friday 18 September, it will be mandatory for certain businesses to have a system to collect customer contact details for NHS Test and Trace data, and keep this for 21 days.</li> </ul>
<b>14 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New national restrictions came into force; the public must not meet with people from other households (indoors and outdoors) socially in groups of more than 6 in England, with the exception of single households/support bubbles larger than six.</li> <li>• This new restriction does not apply to schools, workplaces or Covid-secure weddings, funerals and organised team sports</li> </ul>
<b>17 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care providers will be given an extra £546 million to strengthen infection control and help protect residents and staff throughout winter.</li> </ul>
<b>18 September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced further restrictions introduced across parts of North West, Midlands and West Yorkshire to curb rising infection rates. Regulations and guidance to come into force from Tuesday.</li> </ul>

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