

Coronavirus - Gold Covid Strategic Coordination Group

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Headlines

Health and Social Care

Covid-19 cases and hospital occupancy have continued to see a slight increase in the last few weeks, this is to be expected with reports of increased infections in Leeds.

Cases in care homes have also seen a steady increase and continues to be monitored.

PPE supply continues to be managed closely to address shortages, especially as educational establishments prepare to reopen.

Citizens & Community

Generally widespread compliance of Covid-19 guidance, with numbers of reported digressions remaining low. Calls to the Covid-19 helpline have reduced to less than 10% of what was being recorded at the height of the pandemic.

Economy and Business

UK GDP fell by 20% in Q2 2020, the biggest quarterly fall since records began in 1955. Construction was hardest hit, down 35%, with the service sector declining by 20% and production down 17%. This confirms the UK is officially in recession.

According to the Centre for Cities High Streets Recovery Tracker, Leeds and other core cities such as Liverpool and Manchester are amongst the worst performing urban centres in terms of returning to pre-Covid levels of activity, although London's West End is faring considerably worse.

According to the latest HMRC data (end July 2020), 111,500 jobs have been furloughed in Leeds. This is 31% of all jobs, compared to 32% nationally. The number of people claiming out of work benefits increased by 3.4% in Leeds between June and July following a stable position the previous month. There are now 36,290 claimants, a rate of 7%, and double the rate of March 2020



18

New Cases

Diagnosed in Hospitals
in last 7 days



5

Covid19 Beds

Reported as occupied
in LTHT Hospitals



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Covid19 Cases

Reported active in
Leeds Care Homes



20.5 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$

Nitrogen Dioxide

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32

People

In emergency
Accommodation



89

Covid19 related

Incidents reported to
West Yorkshire Police



400

Domestic Incidents

reported to WY
Police in last week



8000

Website Visits

to Covid19 guidance
pages on LCC website



35

Grants paid

to local businesses
this week



£380k

In grants paid

paid to local businesses
this week



70%

Footfall in Leeds

Based on figures for the
same week last year



85%

Traffic Flow

Compared to usual
expected traffic flow

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14 days in hospitals



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Care Homes



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Occupied beds at
LTHT

Health Summary

Care Homes

In total there are 8 active Covid19 case declared in Care Homes in Leeds. These figures have seen a gradual increase over the last 2 weeks.

Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients

In the 14 days preceding Monday 7 September 2020, LTHT & LYPFT recorded 2 Covid19 admissions and 16 newly diagnosed inpatients. This is an increase on previous weeks.

Bed Occupancy

At 08:00 on Monday 7 September 2020, 5 beds were occupied at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) by confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Leeds & York Partnership NHS Trust (LYPFT) had 1 Covid19 occupied bed on 3 September.

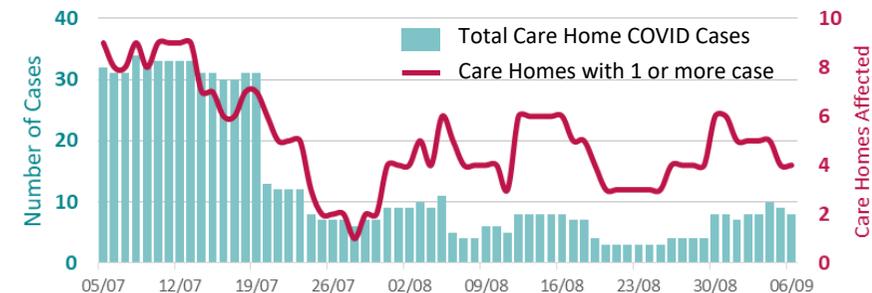
Registered Deaths in Leeds

As of 4 September 2020, a total of 660 COVID-19 related deaths had been registered by Leeds Registrars Office. The number of deaths registered where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate has reduced somewhat in recent weeks, with zero Covid-19 deaths recorded in the last 12 days (at time of publication).

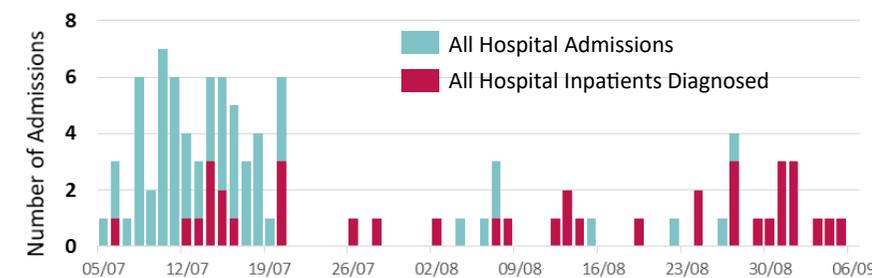
Sources:

- Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust - 07/09/20
- Leeds Registrars Office - 04/09/20

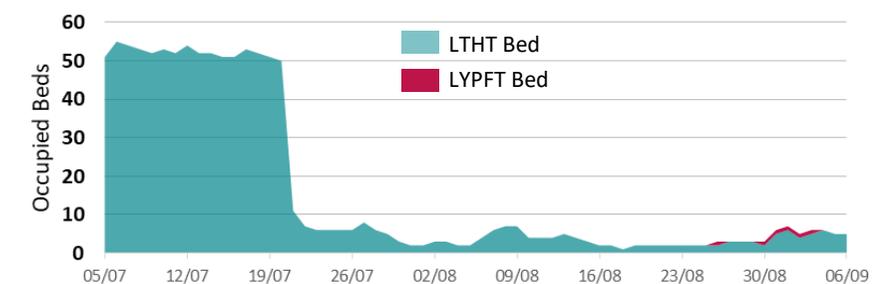
Covid19 Cases in Care Homes



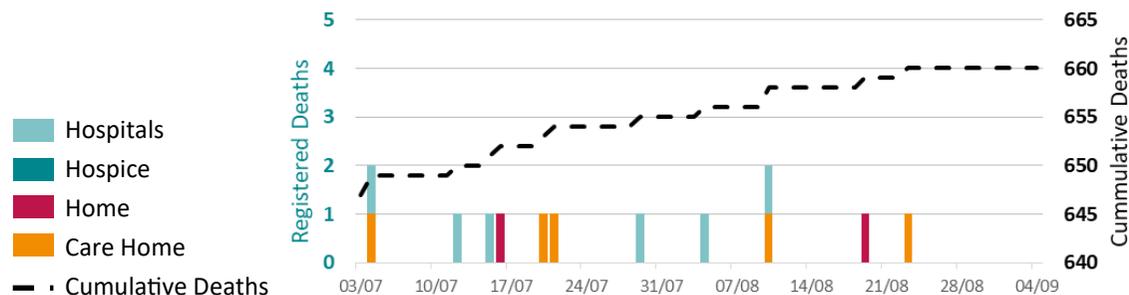
New Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients



Confirmed Covid19 Bed Occupancy



Deaths registered with LCC that mention Covid19



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89 Covid19 related incidents last week



400 Domestic incidents reported last week



32 People in emergency accommodation



700+ Requests to Covid19 helpline in August

Incidents and Crimes Overview

Over the last month Crime and Incidents have shown a decrease, however, Covid19 related incidents have shown to have increased spikes over 3 of the last 4 weekends.

Emergency Accommodation

As of 4th September there were 32 individuals in emergency accommodation. The number has decreased considerably since July, when it was over 150.

Children & Education

Future dashboards will look at the return of pupil attendance and monitor the impact of Covid-19 on schools going forward.

Waste Management & Recycling

The Covid-19 lockdown has affected roadside domestic waste and recycling collections. Over the last month the figures have been comparable to the same periods in 2019, although showing an increased tonnage of weekly black bin waste collections.

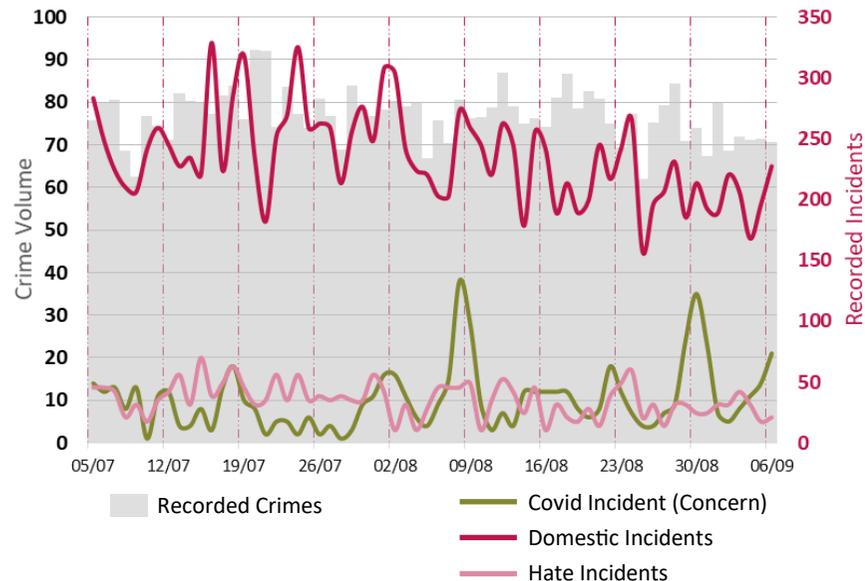
Call Centre Data

In the last 3 months service requests to the LCC Covid-19 helpline and Local Welfare Support Service's (LWSS) Helpline that could be attributed to the Covid19 Pandemic have shown a significant reduction with August reporting less than 15% of the numbers recorded in June.

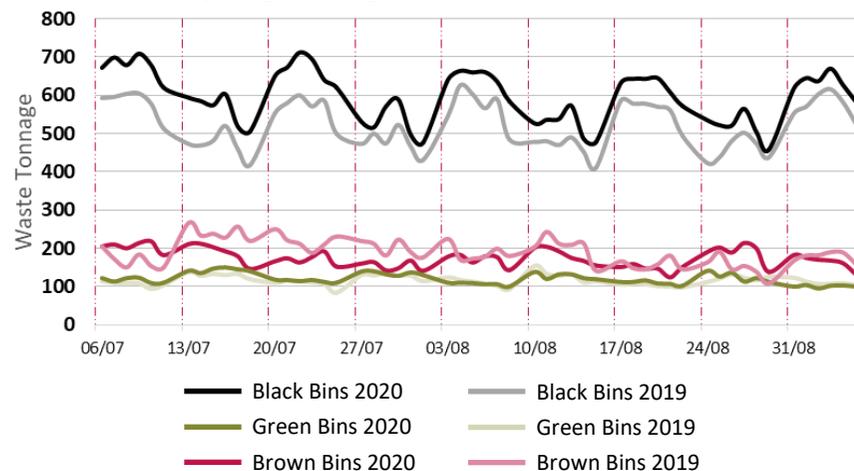
Sources:

- Leeds City Council - 07/09/20
- Safer Leeds - 07/09/20

Crimes and Incidents



Waste and Recycling Tonnage



Call Centre - Helpline Requests

Type of Assistance	June	July	August
Food & shopping	474	220	70
Food parcel	3099	1486	488
Prescription	352	206	50
Fuel	859	255	72
Personal Products/Services	309	103	46
TOTALS	5093	2270	726

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35 Grants
for businesses
issued this week



£194 Million
To support C.Tax
payers & businesses



90% Increase
of Universal Credit
claimants since March

Economy and Business

The situation might be best described as a holding pattern of subdued economic activity, with the end of the furlough scheme providing an imminent risk of increased unemployment.

UK GDP fell by 20% in Q2 2020, the biggest quarterly fall since records began in 1955. Construction was hardest hit, down 35%, with the service sector declining by 20% and production down 17%. This confirms the UK is officially in recession. The economic decline was concentrated in April 2020, at the height of lockdown. On a month-on-month basis, the economy grew by 8.7% in June 2020, building on growth in May 2020.

More locally, according to WYCA's latest business survey, although the majority of businesses say they are now open as normal, 40% continue to report operating at significantly reduced capacity. This reduced capacity is having a notable impact on town and city centres. The Centre for Cities High Streets Recovery Tracker ranks Leeds as Yorkshire's worst performing city centre, with an overall recovery index score of 49. Leeds is in-line with other core cities such as Liverpool and Manchester, although London's West End is faring considerably worse.

As yet, there is little evidence of the impact of local restrictions across certain areas of West Yorkshire in the available data. West Yorkshire-wide transport trends have shown a gradual increase, with bus use is generally recovering faster than rail, and weekend travel recovering faster than weekday. The pace of recovery of bus use slowed slightly in August, potentially a result of summer holidays. Weekday MCard and concessionary travel use is currently around 35% of the level in early March 2020.

Traffic around Leeds is steadily returning to pre-lockdown levels and weekend city centre footfall is at its highest level since the start of lockdown. A recent WYCA survey of public transport in the region found that just 50% of people living in more deprived areas of West Yorkshire had been able to work from home, compared to 78 per cent in more affluent areas.

Sources:

- Leeds Financial Services - 07/09/20
- Department of Work & Pensions 11/08/20

Finance

LCC's financial position

The latest financial projection, showing the impact Covid-19 has had upon the Council's financial position, shows that the latest estimated gap for 2020/21 has reduced to an estimated £52.5m. This is a £12.4m improvement on the position previously reported to this group. This movement downwards is largely explained by Directorates revising downwards the projected impact of COVID19 upon the level of income losses from both trading activities and from sales, fees and charges.

On 24th August the Government announced final details of a scheme to compensate local authorities for lost sales, fees and charges as a result of COVID-19. This new, one-off income loss scheme will compensate for irrecoverable and unavoidable losses from sales, fees and charges income generated in the delivery of services, in the financial year 2020/21. The scheme will involve a 5% deductible rate, whereby authorities will absorb losses up to 5% of their planned 2020/21 sales, fees and charges income, with government compensating them for 75p in every pound of relevant loss thereafter. By introducing a 5% deductible government is accounting for an acceptable level of volatility, whilst shielding authorities from the worst losses. Payments to local authorities will be made in three tranches – the first claim covering the period April to July has to be submitted by September 30th with the payment due in October. The reported position for Leeds City Council in 2020/21 already includes an estimate of how much grant income the Council will receive.

The projected overspend for 2021/22 has reduced to £118.8m as a result of the ongoing review of COVID-19 pressures and a review of other assumptions contained in the previously reported position.

Conversations are ongoing with Government to explore options to address this year's gap, whilst an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2021/22 Budget Savings proposals are timetabled to be received at September's Executive Board.

Supporting the city

Of the £162m business grants funding received for the Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF) grants, £153.3m has so far been paid to businesses:

Business Grants	Number	Value
Grants issued this week	35	£380k
Total grants issued	12512	£153.3m

The level of Local Authority Discretionary Business Grant funding from Government is calculated as 5% of the value of SBGF and RHLGF grants awarded to business. On 15th

July Government topped up the available funding to Leeds for Discretionary Business grants by an additional £1.45m to £9.25m. However, the final level of funding for this scheme will reflect the final 5% calculation and the number of eligible businesses.

On 23rd July Government wrote to Local Authorities acknowledging the efforts made to process £10.76bn grant payments to over 875,000 hereditaments (over 92% of those identified as in scope) and progress made in distributing Discretionary Fund grants. Government announced their decision that all three grant schemes, including the Discretionary Fund, should close by Wednesday 30th September and that once final payments have been made on all schemes it will be necessary for local authorities to return any unspent funds to Government.

On August 8th West Yorkshire Combined Authority received a grant of £1.9m from the Government for the School Transport. Specifically this resource is to create extra capacity and also facilitate students to use alternatives to public transport.

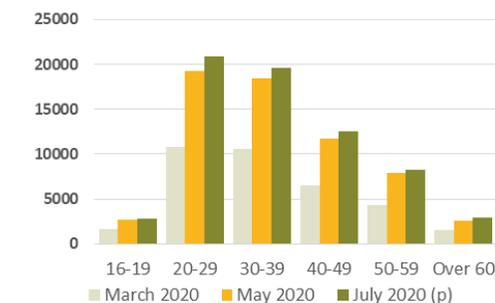
The Government have announced a national fund of £588m for people needing additional follow-on care after discharge from hospital – including older people and those with disabilities. This £588 million fund to cover adult social care or the immediate costs of care in their own home from 1 September - the NHS will be able to access the funding in order to provide up to 6 weeks of additional support which could include support in their home or access to services such as physiotherapy.

Employment

According to the latest HMRC data (end July 2020), 111,500 jobs have been furloughed in Leeds. This is 31% of all jobs, compared to 32% nationally.

The number of people claiming Universal Credit increased by 2.5% in Leeds between June and July following a stable position the previous month. There are now 67,173 claimants, a rate of 13.1% and a 90% increase on the number of claimants in March 2020.

Universal Credit Claimants



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Travel

Traffic flow around Leeds is averaging around 85% in comparison to 2019

Patterns of travel have increased in Leeds Centre over the last month with Leeds City Centre recording a higher footfall on the 24 August than the same weekend in 2019. On average the weekly footfall is around 70% of numbers recorded in 2019. Levels in Leeds Train Station are also rising, however numbers are still considerably lower than last year.

MCard purchases and concessions on public transport show a steady rise, although this too may be a while before it returns to pre Covid19 levels.

Food Parcel Deliveries

Delivery of food parcels to households in need has reduced to around 1000 deliveries in the last few weeks, this is in comparison to an average of around 4000 per week during the months of April, May and June.

Leeds Air Quality (June 2020)

The plot to the lower right shows the monthly mean Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) for all the Leeds air quality monitoring sites.

The effect of the lockdown shows a dramatic reduction across all sites in Leeds and the City Centre area, since easing of the lockdown measures began in May, levels of NO_2 have begun to rise slightly but still remain well under the national objective of 40 micrograms per cubic meter air ($40\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$).

PPE Supplies

The number of orders received from Catering Leeds have increased dramatically over the last 7 days as they prepare for the reopening of school kitchens.

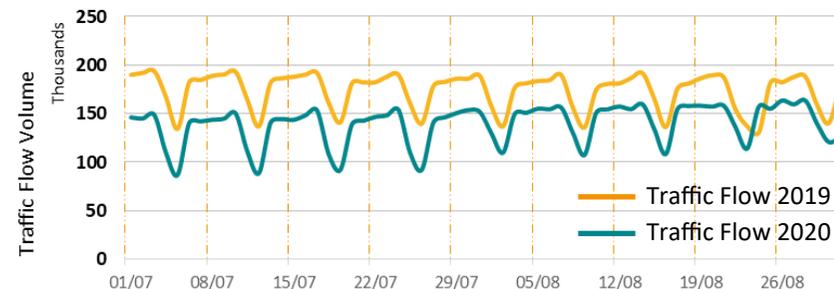
Much of the stock received in the last 7 days is to fulfil orders for the 1st delivery for the CCG/GP surgeries which commenced on the 2nd September.

We're now supplying all of the PPE supplies to Leeds City College including their satellite facilities at Harrogate College and their new site at Quarry Hill.

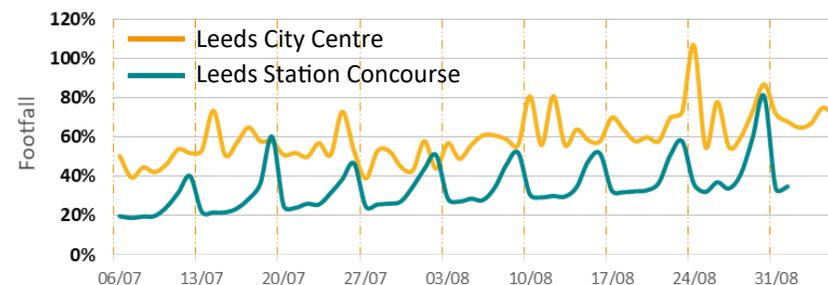
This week has seen the 1st deliveries of PPE to the 95 GP Surgeries on behalf of the CCG/Primary Care, we are responsible for the distribution of over 1 million pieces of PPE every 2 weeks through to the end of the year, and this is in addition to our normal deliveries to council and other services.

This week LCC have distributed over 2.3 million pieces of PPE

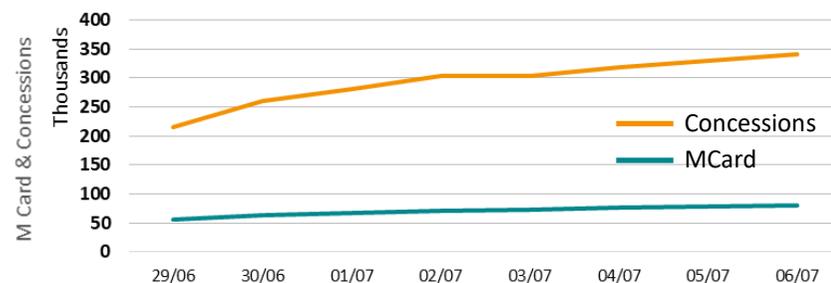
Two-way 24hr Traffic (5 Radials)



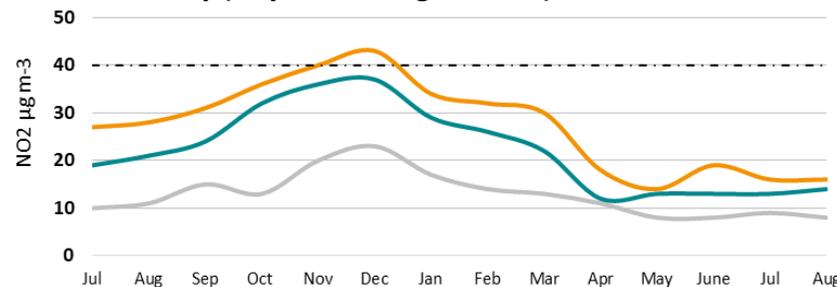
Percentage of Expected Footfall



MCard purchases and Concessions



Leeds Air Quality (July 2019 - August 2020)



Sources:

- Leeds City Council - 07/09/20
- West Yorks. Combined Authority - 07/09/20

- Leeds Average
- Leeds Centre
- Temple Newsam
- National Objective ($40\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)

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For more details
click on the link
under each
announcement

Website Visits

Around 8K visited the COVID information web pages, of which over half were new users, this has increased from around 5K in previous weeks.

The GovDelivery Covid email bulletin, which is sent out to 114K residents, had an open rate of 36%, consistent with recent weeks.

Policy Announcements

30 July 2020

Restrictions on social gatherings imposed in parts of Northern England, including Kirklees, Calderdale and Bradford, in response to rising cases. On 2 September the restrictions were lifted in all but the wards with highest rates of infection.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

30 July 2020

People with symptoms of Covid-19, or who test positive, must self-isolate for ten days rather than 7.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

1 August 2020

Advice for the clinically extremely vulnerable to shield from coronavirus paused across England. Employers given discretion to decide whether employees should continue to work from home, or from a Covid-secure workplace.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

3 August 2020

Eat Out to Help Out scheme launched to support the hospitality sector over the summer. Customers received 50% off bills, up to £10pp, in participating restaurants, pubs and cafes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

8 August

Face coverings became mandatory in more settings, including places of worship, libraries, community centres and museums.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

10 August 2020

Announcement that NHS Test and Trace will provide local authorities with teams of contact tracers to work alongside local public health teams from 24 August.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

15 August 2020

Following a 2-week pause to the roadmap to lifting restrictions due to a national increase in cases, indoor play and soft play, bowling alleys, skating rinks and casinos permitted to reopen; beauty salons, tattoo studios, spas and barbers permitted to offer close contact services; performance venues allowed to reopen with socially distanced audiences. Small wedding receptions permitted.

17 August 2020

The Government reversed its decision to use calculated grades for awarding GCSE, AS and A-Level results, reverting to the original centre-assessed grades.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

18 August 2020

Announcement that a new National Institute for Health Protection will take over elements of PHE, NHS Test & Trace and the Joint Biosecurity Centre under the interim leadership of Baroness Dido Harding from spring 2021.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

24 August 2020

Parents and carers urged to return children to school, as UK Chief Medical Officers state that the risk to children of not attending school outweighs the risks of Covid-19.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

26 August 2020

Secondary schools and colleges given discretion to decide whether face coverings should be worn by pupils and staff in communal areas. In areas where local restrictions are in place, this will be mandatory.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

28 August 2020

Organisers of prohibited gatherings of over 30 people can be fined £10,000. People who attend such events, or refuse to wear face coverings where mandated (and when not exempt) can be fined £100, doubled on each repeat offence up to a maximum of £3,200.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

Landlords must give tenants 6 months' notice of eviction until March 2021, except in the most serious cases. Ban on evictions extended for 4 weeks from 21 August.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

Contingency planning guidance issued for schools and colleges, with four 'tiers' of intervention that can be applied on a phased basis, with the aim of keeping schools and colleges open even where there are local lockdowns.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)

2 September 2020

Employer applications open for the Kickstart Scheme, which offers fully subsidised 6-month work placements for 18-24 year olds.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](#)