

Annex D – summary of changes to restrictions as part of Living with Covid-19 safely

From 21 February the Government:

- Removed the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

From 24 February the Government:

- Removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- Are no longer asking fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and removed the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- Ended self-isolation support payments, national funding for practical support and the medicine delivery service.
- Ended routine contact tracing. Contacts are no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.
- Ended the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.
- Revoked The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations.

From 24 March, the Government will:

- Will remove the COVID-19 provisions within the Statutory Sick Pay and Employment and Support Allowance regulations.

From 1 April, the Government will:

- Remove the current guidance on voluntary COVID-status certification in domestic settings and no longer recommend that certain venues use the NHS COVID Pass.
- Update guidance setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to minimise contact with other people. This will align with the changes to testing.
- No longer provide free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England.
- Consolidate guidance to the public and businesses, in line with public health advice.
- Remove the health and safety requirement for every employer to explicitly consider COVID-19 in their risk assessments.
- Replace the existing set of 'Working Safely' guidance with new public health guidance.