

Strategic Coordination Group SCG Daily Bulletin – 13 May 2020

Daily Mortality Figures – (London)

As of 1st May 2020, the SCG daily briefing now takes account of mortalities that do not have a positive test result, but where COVID-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death, dated back to the 24th April.

Patients who have died in London hospitals and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death.

Recorded Hospital Deaths – Daily **33** Recorded Hospital Deaths – Cumulative **5697**

Patients who have died in London hospitals where there has been no COVID-19 positive test result, but where COVID-19 is documented as a direct or underlying cause of death on the death certification process.

Recorded Hospital Deaths – Daily **10** Recorded Hospital Deaths – Cumulative **106**

Key Messaging

The Government continues to issue updated sectoral guidance in relation to the easing of the lockdown. For a full list of these government updates, please refer to the appendix of this document.

Partner Agencies Messaging

Mayor of London

Youth Violence after the Lockdown (13th May 2020)

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: “I want to thank the Met officers who have been working tirelessly during this challenging time to reassure the public and keep Londoners safe. The Commissioner and I remain absolutely committed to bearing down on all forms of violence and knife crime in the capital, and these new dedicated local teams will help to target the most prolific offenders and prevent violence from resurfacing.

We must be under no illusion that the underlying causes of violence have gone away. City Hall data has shown us that is a strong link between serious youth violence and Londoners affected by deprivation, poor mental health and poverty. I am deeply concerned that these underlying causes could be made far worse by the current crisis and its economic consequences which is why I’ve written to the Prime Minister to ask for urgent action to support young people, youth services and police forces once the lockdown is lifted.”

London Councils

Updated Lines on the use of Parks & Green Spaces (13th May 2020)

As some lockdown restrictions are lifted in parks and green spaces, London boroughs are working closely with partners to ensure people can enjoy London’s world-renowned open spaces safely.

London Councils welcomes these changes but asks that Londoners continue to follow public health advice to maintain social distancing and respect rules in individual parks, which have varying facilities which may or may not be open. We ask that people take note of the

available facilities in the park they are visiting, such as toilets and sports courts, and adapt their plans to ensure everyone can enjoy being outside safely and avoid contact with coronavirus.

Cllr Julian Bell, Chair of London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee says: "London has some of the greatest outdoor spaces in the world and as the weather becomes warmer these will prove vital for residents who have limited or no access to outdoor space at home.

London boroughs are responsible for more than 3,000 parks and green spaces and are working closely with partners to ensure changes to lockdown restrictions allow people to enjoy outdoor spaces safely and look after their health and wellbeing as the coronavirus lockdown continues

It is essential that Londoners do their bit to keep themselves and others protected from coronavirus by following the new rules and remaining at least two metres away from anyone other than members of their household. By working together and respecting other park users, we can ensure that the capital's stunning parks and green spaces are safe, open and welcoming spaces for all Londoners."

Transport for London

Latest Ridership Figures (13th May 2020)

A TfL spokesperson said: "Tube ridership is still around 94 per cent less than it was at the same time last year. We are doing everything possible to return Tube and bus services to normal levels under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, with many staff still off sick, shielding or self-isolating. In keeping with the Government's plans for the national rail network, next week we aim to increase to 75 per cent of Tube services, 85 per cent of bus services, restore the Circle line and reopen some closed Tube stations.

In keeping with the Government's road map, Londoners who can work from home should continue to do so. Public transport should be avoided wherever possible to help people who have no alternative means of travel and we encourage people to walk or cycle where they can, including on new cycling lanes and widened pavements being introduced across London. If public transport is the only alternative then please travel outside the busiest times, particularly in the early mornings, and allow two metre social distancing to be maintained where possible."

Additional Information: This morning (13th May 2020), up until 10am, Tube ridership was around 7.3% higher than it was compared with the same day last week (6th May 2020). This equates to around 5.7k journeys and is broadly in line with increases we have seen in recent weeks. This morning TfL ran 65-70% of service on the Tube during the peak. Today 82% of buses ran across London, with a plan to get up to 85% next week.

Use of Face-Coverings (13th May 2020)

Lilli Matson, TfL's Chief Health, Safety and Environment Officer said: "We all have a responsibility to help beat this virus, and we need everyone who has to use public transport for essential travel to wear a non-medical face covering over their nose and mouth throughout their journey. This is in line with the Government's and the Mayor of London's advice that face coverings can help protect other people, including our transport staff, from getting coronavirus. All of our frontline staff are being provided with face masks.

We know people will want to do all that they can to slow the spread of the virus and we are seeing more people wearing face coverings while using the transport network. We'll be reminding Londoners of the importance of following this and the other Government advice through station announcements, posters, customer emails and our many other communication channels."

Rail Delivery Group

Response to Changes in Government Transport Guidance (12th May 2020)

Robert Nisbet, director nations and regions at the Rail Delivery Group Said: "As the government has said, people should only use trains if they have no alternative. There will be space for as few as a tenth of the usual number of passengers, so we need everyone's help to keep trains for those who really need them, so please only use the railway if you absolutely have to.

If you do have to travel by train, help us get you safely where you need to go. Plan ahead by buying tickets online and travelling off-peak. Consider others by maintaining social distancing where possible and wearing a face covering. Stay safe by using contactless, washing your hands and carrying hand sanitiser.

As well as gradually increasing services from next week to support the nation during the next phase of the coronavirus response and running longer trains in some places, we will be cleaning trains and stations throughout the day, every day. We will be managing capacity on trains and in stations and increasing signage to help people get around."

Government Announcements

HM Revenue & Customs

Self-Employment Support Scheme Opens (13th May 2020)

A new scheme to self-employed people that have been adversely affected by COVID-19 is now open for applications. The temporary scheme will allow people to claim taxable grants of 80% of their average monthly trading profits.

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Government

New Guidance on Open/Green Spaces (13th May 2020)

The Government has issued new guidance on the use of open/green spaces, as lockdown restrictions have eased.

New Guidance on Moving Home (13th May 2020)

This guidance applies to people moving between private residential homes.

Office for National Statistics

New Economic Data (13th May 2020)

The ONS has issued its first quarterly analysis of UK GDP. In volume terms, GDP was estimated to have fallen by 2.0% in Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2020, the largest fall since Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2008

Analysis of monthly growth for the production, services and construction industries in the UK economy between February 2020 and March 2020, highlighting the early impact from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Department for Culture, Media & Sport

Loneliness Grant Fund (13th May 2020)

The Government have provided further details of the £5 million Loneliness Covid-19 Grant Fund and given details on how national organisations working to tackle loneliness and build social connections can apply.

Department for Health & Social Care

Genetic Study Launched (13th May 2020)

Thousands of patients severely ill with coronavirus will have their genetic code studied to help scientists understand whether a person's genetics may influence their susceptibility to the virus.

Ministry of Defence

New COVID-19 Funding to Support Military Personnel (12th May 2020)

Serving personnel, veterans and their families will benefit from an additional £6-million of new funding to ensure they get the support they need during the coronavirus outbreak, announced by Minister for Defence People and Veterans Johnny Mercer (Tuesday 12 May).

This is part of a package of support announced by the Chancellor in April to ensure charities can continue their vital work during the pandemic. It will be offered in addition to existing funding for veteran's mental health and the Armed Forces Covenant Trust.

The funding is available to apply for from Tuesday 12 May. It will be distributed in the form of grants administered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, backed by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and the Cabinet Office, and will be given to charities across the UK that work in 9 key areas affected by the impact of the coronavirus.

Appendix – Full Government Guidance Documents

As a result of the Prime Minister's broadcast this week (10.5.20), the government has produced a series of new guidance documents regarding the easing of the lockdown:

The UK Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy & FAQ's

The Government's roadmap for how and when the UK will adjust its response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Frequently asked questions on what you can and can't do during the coronavirus outbreak.

Specific Guidance Documents

The Government has updated its guidance/advice across a range of specific sectors, see below for updated guidance on:

Use of Open & Green Spaces (13th May 2020)

Moving Home during COVID-19 (13th May 2020)

Transport Systems (12th May 2020)

Education Settings (11th May 2020)

Workplace Safety (11th May 2020)

Use of Face Coverings (11th May 2020)

Staying Safe Outside Your Home (11th May 2020)