

ASSUMPTIONS

- The current strategy is a local/regional approach. The interventions here are based on a national intervention to stem growth across all regions. At this point there will be a decision on whether to exempt particular areas of low incidence.
- We have assumed that an further intervention will likely be required before Christmas to provide some scope for Christmas easing. We
 also assume interventions are required after Christmas to cope with the spike in infections we expect due to Christmas aftermath,
 universities returning and winter in general. This is not inevitable post-Christmas action will depend on the success of pre-Christmas
 interventions.
- We assume there are 4 packages available for government for intervening (see separate document for details):
 - O National Tier 3 light restrictions package that is in place in Liverpool, Greater Manchester, Lancashire etc.
 - National Tier 3 heavy restrictions strictest Tier 3 restrictions with all businesses closed apart from non-essential retail and schools
 open.
 - March lockdown with schools exception all business closed, including non-essential retail, stay at home messaging, schools open.
 - March lockdown all businesses and schools closed, stay at home messaging.
- Scenario 4 is the worst possible case, linked to the RWCS (still under development). It assumes that number reach a point that threatens to overwhelm NHS capacity, and a hard stop is required before Christmas. Measures would need to be in place for a longer time period.
- The Government's ambition is for schools should stay open. In most scenarios schools stay open, apart from scenario 4 where they are closed, reflecting the urgency of the situation (more detail on schools open / closed in word document).
- In between proposed interventions (where applicable), the regions would revert to the Tier system currently in operation.