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On 20 Mar 2020, at 20:58, ROBERTS, Adam (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT - X24) <adam.roberts2@nhs.net> wrote:

TBA – We are now no longer defining Covid-19 as a high consequence infectious disease. This makes a big difference on the level of PPE required.

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Updated text for HCID pages on gov.uk - ASAP pls

As of 19 March 2020, COVID-19 is no longer consider to be an HCID in the UK.

The four nations public health HCID group made an interim recommendation in January 2020 to classify COVID-19 as an HCID. This was based on consideration of the UK HCID

criteria about the virus and the disease with information available during the early stages of the outbreak,. Now that more is known about COVID-19, the public health bodies in the UK have reviewed the most up to date information about COVID-19 against the UK HCID criteria. They have determined that several features have now changed; in particular, more information is available about mortality rates (low overall), and there is now greater clinical awareness and a specific and sensitive laboratory test, the availability of which continues to increase.

The need to have a national, coordinated response remains, but this is being met by the government's COVID-19 response ([HYPERLINK](#)).

Cases of COVID-19 are no longer managed by HCID treatment centres only. All healthcare workers managing possible and confirmed cases should follow the updated national infection and prevention (IPC) guidance for COVID-19 ([HYPERLINK](#)), which supersedes all previous IPC guidance for COVID-19. This guidance includes instructions about different PPE ensembles that are appropriate for different clinical scenarios.

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