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# ECT Cross Departmental Session 26

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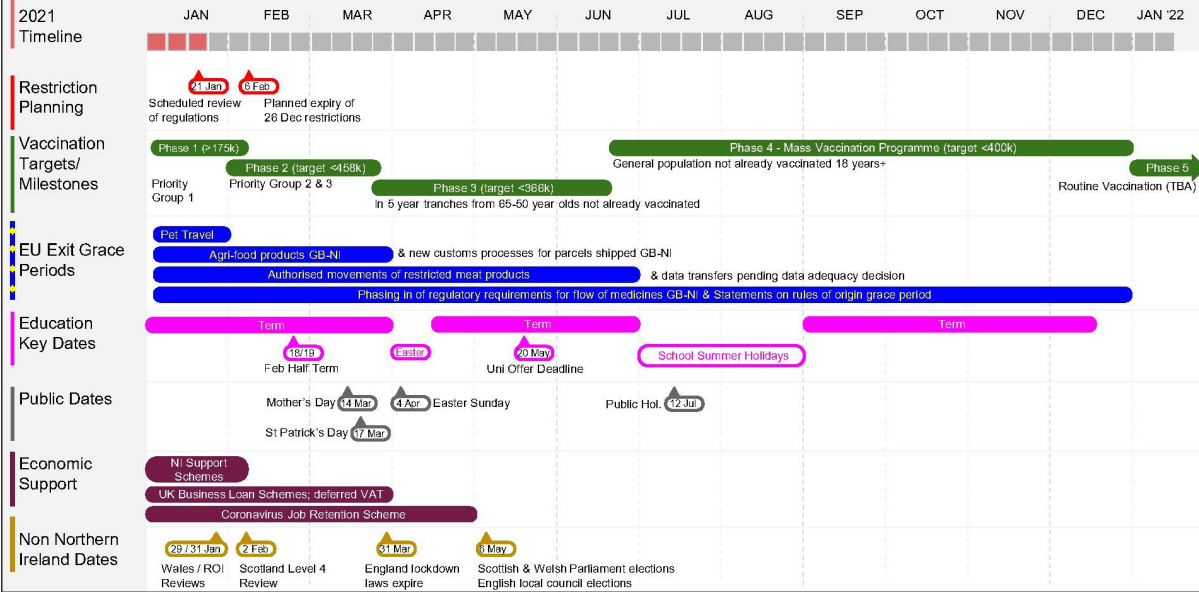


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## Agenda

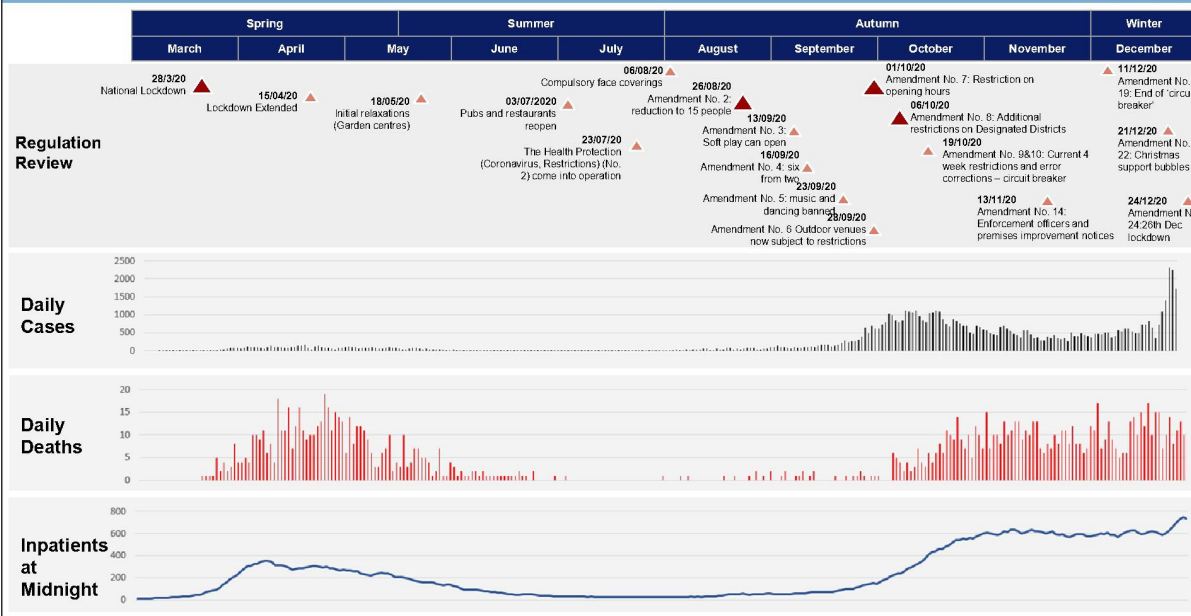
1. Updates from previous meeting
2. TEO Update
3. Cross Departmental Updates
4. AOB

# High Level Timeline - 2021 Horizon Scan

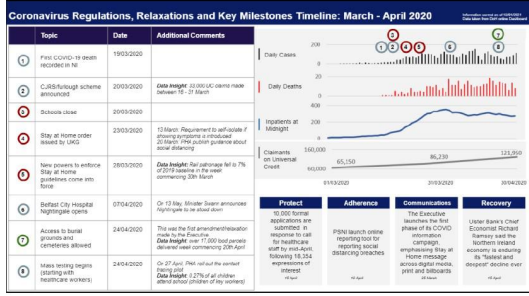


# 2020: Year on a Page

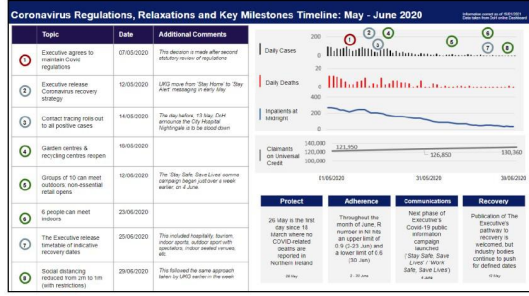
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# 2020 Retrospectives



March - April



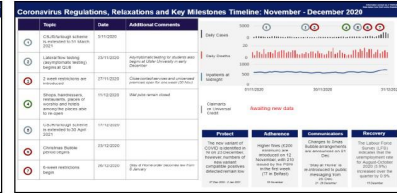
May - June



July - August



September - October



November - December

Round table discussion by Department of any issues arising

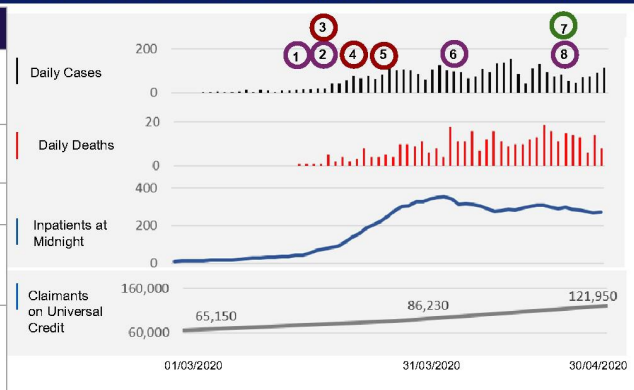
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## Appendix

# Coronavirus Regulations, Relaxations and Key Milestones Timeline: March - April 2020

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	Topic	Date	Additional Comments
1	First COVID-19 death recorded in NI	19/03/2020	
2	CJRS/furlough scheme announced	20/03/2020	<b>Data Insight:</b> 33,000 UC claims made between 16 - 31 March
3	Schools close	20/03/2020	
4	Stay at Home order issued by UKG	23/03/2020	13 March: Requirement to self-isolate if showing symptoms is introduced 20 March: PHA publish guidance about social distancing
5	New powers to enforce Stay at Home guidelines come into force	28/03/2020	<b>Data Insight:</b> Rail patronage fell to 7% of 2019 baseline in the week commencing 30th March
6	Belfast City Hospital Nighthale opens	07/04/2020	On 13 May, Minister Swann announces Nighthale to be stood down
7	Access to burial grounds and cemeteries allowed	24/04/2020	This was the first amendment/relaxation made by the Executive. <b>Data Insight:</b> over 17,000 food parcels delivered week commencing 20th April
8	Mass testing begins (starting with healthcare workers)	24/04/2020	On 27 April, PHA roll out the contact tracing pilot <b>Data Insight:</b> 0.27% of all children attend school (children of key workers)



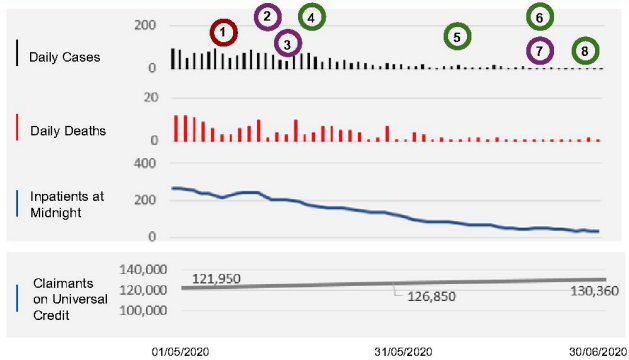
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10,000 formal applications are submitted in response to call for healthcare staff by mid-April, following 18,354 expressions of interest 15 April	PSNI launch online reporting tool for reporting social distancing breaches 10 April	The Executive launches the first phase of its COVID information campaign, emphasising Stay at Home message across digital media, print and billboards 25 March	Ulster Bank's Chief Economist Richard Ramsey said the Northern Ireland economy is enduring its "fastest and deepest" decline ever 15 April



# Coronavirus Regulations, Relaxations and Key Milestones Timeline: May - June 2020

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	Topic	Date	Additional Comments
1	Executive agrees to maintain Covid regulations	07/05/2020	<i>This decision is made after second statutory review of regulations</i>
2	Executive release Coronavirus recovery strategy	12/05/2020	<i>UKG move from 'Stay Home' to 'Stay Alert' messaging in early May</i>
3	Contact tracing rolls out to all positive cases	14/05/2020	<i>The day before, 13 May, DoH announce the City Hospital Nightingale is to be stood down</i>
4	Garden centres & recycling centres reopen	18/05/2020	
5	Groups of 10 can meet outdoors; non-essential retail opens	12/06/2020	<i>The 'Stay Safe, Save Lives' comms campaign began just over a week earlier, on 4 June.</i>
6	6 people can meet indoors	23/06/2020	
7	The Executive release timetable of indicative recovery dates	25/06/2020	<i>This included hospitality, tourism, indoor sports, outdoor sport with spectators, indoor seated venues, etc.</i>
8	Social distancing reduced from 2m to 1m (with restrictions)	29/06/2020	<i>This followed the same approach taken by UKG earlier in the week</i>

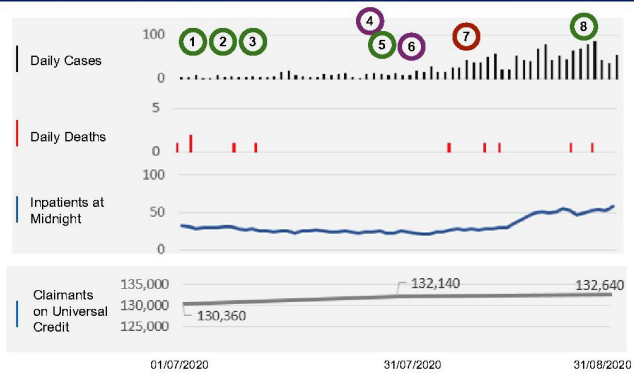


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<p>26 May is the first day since 18 March where no COVID-related deaths are reported in Northern Ireland</p> <p>26 May</p>	<p>Throughout the month of June, R number in NI hits an upper limit of 0.9 (2-23 Jun) and a lower limit of 0.6 (30 Jun)</p> <p>2 - 30 June</p>	<p>Next phase of Executive's Covid-19 public information campaign launched ('Stay Safe, Save Lives' / 'Work Safe, Save Lives')</p> <p>4 June</p>	<p>Publication of The Executive's pathway to recovery is welcomed, but industry bodies continue to push for defined dates</p> <p>12 May</p>

# Coronavirus Regulations, Relaxations and Key Milestones Timeline: July - August 2020

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	Topic	Date	Additional Comments
1	Hospitality reopens (excl. wet pubs)	03/07/2020	
2	Close contact services reopen	06/07/2020	Including tattoo parlours and spas
3	Indoor gyms can open; indoor weddings allowed (dependent on risk assessment)	10/07/2020	Cinemas also open, as well as outdoor leisure e.g. playgrounds
4	StopCovid NI launches	30/07/2020	
5	Shielding is paused	31/07/2020	DeHt give advance notice of this decision on 18 June; some relaxations on 5 July
6	Eat Out to Help Out scheme begins	03/08/2020	Employers begin covering NI and pension contributions for furloughed staff
7	Face masks become compulsory in shops	10/08/2020	This follows face coverings becoming mandatory on public transport on 10 July
8	Indoor sports spectator allowed (with measures in place)	28/08/2020	Outdoor spectators had been allowed on 17 July, with numbers increased on 31 July

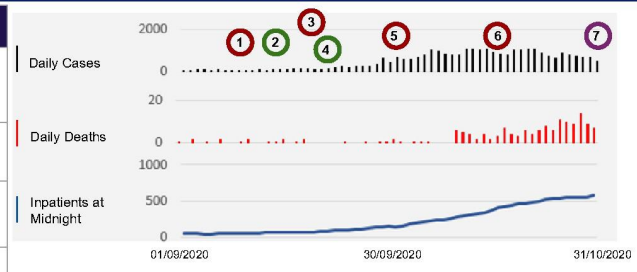


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<p>Within two weeks of launch, StopCovid NI app has received 250,000 downloads</p> <p>14 August</p>	<p>The PHA reveals it has identified 16 clusters, containing 133 cases, since rollout of contact tracing in mid-May</p> <p>22 July</p>	<p>The Executive's 'Wear One for Everyone' mask communications campaign begins in alignment with masks becoming compulsory in shops</p> <p>10 August</p>	<p>DIE reveal the number of confirmed redundancies (3,112) in the year to June 2020 was 74% higher than in the previous 12 months</p> <p>31 August</p>

# Coronavirus Regulations, Relaxations and Key Milestones Timeline: September - October 2020

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	Topic	Date	Additional Comments
1	Localised restrictions introduced	10/09/2020	Ballymena, Belfast City Council, BT43, BT28, BT29.
2	Soft play reopens	14/9/2020	Initial indicative date was 7 August
3	Executive extends restrictions to all of NI	21/09/2020	Restrictions dealt with indoor and outdoor gatherings (i.e., none inside; 6 from 2 households outside)
4	Wet pubs reopen	23/09/2020	
5	Localised restrictions introduced in Derry City and Strabane District Council area	01/10/2020	
6	Four week circuit breaker begins	16/10/2020	Decision is made at Exec meeting on 14 Oct. Non-essential retail remains open; half-term is extended by a week
7	It is announced that the furlough scheme will be extended through 31 Dec	31/10/2020	



Claims on Universal Credit  
Awaiting new data

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Derry City and Strabane become Covid 'hotspot', hitting UK's highest infection rate in mid-October <small>16 October</small>	By 10 October, R number has risen to 1.3-1.8. MoH and FMdFM address lack of compliance with social distancing and masks at press conferences <small>10 October</small>	The 4 Nations issue a joint statement on 25 September, emphasising the importance of bringing the R number back below 1 <small>25 September</small>	DIE report the number of people claiming unemployment benefits has remained over 60,000 for the fifth month in a row <small>8 Row 31 October</small>

# Coronavirus Regulations, Relaxations and Key Milestones Timeline: November - December 2020

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	Topic	Date	Additional Comments
1	CSJR/furlough scheme is extended to 31 March 2021	5/11/2020	
2	Lateral flow testing (asymptomatic testing) begins at QUB	23/11/2020	Asymptomatic testing for students also begins at Ulster University in early December
3	2 week restrictions are introduced	27/11/2020	Close contact services and unlicensed premises open for one week (20 Nov)
4	Shops, hairdressers, restaurants, places of worship and hotels among the places able to re-open	11/12/2020	Wet pubs remain closed
5	CSJR/furlough scheme is extended to 30 April 2021	17/12/2020	
6	Christmas Bubble period begins	23/12/2020	
7	6-week restrictions begin	26/12/2020	Stay at Home order becomes law from 8 January



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The new variant of COVID is identified in NI on 23 December, however, numbers of new variant compatible positives detected remain low	Higher fines (£200 minimum) are introduced on 12 November, with 210 issued by the PSNI in the first week (77 in Belfast)	Changes to Xmas Bubble arrangements are announced on 21 Dec  'Stay at Home' is re-introduced to public messaging from 26 Dec	The Labour Force Survey (LFS) indicates that the unemployment rate for August-October 2020 (3.9%) increased over the quarter by 0.9%
27 Dec 2020 - 2 Jan 2021	19 November	21 - 26 December	15 December