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COVID-19 DASHBOARD

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Thursday 19 March 2020

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Progress of the disease

Key implications and decisions:

On 18 March, SAGE considered the impacts of school closures and regional 'lockdowns' for areas further ahead in the UK epidemic, for example London.

The outcomes of this meeting informed the decisions made at the Ministerial COBR (held at 1600, 18 March).

UK Cases Breakdown

As of 13:00 19/03	Confirmed Cases	Overnight Change (%)	Deaths	Overnight Change
England	2,756	26% ↑	135	36% ↑
Scotland	266	17% ↑	6	200% ↑
Wales	170	14% ↑	2	- →
Northern Ireland	77	13% ↑	1	100% ↑
Total	3,269	24% ↑	144	40% ↑

Key Indicators & Advice

R0 (expected number of cases directly generated by one case)	2-2.5 (Awaiting SAGE confirmation)	↑
Doubling time (in which the number of cases is expected to double)	5-7 days (Awaiting SAGE confirmation)	↑
Estimated population infected	13,500	↑
Width of predicted peak	50% in 3 weeks 95% in 9 weeks	↑
Number of tests carried out	46,842	↑

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Economy

Headlines

- The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England **cut the base interest rate to 0.1%** and announced a £200bn increase in the Bank's holdings of UK government and corporate bonds following a special meeting on 19 March.
- Global financial markets remain choppy**, as investors digested another wave of central bank interventions, from the Federal Reserve and European Central Bank as well as the Bank of England. Major stock indices initially fell on 19 March but found support through the day, with the FTSE 100 ended the day 1.8% higher. Sterling, which had weakened to its lowest level against the dollar since 1985, found stability and partially recovered losses following the Bank of England's announcement.
- The increase in social distancing measures, including the announcement on 18 March of school closures emphasises the scale of the **shock to economic activity** from the Covid-19 outbreak. However, the speed of the response means that economic data is limited.

UK data

- Forecasters have started to mark down expectations materially following the set of announcements by the Government on 16 March about the response to the outbreak. Not all have moved yet and the range is large.
 - Some forecasters are anticipating **very sharp falls in GDP in Q2**, with Morgan Stanley anticipating -9.7%, JP Morgan -10.4% and Capital Economics -15%.
- OpenTable reported that the number of diners at UK restaurants on 17 March was down 82% YoY, suggesting that discretionary consumption is likely to slow sharply.
- Morning Consult's daily measure of **consumer confidence** has declined consistently over the last fortnight, with the pace of falls increasing.
- Softer indicators – such as Google Trends search data for 'recession' – have spiked in recent weeks. These could presage lower confidence and sentiment in more established data in the coming weeks.

Financial Markets

- Sterling** stabilised following heavy losses on 18 March, as markets responded to the Bank of England's announcement of further monetary stimulus, ending the day at \$1.17 and €1.09.
- Gilt yields** rose sharply in the morning, reaching their highest point since July 2019, amid challenging market conditions, but subsequently rallied after the Bank's announcement. Yields on the 10-year gilt peaked at 1.06% and closed at 0.71%.
- Oil prices** stabilised, following more steep declines on 18 March.

International data

- The global composite PMI fell to 46.1 in February**; a decline of 6.1pts from January and the second sharpest monthly decline in the index's 22-year history.
- Industrial production growth in China fell sharply, to -13.5% YoY in January and February**, from 6.9% YoY in December. This is in the lowest on record.
- Retail sales growth in China declined by more, to -20.5% YoY in January and February**, from 8.0% YoY in December. Again, this is lowest on record and significantly below market expectations of -4.0% YoY.

Economic Policy Response

- As well as the package the Chancellor announced at Budget, further support was announced on 17 March; measures include:
 - £330bn worth of government backed loans and guarantees;
 - Retail and hospitality sectors will not have to pay business rates this year;
 - Increase in the loan value of the Coronavirus Interruption Scheme to £5m from £1m;
 - Lenders to offer a 3 month mortgage holiday to those in need; and
 - Grants of up to £10,000 for the smallest businesses.
- Before the package of monetary policy measures announced on 19 March, the Monetary Policy Committee of the **Bank of England** announced a term funding scheme to support the pass through of lower Bank Rate on 11 March. Alongside this, the Financial Policy Committee reduced the Counter-Cyclical Capital Buffer, freeing up £190bn of lending capacity to support the real economy.
- On 15 March, the Bank of England joined other major central banks in extending dollar swap lines to ensure additional liquidity across the global financial system.

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Economy and Social Impact

Sectoral specific impacts

Demand side	Significant impacts in aviation, hospitality (including pubs/restaurants), and tourism. Significant emerging concerns in auto. UK Hospitality estimates that based on assumed 100% footfall drop, businesses in the sector could run out of cash in a few weeks. Big cashflow concerns in aviation and auto. Retail/Consumer think they are about 1 week behind Tourism in feeling the impacts.
Labour supply	Expect impacts to increase especially in manufacturing, transport/logistics, retail, construction, food processing, hospitality, social care and other public service.
Supply side	Affected businesses reporting some easing of disruption from China, but disruption moving to Europe.

JSA(C) Claims New claims, (compared to same day last week)	16/03/20: 4,453 (1054) 17/03/20: 10,202 (853) 18/03/20: 11,573 (758)	Universal Credit Claims New claims, (compared to same day last week)	16/03/20: 18,000 (14,000) 17/03/20: 31,010 18/03/20: 40,454
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Economic Indicator	Value	Comments/Trend
Bank of England - Interest Rate	0.25%	Reduced by 0.5% - 10 March to respond to COVID-19
Companies in Distress		The world's biggest catering firm, has said its revenues could fall by up to 30% as a result of the measures being introduced to curb the spread of coronavirus. The collapse of air travel has led to individual companies entering into negotiations with staff and trade unions to introduce a series of cost cutting measures in response to COVID 19 and the collapse in air travel. These measures are said to include temporary staff lay-offs and pay cuts.

Chart 1: Anxiety items, all regions and stores

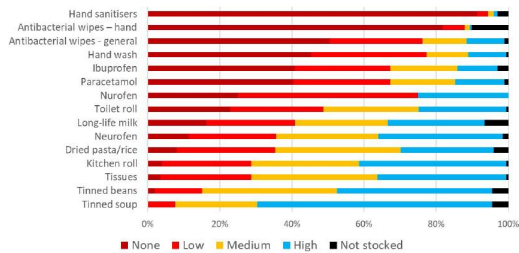
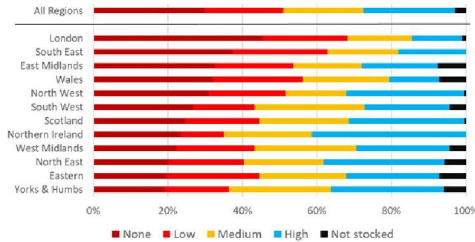


Chart 2: Anxiety basket availability - by region



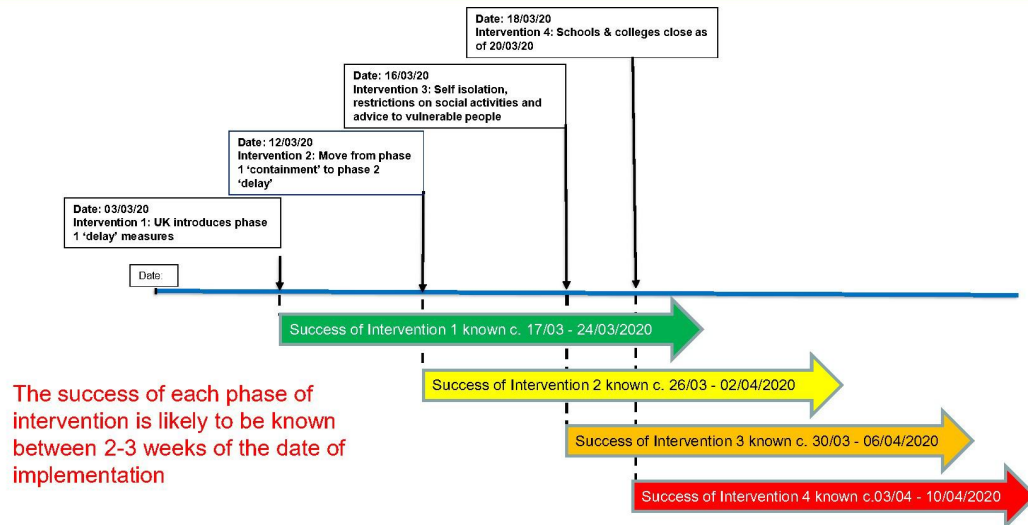
Initial results from the new ONS weekly product on stock availability – for week commencing 16 March 2020.

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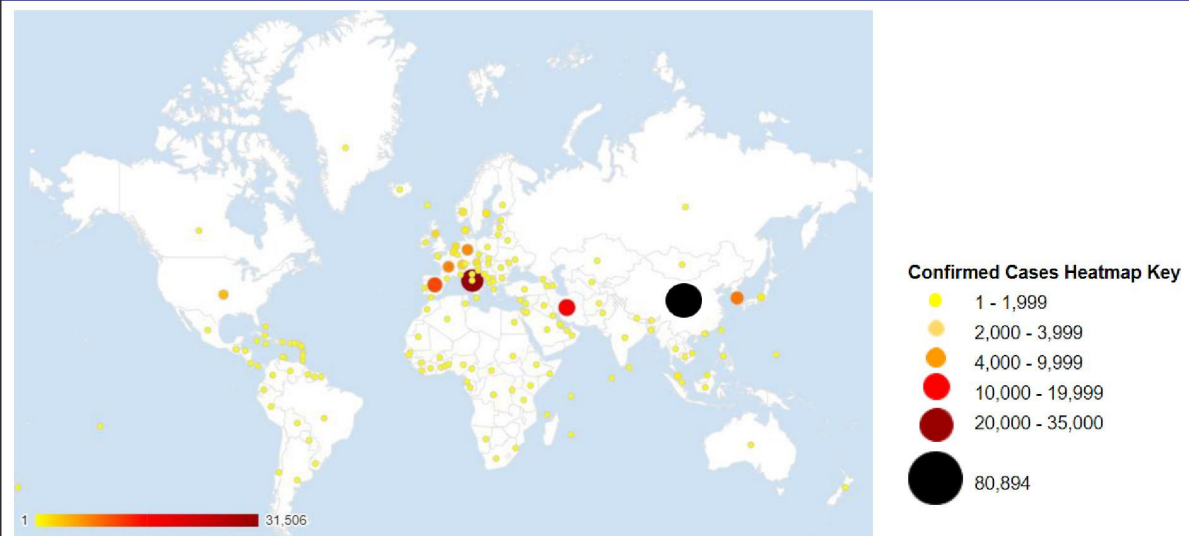
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Covid-19 Intervention Timeline



International distribution of cases



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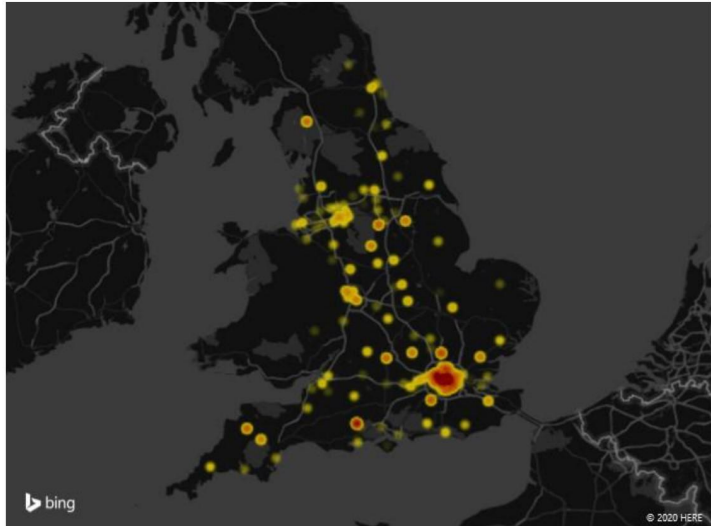
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Progress of the disease

Confirmed Cases by English Upper Tier Local Authority:

As of 09:00 18/03



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COVID cases and deaths by NHS Region

COVID cases and deaths by NHS Region*		
NHS Regions	Cases	Deaths as percentage of total (135)
East of England	147	4
London	1221	46
Midlands	282	23
North East and Yorkshire	194	2
North West	220	9
South East	340	11
South West	140	2
TBC	212	0
Total	2,756	100

As of 9am 19/03/2020

*This data is subject to update as new data becomes available

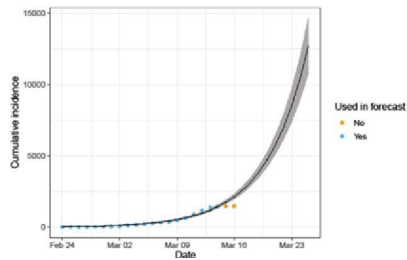
Total Number of tests conducted	Overnight change
64,621 Data correct for 18/03/20. Due to technical issues, unable to provide data for 19/03/20	+5136 Data correct for 18/03/20. Due to technical issues, unable to provide data for 19/03/20

	Confirmed cases in England	Deaths in England	Deaths with underlying health conditions
0 - 19 yrs	69	*	*
20 - 39	628	*	*
40 - 59	752	*	*
60 - 79	757	*	*
80+	450	*	*
TBC	100	*	*
Total	2756	*	*

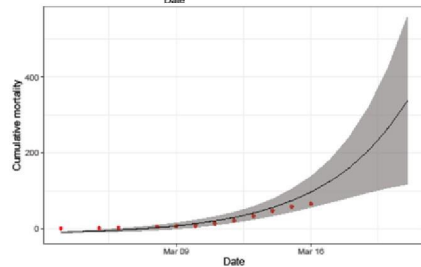
NHS did not provide data in time - these figures will be ready for tomorrow's dashboard

Projections

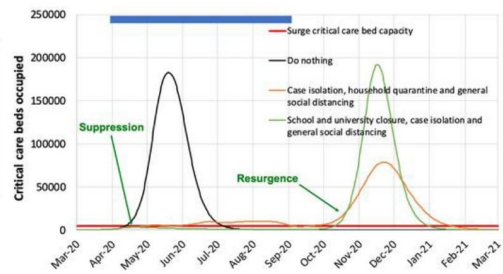
Case Wave
- 7 Day
Forecast
from PHE



Deaths - 7
day forecast
from PHE



UK Impact
Intensive care
beds (policies
for 5 months -
extra month
for social
distancing of
>70s



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Health & Social Care - situation and outlook

	Community		Primary care		Hospitals					
	Care homes with risk to service continuity (number and as a % in area)	Number of care homes with known COVID-19 outbreaks	Percentage of NHS 111 calls answered within 60s target time (Thursday)	GP surgeries closed	COVID-19 Hospitalisation rates (per 100k)	ICU beds occupied (number and as a proportion available)	Percentage of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients	No of urgent operations cancelled (proportion preferred if available)	Hospitals declaring major incidents (Level 1 lowest - Level 4 highest)	
England			22.9%	Not applicable - Weekend				17	All on L4	Relevant indicators for workforce? Health and social care. <i>Sitrep and escalation process under implementation for reporting to commence 19 March</i>
Greater London			14.3%	Not applicable - Weekend				4	All on L4	
South East			19.3%	Not applicable - Weekend	NHS have not provided data - now expected to be ready for 20 March			1	All on L4	Supply of critical goods for health and care: - Oxygen - Ventilators <i>FFP3, masks and hand gel shortages being worked through with the supply chain</i>
South West			21.4%	Not applicable - Weekend				4	All on L4	
Midlands			11.1%	Not applicable - Weekend				3	All on L4	Intensive care <i>Qualitative detail on regional variation and option for mutual aid</i> <i>Operational plan in place to increase the volume of ventilators nationally</i>
East of England			12.3%	Not applicable - Weekend				0	All on L4	
North West			51.2%	Not applicable - Weekend				0	All on L4	
North East and Yorkshire			30.5%	Not applicable - Weekend				5	All on L4	
Scotland										
Wales										
NI										
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Social distancing and public protection measures 1/2

Indicators of spontaneous (not govt. directed) social distancing	
Type	Estimated total
Events cancelled (>500 people) (DCMS)	DCMS are confident that the vast majority of events with over 500 people have been cancelled.
Companies advising home working (BEIS)	<p>Financial services: firms testing working from home capabilities, increasing IT capacity to enable it, and adopting split site working.</p> <p>TechUK: advising companies to prepare contingency plans for remote working.</p> <p>Life Sciences: companies planning for home working, mobilisation of incident response teams where necessary, assessing deployment of critical staff and planning for use of agency staff.</p> <p>Professional and Business Services Sector Team: many firms have the capability to expand home working, video-conferencing etc.</p> <p>Telecoms: already have a high level of home working, many faults can be fixed remotely, and companies can minimise disruption by postponing routine network upgrades and prioritising customer impacting faults.</p> <p>Aviation: majority of roles critical to operations have to be performed by specially trained individuals and cannot be undertaken from a different location (e.g. working from home).</p> <p>Electronics and Machinery: workforce is a key concern, particularly blue collar who can't work from home.</p> <p>Ofcom has taken steps to move to working from home with the exception of critical staff but we are not yet aware of broadcaster-specific measures. Some newspaper industry staff are now also remote working.</p> <p>Bayer plc - now all working from home.</p>
Universities cancelling face to face teaching, moving on online assessment or are to /break early for Easter (DFE)	c.134 HEIs (up c.9 from yesterday) have now stated that they have or are moving to teaching online (with only c.8 HEIs in England continuing with normal delivery – the majority of the 8 are creative arts providers/setting). Currently, campuses and halls at all remain open, as do support functions, such as libraries, student support services, etc – however, we expect this situation to change in light of the decision to close schools on 18 March

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Social distancing and public protection measures 2/2

Indicators of spontaneous (not govt. directed) social distancing						
Type	Estimated total					
Hospitality: hotel booking cancellations	Market	Date	Occupancy Level			Occupancy % Change
	United Kingdom	9-15 March 2020	57.1%			-23.4%
	London	9-15 March 2020	47.9%			-41.6%
	Regional UK	9-15 March 2020	60.3%			-16%
Footfall	Passenger footfall at Network Rail managed stations (% change against same day last year) -64.4% on 18/03/20		Oxford street footfall (% change against same day last year) -59.2% on 17/03/20		Footfall for New West End (% change against same day last year) -60.3% on 17/03/20	
Transport: Eurostar	Change from last week: 52.2% On 17 March 2020 compared to 10 March.		Change from last year: 68.2% On 17 March 2020 compared to an average Tuesday in March 2019.			Cancellations: 21
Transport: NI rail	Cross border rail between Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland is down by 90%.					
Transport: London	Reduction from same day in 2019 (%)					
	Date	Bus	London Underground	TFL Rail	Non-TFL Rail	Overall Change
	16/03/20	-22	-40	-37	-29	-33
	17/03/20	-30	-56	-54	-48	-49
	18/03/20	-35	-65	-63	-57	-57
	Road traffic on red routes (morning peak) % change from yesterday		-10.1%			
Retail: changes in footfall at key locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consumers are panic buying certain products like hand-gels, toilet tissue, pasta, rice. There is evidence this is increasing across a much wider cohort of goods. Some retailers have started to restrict the sales of some goods and are concerned that supply chains are vulnerable.Retail businesses (particularly non-food) are reporting exceptional pressures and increasing risks of economic shocks resulting from loss of income arising from changes in consumer behaviour.Footfall is reducing and anecdotal suggestions are that non-food retail sales have dropped by between 40% and 50%.					

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CNI & supply chains: situation outlook

CNI disruption		Health of supply chains		CNI workforce	
Trains meeting public performance measures (within 5/10 minutes for short/long distance)	89.1% (17 Mar)	General Supply Chains: Closure/Restrictions at EU borders across Europe slowing supply chain movement. NI based freight operators reporting delays at some border crossing points. NI freight operators also reporting that some travel restrictions have been placed in some EU member states on 'non-critical' goods.		Sector/BRAG/Trend	% Absences
Flight cancellations	17 March - UK air traffic was down 32% (compared with 21% on 16 March) on the equivalent time in 2019 according to EuroControl.	Food supply chains: Under pressure since move to delay phase with significant increase in demand/stockpiling.		Energy	3.5%
Telecoms	No issues reported.	Energy supply chains: No current impact on CNI supply chains.		Civil Nuclear	4%
		Post supply chains: No current impact on CNI supply chains		Government	CS HR, DAs to provide data
				Defence	<2%
				Post	1.4%
				Water	DEFRA to provide data
				Telecoms/Broadcast	DCMS estimate low %
				Police	7.9%
				Ambulance	DHSC to provide data
				Fire & Rescue	HO to provide data
				Transport	National Rail staff: 52 staff in safety critical roles (607 in total) Train Operating Companies: Approx 3,600 TFL: 11% staff absence
				Finance	HMT to provide data
				Air Traffic Control	DFT to provide data
				Border Force	Home Office
				Space	<1%

Health and care supplies	Weeks cover in NHS	Demand from other sectors
Cleaning supplies		
PPE kits		
Body Bags		
Clinical Waste Bags (Orange)		
Pulse Oximetry		
Clinical Waste Bags (Yellow)		
Clinical Waste Containers		

Data to be provided by DHSC - 20 March

Other public services: situation outlook

School closures (England) - 18 March, 873 schools closed in England (358 new closures on yesterday), following the Prime Minister's announcement of 18 March that all schools in England are required to close effective from end 20 March (with a – to be specified – number of settings which will be maintained open from next week, to provide for childcare etc for designated key workers and certain children classed as vulnerable/at risk) most continue to be due to staff having to self-isolate, socially distance (as they are in the at risk group – e.g older teachers with underlying health conditions or pregnant teachers) , or they are caring for vulnerable members of their family). Hotspots developing.

All MPs in England have met at SCG level (18/03/2020)



Policing - no police forces are requesting mutual aid.

Ambulance call-outs
missing target response times - none

Government/Parliament Impact

Group	Absence rates
Civil servants	Awaiting data for England, Scotland and NI 0.05% (Wales)
House of Commons	Only data from Conservative Party available – 55 MPs in isolation.
House of Lords	Means of data collection to be established

Prisons - As of 18/03/20

	Staff absence rates	Cases in prisons	Deaths in prisons	Sig. incidences of unrest
Wales	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scotland	SI (Within BAU)			
Northern Ireland	98	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cumbria & Lancs	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
East Mids	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Yorkshire	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gr Manc/ Merseyside	SI (Within BAU)	One	Nil	Nil
West Mids	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tyne & Wear	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
North Midlands	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Avon& Sth Dorset	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Beds,Cambs & Norfolk	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Devon & Nth Dorset	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sth Central	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Herts, Essex & Suffolk	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kent, Surrey & Sussex	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
London	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Imm & FNO	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Women's Group	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Youth Custody	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Contracted Prisons	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Long Term/ High Sec	SI (Within BAU)	Nil	Nil	Nil

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International situation

Country	Restriction Mass Gatherings	School Closures	Case Isolation	House Isolation	Social Distancing	Border Screening	Regional Cordons
US	✓	(✓) some States	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Australia	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Zealand	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Germany	✓	✓	✓	(✓) – non mandatory	✓	✓	(✓) - not all
Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
France	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(Possible UK restrictions: TSA)	
Italy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Strong restrictions travelling to Sicily from Mainland Italy
China	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Japan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

International Coordination

- UK is engaging with like-minded, UN and international finance institutions to promote an at-scale evidence-driven international response.
- Up to £241m of aid funding; up to £150m - International Monetary Fund; £85m research investment; £10m - World Health Organisation; £5m - Unicef; £5m - Int'l Fed. Red Cross.
- DFID country programmes flexing to reduce primary/secondary impacts.
- Today the FS spoke to Simon Coveney (Ireland), Mike Pompeo and the European Commission about COVID-19.

TRAVEL ADVICE

- We continue to advise against all non-essential international travel due to the likelihood of countries changing their travel and border restrictions without notice in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not apply to travel from Northern Ireland to Ireland.
- We continue to update our country-specific travel advice pages to reflect the first reported case of COVID-19 and changing restrictions. On Wednesday 18 March we made 58 changes to our travel advice pages.
- The FCO continues to advise **against all travel** to Equatorial Guinea, Hubei Province in China and Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan in South Korea due to COVID-19 related restrictions.
- The FCO were already advising anyone aged 70 and over or with high risk health conditions not to travel on cruise holidays.
- On 19 March Australia announced that all non-Australian citizens or permanent residents will be denied entry to Australia from 2100L on Friday 20 March. The FCO is updating our travel advice pages to reflect this and other changes.

International economics

US: Postponement of tax payments of up to \$1 million for individuals, or \$10 million for corporates for up to 90 days. Waived interest on federal student loans. On 18 March, the US Treasury authorised the Federal Reserve to increase the lending it offers to 24 major financial institutions "to support smooth market functioning and facilitate the availability of credit to businesses and households".

AUS: Announcement of a \$15bn loan scheme for small and medium lenders. The Reserve Bank of Australia in parallel announced cuts in interest rates, announced a \$90 billion lending package to banks earmarked for small business and indirect purchased a speculate AUD \$50 billion worth of government bonds

EU: ECB launched an emergency €750bn package which will buy government and company debt across the eurozone, including that of Greece and Italy.

ITALY: New €25bn decree signed, to bolster public services, and support the economy.

GERMANY: Expansion of the "short-term labour scheme" and wage protection for parents who cannot work due to school and day-care closures.

Next Steps

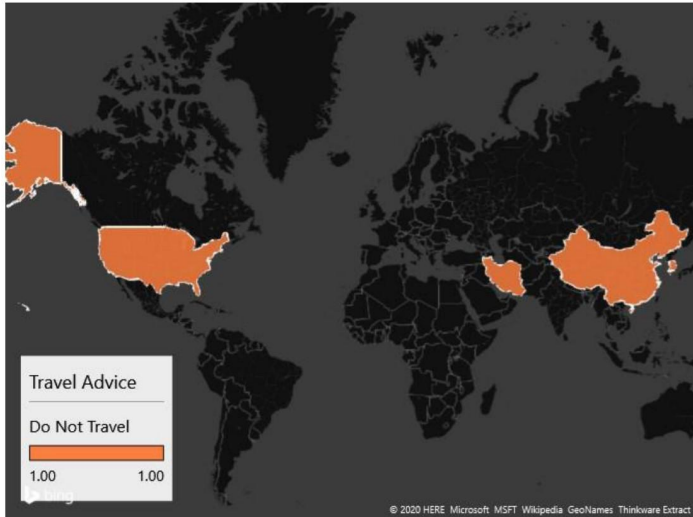
- PM – UNSG Guterres call 20 March
- FS phone call with Danish FM Kofod 20 March
- SoS-DFID calls to multilateral organisations (OCHA, UNHCR, USAID) and Australia, Norway, Sweden counterparts expected later this week.
- G20 Leaders Call (Coming days)

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FCO Travel Advice



FCO advice against all but essential travel overseas in response to the widespread international border restrictions and lock downs in various countries in response to the global coronavirus pandemic.

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Media & Comms

Domestic

- The Queen has published a message, thanking the scientists, medial professionals and the public sector for their work whilst stating the Royal Family will play their part.
- The Bank of England has cut interest rates again in an emergency move as it tries to support the UK economy in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. It is the second cut in interest rates in just over a week, bringing them down to 0.1% from 0.25%.
- Emergency legislation to tackle the coronavirus outbreak has been published in Parliament and received some media interest but this is relatively small.
- English football will be suspended until at least 30 April because of the continued spread of covid-19. All games in England's Premier League, EFL, Women's Super League and Women's Championship, and all fixtures in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, postponed.

International

- There have been 207,000 cases worldwide with more than 8,600 deaths.
- European nations are examining extending the lockdowns put in place to try to stem the coronavirus outbreak.
- A lockdown imposed on 12 March in Italy, where the number of deaths may soon overtake China, will now extend beyond the original 25 March end date. France said its 15-day lockdown might also be extended, with European leaders reluctant to give any deadline for an end to crisis measures, Whilst Greece is closing all hotels on 23 March and Spain on the 24 March.

Insight

- Public online interest in coronavirus is slightly lower (17% decrease) than yesterday.
- Three-quarters (75%) of the UK public support the Government's decision to close schools.
- 40% claim to have stopped seeing friends, 41% have cut down, 9% are doing as much as usual (down from 14% yesterday)
- 34% claim to have stopped seeing family members who don't live with them (37% of 65+), 41% are doing it less than usual, 14% are doing as much as usual.
- 52% of full time workers are going to work as often as before (down from 59% yesterday) 14% are doing it less, 27% have stopped, 6% worked from home already

Disinformation/Misinformation in the media

- The European Medicines Agency stated that there is no scientific evidence showing that Ibuprofen, the widely used anti-inflammatory drug, worsens the effects of coronavirus. Adding that it wanted to dispel incorrect information circulating on social media.
- Text messages and pictures have spread rapidly on WhatsApp claiming that the British Army had been deployed on the streets of London ahead of a lockdown. Some messages were accompanied by images suggesting "evidence that the UK military are on the way to enforce a lockdown".

Mis/Disinformation

Counter-Disinformation Cell RAG: GREEN. No indicators for a disinformation campaign targeting the UK have been met

Examples of images circulated on Whatsapp



From Friday 20th March, the country will go into lock down. We urge the public to not panic as we are taking the necessary steps in order to suppress COVID-19. The military and police will be working across the country to ensure everything is running smoothly. I must stress that if you are found to be out of your property for no urgent reason, then you will face criminal charges. More details will follow.

Emergency

Thursday is LOCKDOWN DAY! Time to get the groceries in, otherwise maximum of 100 people per shopping queue otherwise you'll have to go away.

Just had two separate voice notes, one via the army & the other via the police as well as watching a video of army personnel transporting equipment e.g. Tanks along the motorway.

We have situation critical - about to set things into motion!

Parliament will be rushing through emergency legislation for Thursday!

Narrative (Public Order)

Online speculation around an impending 'lockdown' in London potentially enforced by the military. **We have not seen any evidence of artificial amplification of this discourse.** Evidence of false information spreading through Whatsapp messages. We have flagged to Facebook and Twitter to take action where this is appearing on their platforms.

Engagement

32k mentions of **#LondonLockdown** on Twitter.

For context, there have been **871k** total mentions of coronavirus on UK Twitter in the last 24 hours.

Context: Popular Online Narratives published in the last 24 hours (RRU Afternoon Briefing)

Narrative	Engagement	Top Article
20,000 Army troops to support Covid-19 response	36% above average	ITV (32k)
London braced for potential lockdown	Average	Telegraph (50k)
TFL to shut 40 tube stations in preparation for lockdown	Average	Independent (50k)

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LRF Preparedness in England

In-depth LRF self-assessment survey

Nearly all LRFs (37) completed an in-depth self-assessment survey by 18 March.

From the initial analysis show most LRFs have:

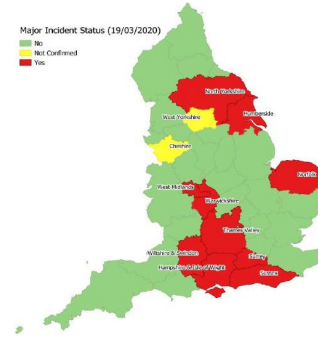
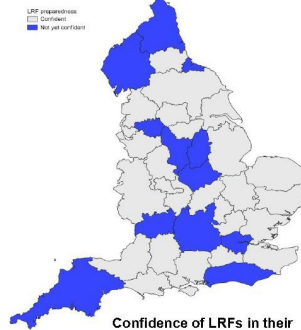
- ☐ Planned for a prolonged response – 35
- ☐ Considered recovery – 35
- ☐ Considered concurrent risk – 34
- ☐ Included vulnerable people in plans – 34
- ☐ Validated plans against RWCS – 33
- ☐ Considered risks from neighbouring LRFs - 33

The areas where LRFs indicated most concerns were equipment and supplies, personnel and infrastructure.

The capabilities of most concern to LRFs are essential services demand, business resilience and voluntary & community resilience.

LRFs have highest confidence in their training and exercising, local coordination and communicating with the public capabilities.

The LRF Taskforce have engaged with 13 LRFs as of 18 March: Cheshire – Surrey – Humber – Northamptonshire – South Yorkshire – Merseyside – West Yorkshire – Sussex – London – Dorset – Greater Manchester – **West Mercia** - **Essex**.



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