

B. Recommendations: potential further measures for consideration	
1. Approach to testing	We recommend directing testing to places that have high concentration of high-risk ethnic groups, dense housing and deprivation.
2. 1 August Measures	We recommend allowing sectors to reopen in line with the Roadmap published on 17 July (see Annex A). We propose focusing communications on the clearer safety messages and measures to mitigate the risk of the virus spreading.
3. Whether to end shielding on 31 July	We recommend pausing national shielding guidance as planned on 1 August, but that this should be kept under close review. Where local infection rates spike, restrictive shielding guidance will be reintroduced within the localised area.
4. Care homes	We recommend that DHSC work with Directors of Public Health and the Joint Biosecurity Centre to ensure that care homes are only allowing visits in exceptional circumstances in local areas of concern. We recommend prioritising all possible measures to support timely roll out of the care home repeat testing strategy.
5. Greater use of face coverings in more settings	We recommend extending mandatory face coverings to a greater list of indoor settings such as museums, cinemas and places of worship. We would not propose to include schools, offices, and premises where the main purpose is eating and drinking. We recommend strengthening existing guidance and comms to outline the benefits of wearing face coverings, when and how they should be used and raise awareness of the exemptions (eg. children under 11, people with disabilities).
6. Further travel corridor measures	We recommend continuing to use the current system, and close travel corridors as needed. We recommend that the Department for Transport leads work with the JBC, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and others to prepare a proposal to close more corridors if the position worsens in Europe and elsewhere.
7. Enforcement	We could investigate options to regulate further: increasing fines for not wearing face coverings, or doubling for repeated offences; reducing the 'backstop' limit on gatherings from 30 to 15; imposing a duty on premises to take reasonable measures to mitigate C19 transmission (in compliance with guidance and a risk assessment).
8. Social Contact	We recommend signalling that we may put in place further restrictions nationally on social contact. We will bring options to the Committee next week.