

## WEEKLY UPDATE FROM GOV.UK FOR: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### [Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund: round 3](#)

Page summary:

Sets out the measures that round 3 of the Infection Control and Testing Fund supports, including distribution of funds, conditions and reporting requirements.

Change made:

Updated the 'Annex E: local authority reporting template: reporting point 2, due 28 February 2022' to accommodate additional reporting for the Omicron Support Fund. Please see the guidance on the Adult Social Care Omicron Support Fund for further details.

Time updated:

5:26pm, 31 January 2022

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### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): providing home care](#)

Page summary:

Information for those providing personal care to people living in their own home during the coronavirus outbreak.

Change made:

Updated self-isolation and international travel advice to reflect the lifting of Plan B. Added information on the new funding added to the Omicron Support Fund.

Time updated:

5:37pm, 31 January 2022

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### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): advice for pregnant employees](#)

Page summary:

Advice for pregnant employees on risk assessments in the workplace and occupational health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Change made:

Updated with the information that it is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering.

Time updated:

5:58pm, 31 January 2022

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### [Oral statement on vaccines as a condition of deployment](#)

Page summary:

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Sajid Javid updated Parliament on vaccines as a condition of deployment

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

6:55pm, 31 January 2022

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### [Consultation on removing vaccination as a condition of deployment for health and social care staff](#)

Page summary:

Consultation to remove vaccination as a condition of deployment as Omicron replaces Delta as dominant COVID-19 variant

Change made:

First published.

Time updated:

8:27pm, 31 January 2022

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## [Kickstart Scheme closure](#)

Page summary:

Information about how the Kickstart Scheme closure will affect employers and Kickstart gateways.

Change made:

Updated page as the deadline for submitting vacancies has now passed.

Time updated:

12:15am, 1 February 2022

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## [Submit your Kickstart Scheme vacancies](#)

Page summary:

Submit your Kickstart Scheme vacancies after you've received a successful outcome to your Kickstart Scheme grant application.

Change made:

Updated page as the deadline for submitting vacancies has now passed.

Time updated:

12:15am, 1 February 2022

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## [Kickstart Scheme for gateways](#)

Page summary:

Kickstart gateways are organisations that help employers get funding to create jobs for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit.

Change made:

Updated page as the deadline for submitting vacancies has now passed.

Time updated:

12:15am, 1 February 2022

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## [Manage your Kickstart Scheme funding](#)

Page summary:

How employers will get the Kickstart Scheme funding and changes you need to tell us about.

Change made:

Updated page as the deadline for submitting vacancies has now passed.

Time updated:

12:15am, 1 February 2022

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## [Getting young people into the Kickstart Scheme jobs](#)

Page summary:

How to get the young people into the Kickstart Scheme jobs and changes to your existing Kickstart Scheme jobs that you need to tell us about.

Change made:

Updated page as the deadline for submitting vacancies has now passed.

Time updated:

12:15am, 1 February 2022

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## [Visiting arrangements in care homes](#)

Page summary:

Sets out how care homes can support families and visitors to visit residents.

Change made:

Updated to provide clarification on essential care giver visits during an outbreak

Time updated:

3:15pm, 2 February 2022

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## **COVID-19 vaccination of people working or deployed in care homes:**

### **operational guidance**

#### Page summary:

Anyone working or volunteering in a care home needs to be fully vaccinated against coronavirus (COVID-19), unless they are exempt.

#### Change made:

Added call-out box to reflect that the government has announced its intention to revoke the regulations making vaccines a condition of deployment for health and social care staff, subject to parliamentary process.

#### Time updated:

5:35pm, 3 February 2022

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## **Vaccination of workers in social care settings other than care homes:**

### **operational guidance**

#### Page summary:

From 1 April 2022, people carrying out face-to-face, CQC-regulated social care activities will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless exempt.

#### Change made:

Added call-out box to reflect that the government has announced its intention to revoke the regulations making vaccines a condition of deployment for health and social care staff, subject to parliamentary process.

#### Time updated:

5:35pm, 3 February 2022

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## [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing for adult social care settings](#)

Page summary:

Outlines the COVID-19 testing available for testing staff, residents and visitors for all adult social care settings.

Change made:

Updated COVID-19 testing available for adult social care in England: a summary.

Time updated:

9:03am, 4 February 2022

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## [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing guidance for homecare workers](#)

Page summary:

Guidance on regular asymptomatic rapid lateral flow testing for staff in registered homecare agencies.

Change made:

Updated to reflect changes in asymptomatic regular testing guidance for homecare workers.

Time updated:

9:41am, 4 February 2022

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## [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing guidance for extra care and supported living settings](#)

Page summary:

Guidance on asymptomatic regular testing for eligible extra care and supported living (ECSL) services.

Change made:

Updated to reflect changes in asymptomatic regular testing guidance for extra care and supported living staff.

Time updated:  
9:53am, 4 February 2022

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### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing guidance for adult day care centre workers and service users](#)

Page summary:

Guidance on regular asymptomatic rapid lateral flow testing for staff and service users in eligible adult day care centres.

Change made:

Updated to reflect changes in asymptomatic regular testing guidance for staff.

Time updated:  
10:15am, 4 February 2022

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### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): admission and care of people in care homes](#)

Page summary:

How to protect care home residents and staff during the coronavirus outbreak.

Change made:

Added note that this guidance will be updated and directed users to press release 'Government eases social care restrictions after booster success'.

Time updated:  
10:26am, 4 February 2022

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### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): testing in adult care homes](#)

Page summary:

Guidance on regular asymptomatic testing for staff, residents and visiting professionals in adult care homes.

Change made:

Updated care homes guidance for staff and visiting professionals on use of LFTs and removal of PCR testing.

Time updated:

10:26am, 4 February 2022

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### [Designated settings for people discharged to a care home](#)

Page summary:

Guidance on the designated settings scheme for people discharged from hospital to a care home with a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test.

Change made:

The 'designated settings' guidance has been updated throughout in line with the latest clinical advice from UKHSA. This update reflects the change in isolation period in care settings from 14 to 10 days for cases of COVID-19. It also provides information on how individuals can end their isolation before day 10.

Time updated:

10:00am, 7 February 2022