

Government social distancing measures - chronological list of interventions		Date - published	Date last updated
Area of activity			
Local government finance&funding	3/2020: Budget 2020 Guidance	13-Mar-20	13-Mar-20
Homelessness&rough sleeping	Announcement: £3.2 million emergency support for rough sleepers during coronavirus outbreak	17-Mar-20	17-Mar-20
Planning and building safety	Announcement: Government to grant permission for pubs and restaurants to operate as takeaways	17-Mar-20	17-Mar-20
Housing	Announcement: Complete ban on evictions and additional protection for renters	18-Mar-20	18-Mar-20
Other	Guidance: Public procurement regulations and responding to the coronavirus outbreak	18-Mar-20	18-Mar-20
Social care	Guidance: Ethical framework for adult social care for local authorities and adult social care professionals	19-Mar-20	19-Mar-20
Social care	Announcement: £2.9 billion funding to strengthen care for the vulnerable	19-Mar-20	19-Mar-20
Local government finance&funding	4/2020: coronavirus response and guidance	20-Mar-20	20-Mar-20
Business and charity support	Announcement: Extra protection for businesses with ban on evictions for commercial tenants who miss rent payments	23-Mar-20	23-Mar-20
Housing	Guidance: Domestic abuse safe accommodation provision	23-Mar-20	23-Mar-20
Planning and building safety	Letter: Planning update from the Chief Planner (March 2020)	24-Mar-20	24-Mar-20
Local government finance&funding	Guidance: Council tax: COVID-19 hardship fund 2020 to 2021	24-Mar-20	24-Mar-20
Legislation	Coronavirus Act 2020	19-Mar-20	25-Mar-20
Homelessness&rough sleeping	Guidance for hostel or day centres for people rough sleeping	16-Mar-20	25-Mar-20
Homelessness&rough sleeping	Guidance for accommodation providers	24-Mar-20	25-Mar-20
Homelessness&rough sleeping	Letter from Minister Hall to hotels on providing accommodation to support vulnerable people	25-Mar-20	25-Mar-20
Housing	Guidance: Home moving during the coronavirus outbreak	26-Mar-20	26-Mar-20
Local government finance&funding	5/2020: coronavirus response and guidance	26-Mar-20	26-Mar-20
Other	Guidance: Fraud control in emergency management	26-Mar-20	26-Mar-20
Homelessness&rough sleeping	Letter from Minister Hall to local authorities on plans to protect rough sleepers	27-Mar-20	27-Mar-20
Homelessness&rough sleeping	Letter from Minister Hall to caravan and park home owners	27-Mar-20	27-Mar-20
Housing	Government Guidance for Landlord Tenants and Local Authorities	28-Mar-20	28-Mar-20
Schools and education	Guidance hub: Schools and other educational settings	29-Mar-20	28-Mar-20
Funerals and care of the deceased	COVID-19: Guidance for Care of the Deceased	31-Mar-20	31-Mar-20
Public health	Guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing	29-Mar-20	31-Mar-20
Public health	Guidance for people with animals	27-Mar-20	31-Mar-20
Planning and building safety	Guidance from the Planning Inspectorate	12-Mar-20	01-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Changes to the Care Act 2014 to help local authorities prioritise care and support	31-Mar-20	01-Apr-20
Other	Guidance: Notification of data controllers to share information	01-Apr-20	01-Apr-20
Housing	Guidance: Meeting the regulatory requirement to secure valid Energy Performance Certificates	02-Apr-20	02-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Business Rates: Expanded Retail Discount Guidance	25-Mar-20	02-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Guidance: Business rates: expanded retail discount 2020 to 2021	30-Nov-18	02-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Guidance: Business rates: nursery (childcare) discount 2020 to 2021	20-Mar-20	02-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	6/2020: coronavirus response and updated guidance	02-Apr-20	02-Apr-20
Parks and public spaces	Guidance: Access to green spaces	27-Mar	03-Apr
Other	Announcement: Councils given new powers to hold public meetings remotely	03-Apr-20	03-Apr-20
Other	Guidance: Health, care and volunteer workers parking pass and concessions	03-Apr-20	03-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Residential care, supported living and home care	13-Mar-20	06-Apr-20
Testing	Policy paper: How the government intends to scale up testing programmes to provide a test to anyone who needs one	04-Apr-20	06-Apr-20
Other	Letter: Local authority meetings and postponement of elections	06-Apr-20	06-Apr-20
Business and charity support	Guidance for employees, employers and businesses	25-Feb-20	07-Apr-20
Planning and building safety	Guidance: Changes to neighbourhood planning		07-Apr-20
Waste	Guidance for local authorities on prioritising waste collections	07-Apr-20	07-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Providing unpaid care	08-Apr-20	08-Apr-20

Local government finance&funding	Letters: Business rates information - listed below	11-Oct-12	09-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	7/2020: Business rates information coronavirus response: monitoring	09-Apr-20	09-Apr-20
Public health	Guidance for businesses and other venues subject to further social distancing measures	23-Mar-20	09-Apr-20
Personal Protective Equipment PPE	Guidance: PPE plan	10-Apr-20	15-Apr-20
Public health	Guidance: Information leaflet on stopping the spread of coronavirus	07-Apr-20	15-Apr-20
Testing	Announcement: Testing for “everyone who needs one” in social care settings	15-Apr-20	15-Apr-20
Waste	Letter: Thank you to waste sector workers	15-Apr-20	15-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Announcement: Councils will be allowed to defer £2.6 billion in business rates payments to central government, and £850 million in social care grants will be paid up front this month	16-Apr-20	16-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Letter: Council Tax information on the technical implementation of the £500 million hardship fund	16-Apr-20	16-Apr-20
Planning and building safety	Announcement: Pledge to ensure necessary building safety improvements can continue	16-Apr-20	16-Apr-20
Planning and building safety	Guidance: Remediation and Building Safety	27-Mar-20	16-Apr-20
Social care	Action plan for adult social care	15-Apr-20	16-Apr-20
Funerals and care of the deceased	Announcement: Government sets out plans to ensure bereaved families can attend funerals during pandemic	17-Apr-20	17-Apr-20
Funerals and care of the deceased	Guidance: Local death management	17-Apr-20	17-Apr-20
Shielding and volunteering	Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable	21-Mar-20	17-Apr-20
Testing	Announcement: Testing extended to more frontline workers	17-Apr-20	17-Apr-20
Testing	Guidance: Privacy notice for testing for critical workers	17-Apr-20	17-Apr-20
Other	Guidance: Procurement Policy Note, supplier relief due to COVID-19	20-Mar-20	17-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Announcement: Government pledges extra £1.6 billion for councils	18-Apr-20	18-Apr-20
Personal Protective Equipment PPE	Guidance: PPE hub	10-Apr-20	18-Apr-20
Other	Letter: Secretary of State thanks the local government workforce	18-Apr-20	18-Apr-20
Funerals and care of the deceased	Guidance: Managing a funeral	19-Apr-20	19-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Vulnerable children and young people	22-Mar-20	19-Apr-20
Business and charity support	Announcement: New coronavirus ‘support finder’ tool for businesses and self-employed people	20-Apr-20	20-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Letter: Outline of funding support to councils	20-Apr-20	20-Apr-20
Personal Protective Equipment PPE	Guidance: Office for Product Safety and Standards PPE guidance for business & local authorities	27-Mar-20	20-Apr-20
Public health	Guidance: Care of the deceased with suspected or confirmed coronavirus	20-Apr-20	20-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Admission and care of people in care homes	02-Apr-20	20-Apr-20
Planning and building safety	Guidance: Application of the building regulations	21-Apr-20	21-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Announcement: Businesses to receive almost £10 billion in rates relief	22-Apr-20	22-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Financial support for education, early years and children’s social care	17-Apr-20	22-Apr-20
Other	Letter: Extension of statutory audit deadlines for 2019 to 2020	22-Apr-20	22-Apr-20
Funerals and care of the deceased	Guidance: Support for the bereaved	23-Apr-20	23-Apr-20
Parks and public spaces	Letter: Access to parks and public spaces, including burial grounds and cemeteries	23-Apr-20	23-Apr-20
Business and charity support	Guidance: Eligibility&delivery of the Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF)&Retail, Hospitality&Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF)	24-Mar-20	24-Apr-20
Public health	Guidance: Social distancing in the workplace	07-Apr-20	24-Apr-20
Parks and public spaces	Announcement: Communities Secretary welcomes response to his call for parks to open	25-Apr-20	25-Apr-20
Shielding and volunteering	Announcement: Over half a million food packages delivered to those at risk	26-Apr-20	26-Apr-20
Business and charity support	Guidance: Work out 80% of your employees’ wages to claim through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	17-Apr-20	27-Apr-20
Business and charity support	Announcement: Data on grant funding provided to businesses by local authorities in England	20-Apr-20	27-Apr-20
Housing	Guidance for social landlords on essential moves	27-Apr-20	27-Apr-20
Personal Protective Equipment PPE	Guidance on PPE from Public Health England	27-Apr-20	27-Apr-20
Public health	Guidance: Infection prevention and control	10-Jan-20	27-Apr-20
Social care	Guidance: Social care	15-Apr-20	27-Apr-20
Other	Guidance: European Structural and Investment Funds	26-Mar-20	28-Apr-20
Local government finance&funding	Announcement: Allocations of additional funding to local authorities	30-Mar-20	28-Apr-20
Testing	Announcement: Further expansion of access to coronavirus testing	28-Apr-20	28-Apr-20

Business and charity support	Guidance: Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme guide for employers	17-Apr-20	29-Apr-20
Testing	Guidance: Coronavirus testing for frontline workers	15-Apr-20	29-Apr-20