

Change of PPE Guidance & Check-in on National Lockdown Lifting



Briefing for FSCF
21 April 2021



This briefing will cover:

- What the Camden and Public Health guidance said before about PPE use in residents homes and what it says now
- What this mean for family work, and in particular face-to-face visits
- Review of the remaining steps of the national lockdown lifting
- Reminder on the change to guidance on positive lateral flow tests
- Resources to help us
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What Camden and Islington Public Health have Told Us

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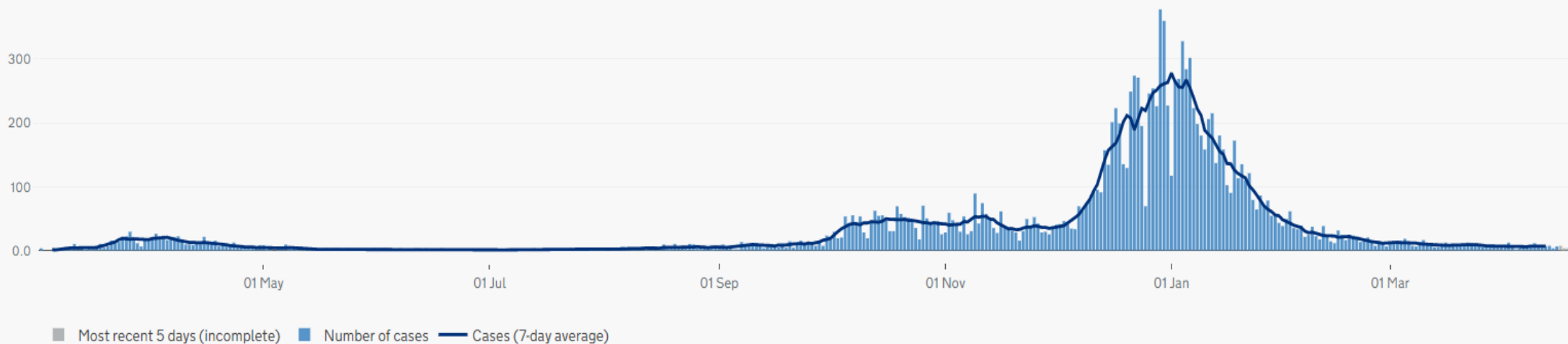
People tested positive

Daily	Total
8	14,042

Cases by specimen date

Number of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result, either lab-reported or rapid lateral flow test (England only), by specimen date. Positive rapid lateral flow test results can be confirmed with PCR tests taken within 72 hours. If the PCR test results are negative, these are not reported as cases. People tested positive more than once are only counted once, on the date of their first positive test. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, are incomplete.

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Healthcare in London ▾

Healthcare data are available for **nations**, **NHS regions** and **NHS trusts**. ✕

Patients admitted

Latest daily
9

Total
72,541

Patients in hospital

Latest available
460

Patients on ventilation

Latest available
106

Patients admitted to hospital

Daily and cumulative numbers of COVID-19 patients admitted to hospital. Data are not updated every day by all four nations and the figures for Wales are not comparable to those for other nations as Wales include suspected COVID-19 patients while the other nations include only confirmed cases.

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Deaths in Camden

Deaths data are available for **nations**, **regions** and **local authorities**.

Deaths within 28 days of positive test

Daily	Total
0	262

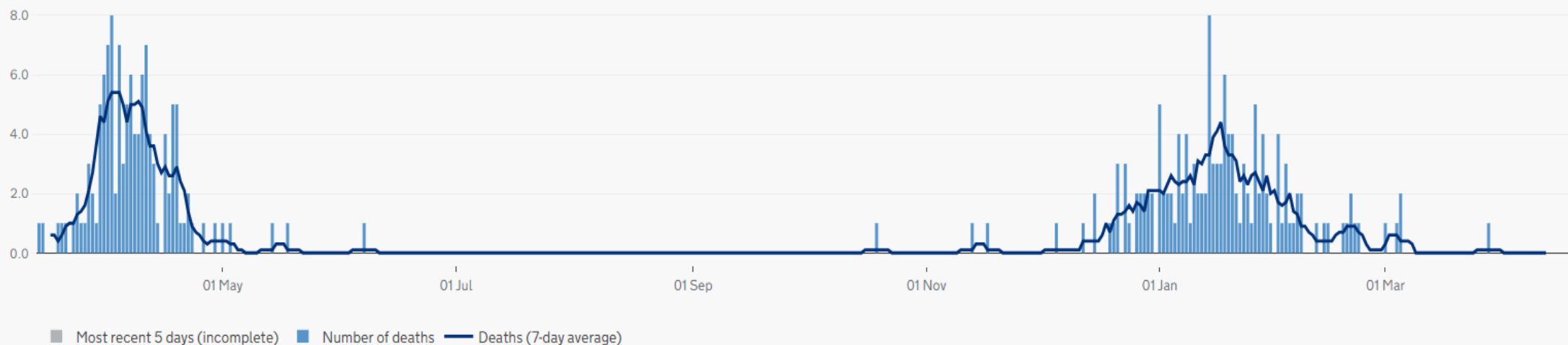
Deaths with COVID-19 on the death certificate

Weekly	Total
1	331

Deaths within 28 days of positive test by date of death

Number of deaths of people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test. Data from the four nations are not directly comparable as methodologies and inclusion criteria vary. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, is incomplete.

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Vaccinations in England ▾

Vaccinations data are available for **nations**. ✕

People vaccinated

First dose total	Second dose total
<u>27,713,634</u>	<u>8,734,163</u>

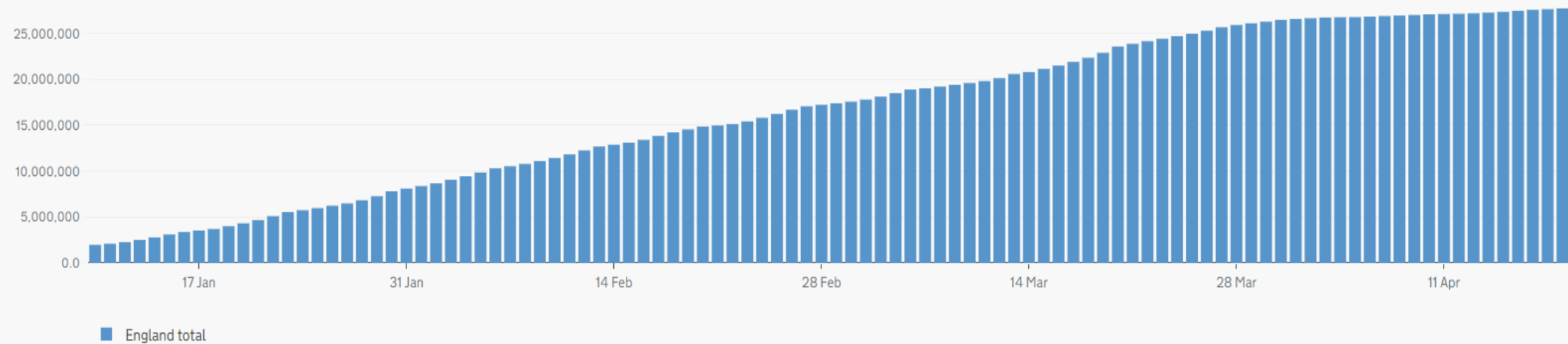
Vaccinations given

Total
<u>36,447,797</u>

People who have received 1st dose vaccinations, by report date

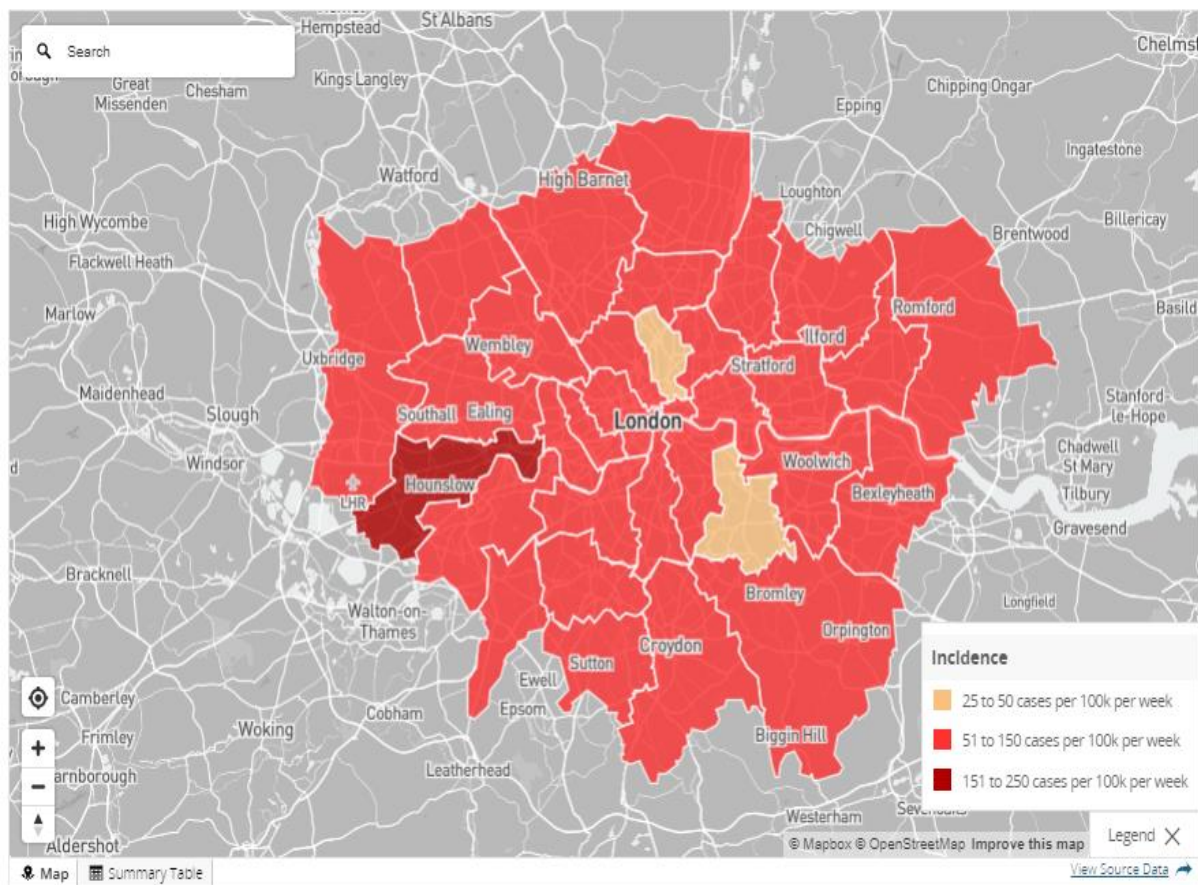
The number of people who have received a first dose COVID-19 vaccination, shown by date reported. Daily figures include all vaccines that were given up to and including the date shown, and that were entered on the relevant system at the time of extract.

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Weekly Infection Rate Map

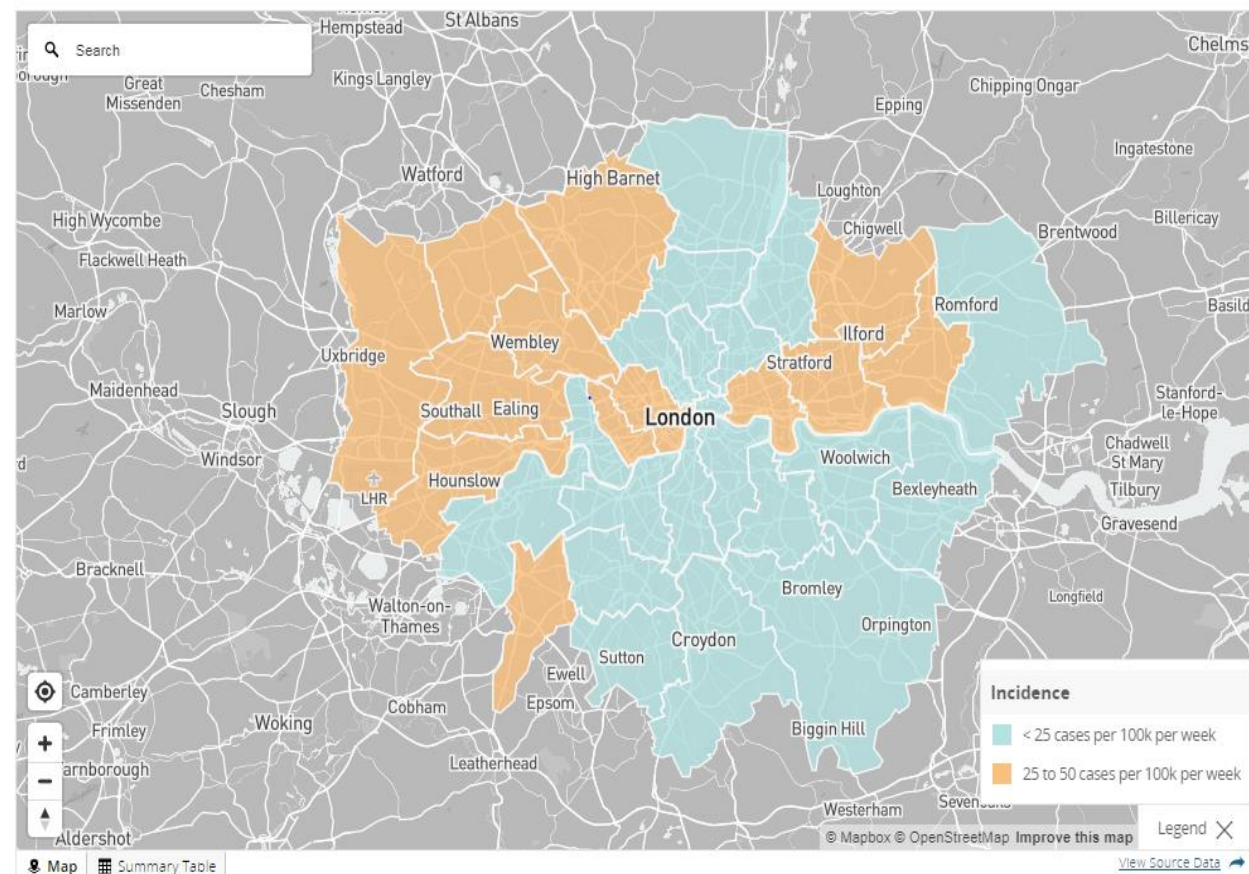
This is a map showing the rates of confirmed cases across a 7 day period for each borough in London. Infection rates have been styled as follows: Maroon >250 cases per 100,000, Dark red 151 to 250 cases per 100,000, Red 51 to 150 cases per 100,000, Amber 25 to 50 per 100,000 per week, Green <25 per 100,000 per week. Data is provided by Camden and Islington Public Health.



When we last met 4 March 2021

Weekly Infection Rate Map

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Today

Change to Camden PPE Use In Residents Homes Guidance

What do we know now?

- There has been guidance from Camden and Islington Public Health on home visits since May 2020
- On use of PPE, the previous guidance said:

PPE requirements

Activity and setting	Circumstances in which PPE is required	What to use?
Urgent home visits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urgent repairs • safeguarding 	PPE is required if staff must be within 2 metres of anyone in the household and: ANY household member has symptoms of COVID-19 that started in the last 10 days, or still has a fever <u>and/or</u> ANY household member is within the self-isolation period relating to a person having COVID-19 symptoms or having been identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 or quarantining following travel from abroad.	Fluid resistant surgical mask Disposable plastic apron Disposable gloves <u>Risk assess need for eye protection</u> i.e. likely risk of splashes, droplets or blood or body fluids.

What do we know now?

- On 16 April 2021, Public Health guidance on use of face masks changed. It now says:
- Type IIR surgical face mask should be worn when it is not possible to maintain 2 metres social distance at all times REGARDLESS of whether there are COVID symptoms in the home or whether the household are self isolating
- It also now says that to change a Type IIR face mask in between visits to home
- Previously the guidance was that the same mask could be worn to different visits
- The guidance to call ahead (e.g. our pre-visit checklist) remains the same

Working in people's homes

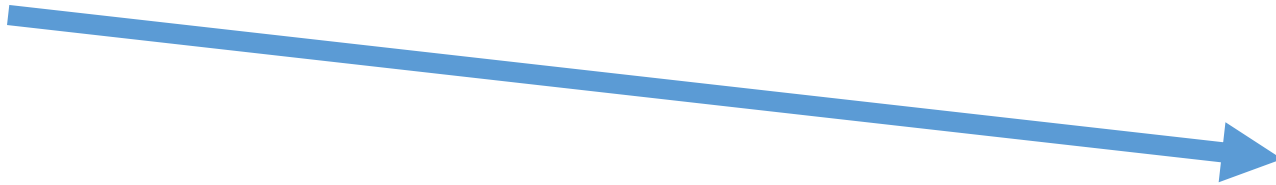
- Always call ahead of a home visit to check if there is anyone shielding or isolating at the property (see the Home Visits Guidance)
- If residents fail to keep a 2m social distance despite reminders, the Council supports staff to leave the home.
- Risk assess where potential hazardous substances may be encountered and ensure any additional requirements are followed.

Working in residents' homes	Face covering	Type IIR surgical face mask	Disposable gloves	Disposable apron	Eye protection
Shielding Essential visit to a home where anyone in the household is in the extremely clinically vulnerable (shielding) group.	X	✓*	✓	✓	X
COVID Hotzone Essential visit to a home where anyone in the household has symptoms of Covid-19 or has received a positive test result in the last 14 days.	X	✓*	✓	✓	Risk assess and use where chance of body fluids entering the eye
Providing personal care Including to children or young people with disabilities.	X	✓*	✓	✓	Risk assess and use where chance of body fluids entering the eye
Unable to social distance Not possible to maintain 2 metre social distance at all times. Ask your manager if you are unsure. For some teams, this approach will always be needed.	X	✓*	X	X	X
None of the above No one has COVID or is shielding, and can maintain 2 metre social distance at all times	✓♦ As minimum (unless exempt)	X	X	X	X

* Should be changed in between visits to homes.
♦ Follow guidance issued by your service area if you have been instructed to wear a surgical face mask.

What is a Type IIR surgical face mask?

This



Camden's PPE store stocks these face masks and this is what we have in our FSCF PPE store

Can't guarantee that blue masks you buy in supermarkets or online are Type IIR - check before you buy



Why did the Guidance Change?

Public Health said:

“This is above the national minimum PPE requirements for Children’s Services,

however we recognise that when working in residents’ homes it can be difficult to always maintain 2 metre distance,

so have updated the guidance to advise that type IIR surgical facemask is worn in these situations to provide additional protection against any asymptomatic cases”.

What does this mean for face-to-face visits?

- If you can't maintain 2 metres distance in either a home or alternative venues, you are advised to wear a Type IIR face mask
- You should change the Type IIR face mask before going to your next visit
- Which means.....
- You will need to have regular stock of Type IIR face masks

Resources to Help




- The FSCF PPE store is in the FIF cupboard on the 9th floor at 5PS
- There is always stock of Type IIR face masks in our store, and stock is replenished monthly
- You can collect your face masks from 5PS, and we have enough stock for you to have a months supply at a time
- In extraordinary circumstances, your line manager can post masks to your home, but that will be the exception not the rule
- We recommend you have 15 masks a month –
 - this is calculated on the basis that on average, family workers have around 6-7 cases each and
 - Do 1 face-to-face visit to a family once a fortnight (e.g. our blended approach)
 - 15 masks would give you enough stock for each of those visits.
 - If you are working with more than 7 families, please collect more masks

Q and A

Check-in on the 'Road Map' for National Lockdown Lifting

STEP 1
8 March

29 March

 **EDUCATION****8 MARCH**


- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

 **SOCIAL CONTACT****8 MARCH**

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES****8 MARCH**

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

 **TRAVEL****8 MARCH**

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

 **EVENTS**

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

 **EVENTS**

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

STEP 3

No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

 **EVENTS**

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

STEP 4

No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- No legal limit

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

 **EVENTS**

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events

The most important thing we continue to think about and plan for

Making sure we continue to keep you as physically safe and well as we can

Protecting your emotional health and your emotional reserves, making sure workloads are manageable, and that you have the scaffolding you need

Things we are currently thinking about and planning for



Third wave – Prime Minister alluded to this possibility in his briefing this week

Variants – no surge testing yet in Camden, but would need to be prepared for the possibility of new variants in the borough

Vaccination take up, amongst staff and in Camden community (as a risk mitigation factor)

Lateral flow test take-up and regularity (as a risk mitigation factor)

Continued protections for workers who were shielding, or workers who live with family members in that group, or from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups

Use of Council buildings from 21 June onwards – what does a ‘new normal’ routine look like including use of 5PS

Making sure we are keeping you as safe and well as possible, not just from COVID but in following our usual risk management processes (e.g. lone working, joint first visits etc)

A Reminder on the Change of Guidance to Positive Lateral Flow Tests



As mentioned in this week's email bulletin, the guidance on what to do if you have a positive lateral flow test has changed.

The advice is now:

- If you take a lateral flow test, at home or at a test site, and it is positive, go for a follow up PCR test (the test for people with COVID symptoms)
- You should do this within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test
- For example if you have a positive lateral flow test on a Monday, you should take a positive PCR test by close of play Wednesday
- The guidance has changed to try and prevent unnecessary self isolating if the lateral flow test is false/positive. Also because the lateral flow test is more accurate when there is more COVID virus around and because the PCR test can identify different COVID variants which the lateral flow test can't.
- There is no legal requirement to take the follow up PCR test
- You can find all the information about this, including an FAQs and where to collect lateral flow test packs to do at home, on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/tests-for-covid-test-and-trace/#main>

Resources to Help



The Guidebook Policies and Procedures for Face-to-Face Visits

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/fscf-procedures-during-covid/face-to-face-visits-guidance-and-procedures/>

The Camden and Islington Public Health Guidance on Home Visits and Government Guidance on Working in Peoples Homes

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/fscf-procedures-during-covid/face-to-face-visits-guidance-and-procedures/>

The Guidebook information on social restrictions (updated daily) <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/social-distancing-government-guidance/#main>

The List of Alternative Venues for Visits

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/alternative-venues-for-visits/>

Your individual risk assessment – do make sure this is up to date

Refresher on the Helping To Prevent Infection Spread webinar

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/fscf-procedures-during-covid/face-to-face-visits-guidance-and-procedures/>

Your supervision time, your weekly check-in with your manager, your reflective group supervision spaces and your clinically guided spaces

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