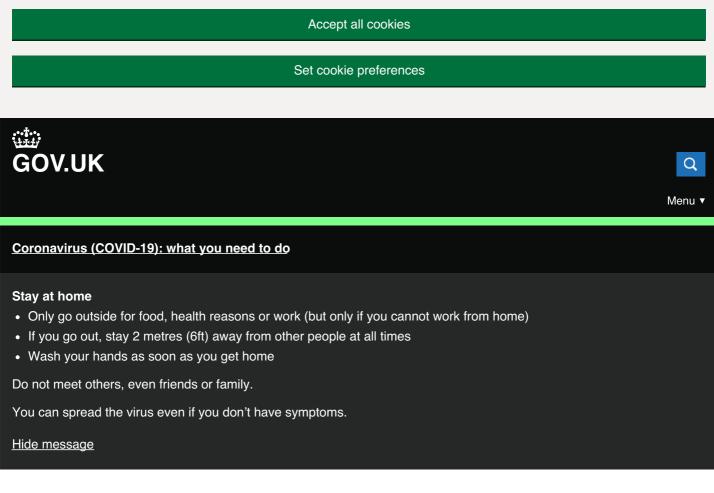
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# Guidance **Number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk in the UK**

The latest number of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk level in the UK.

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## Number of cases and deaths

As of 9am on 2 April 2020, 163,194 people have been tested, of which 33,718 were confirmed positive.

As of 5pm on 1 April 2020, of those hospitalised in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus, 2,921 have died.

Data on UK positive and negative tests and data on deaths is updated on this page daily. The figures for test results and for deaths are compiled from different sources. This is why the figures for deaths are reported from an earlier point in time than the figures for test results.

#### Notes on deaths figures

The figures on deaths relate to patients who have died in hospital and who have tested positive for COVID-19. The figures are compiled from validated data provided by NHS England and Improvement, Health Protection Scotland, Public Health Wales and the Public Health Agency (Northern Ireland).

These figures do not include deaths outside hospital, such as those in care homes. This approach allows us to compile deaths data on a daily basis using up-to-date figures. The data includes confirmed cases reported as at 5pm the previous day. The amount of time between occurrence of death and reporting in these figures may vary slightly and in some cases could be a few days, so figures at 5pm may not include all deaths for that day.

In addition to these figures, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes weekly counts of deaths in which COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. This publication is issued every Tuesday, starting on 31 March. It includes cases outside hospital and also some cases where COVID-19 is suspected but no test has taken place. ONS data will initially cover England and Wales only and will report on deaths registered up to 11 days before publication, so up to 20 March for their first release.

## Material published by Public Health England

Public Health England update a <u>daily dashboard</u> later the same day, to show trends in UK data on positive tests and deaths and to provide confirmed cases in each local authority and NHS region in England.

## **Risk level**

The risk to the UK has been raised to high.

## **Recent government action**

The government published its coronavirus action plan on 3 March.

On 10 February, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, announced<u>strengthened legal powers</u> to protect public health.

<u>The Health Protection (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020</u> have been put in place to reduce the risk of further human-tohuman transmission in this country by keeping individuals in isolation where public health professionals believe there is a reasonable risk an individual may have the virus.

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