


## Tell us whether you accept cookies

We use [cookies to collect information](#) about how you use GOV.UK. We use this information to make the website work as well as possible and improve government services.

Accept all cookies

Set cookie preferences

 **Coronavirus (COVID-19):  
what you need to do**

### Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

[Hide message](#)

[Home](#) > [Infectious diseases](#)

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.

Published 24 January 2020

Last updated 28 April 2020 — [see all updates](#)

From: [Department of Health and Social Care](#) and [Public Health England](#)

Contents

- [Number of cases and deaths](#)
- [Risk level](#)

Stay at home to stop coronavirus spreading.

[Read more about what you need to do](#)

[Video: How to wash your hands properly](#)

## Number of cases and deaths

As of 9am on 28 April, there have been 763,387 tests, with 43,563 tests on 27 April.

599,339 people have been tested, of whom 161,145 have tested positive.

As of 5pm on 27 April, of those hospitalised in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus, 21,678 have died.

	Tests	People tested	Positive	Deaths
Daily	43,563	29,571	3,996	586
Total	763,387	599,339	161,145	21,678

## Breakdown of testing by 3 of the testing strategy 'pillars'

### Daily

	Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 4	Total
People tested	14,558	15,013	-	29,571
Tests	16,440	25,289	1,834	43,563
Positive	2,455	1,541	-	3,996

### Cumulative

	Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 4	Total
People tested	496,221	103,118	-	599,339
Tests	623,435	131,645	8,307	763,387
Positive	138,097	23,048	-	161,145

## Pillar 2 breakdown of test types

	In-person routes	Delivery routes	Total tests
Daily	10,900	14,389	25,289
Cumulative	97,045	34,600	131,645

- Pillar 1: swab testing in PHE labs and NHS hospitals for those with a clinical need, and health and care workers
- Pillar 2: swab testing for health, social care and other essential workers and their households
- Pillar 4: serology and swab testing: a national surveillance programme supported by PHE, ONS and Biobank to learn more about the prevalence and spread of the virus

See the government's [national testing strategy](#) for more information on the different pillars.

## General notes

Data on UK positive and negative tests and data on deaths is updated on this page daily at 2pm or shortly after. 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.

For clinical reasons some people are tested more than once. Therefore the number of tests completed will be higher than the number of people tested. For serology testing (pillar 4), some protocols allow for samples to be tested repeatedly.

Samples are anonymised prior to sending to the lab for testing, therefore the identification of individuals tested is not possible in the current reporting process, and so the number of people tested is not reported.

Daily totals reflect actual counts reported for the previous day. Each day there may be corrections to previous reported figures. This means that previously published daily counts will not necessarily sum to the latest cumulative figure. It also means that today's cumulative count may not match the previous day's cumulative count plus today's daily count.

## Notes on deaths figures

The figures on deaths relate in almost all cases to patients who have died in hospital and who have tested positive for COVID-19. Slight differences in reporting in devolved administrations may mean that they include a small number of deaths outside hospital. 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, except as indicated above. 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.

[Joint DHSC and ONS transparency statement about COVID deaths figures](#)

## Material published by PHE

PHE updates a [daily dashboard](#) 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.

---

Published 24 January 2020

Last updated 28 April 2020 [+ show all updates](#)

---

## Related content

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): UK government response](#)

[COVID-19: infection prevention and control \(IPC\)](#)

[Foreign travel checklist](#)

---

Detailed guidance

[Travel advice: coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

---

Collection

[COVID-19: guidance for health professionals](#)

---

## Explore the topic

[Infectious diseases](#)

---

Is this page  
useful?

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

[Is there anything wrong with this  
page?](#)

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): what you need to do](#)

## **The UK has left the EU**

[Transition period: get ready for 2021](#)

## **Services and information**

[Benefits](#)

[Births, deaths, marriages and care](#)

[Business and self-employed](#)

[Childcare and parenting](#)

[Citizenship and living in the UK](#)

[Crime, justice and the law](#)

[Disabled people](#)

[Driving and transport](#)

[Education and learning](#)

[Employing people](#)

[Environment and countryside](#)

[Housing and local services](#)

[Money and tax](#)

[Passports, travel and living abroad](#)

[Visas and immigration](#)

[Working, jobs and pensions](#)

## **Departments and policy**

[How government works](#)

[Departments](#)

[Worldwide](#)

[Services](#)

[Guidance and regulation](#)

[News and communications](#)

[Research and statistics](#)

[Policy papers and consultations](#)

[Transparency and freedom of information releases](#)

---

## OGI

All content is available under the [Open Government Licence v3.0](#), except where otherwise stated



© Crown copyright