

Summary of all Covid-related financial support

HM Treasury has published a comprehensive [summary of all the financial support](#) schemes on offer to businesses, employees, individuals, local authorities and devolved administrations. To date, the collective fiscal support provided has cost the UK Government £280 billion.

Guidance on vehicle cleanliness and ventilation

The Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency is reminding all vehicle operators about the importance of vehicle cleanliness and ventilation when presenting vehicles for annual MOT tests and has issued guidance about [how to keep transport clean](#). The DVSA also emphasises the importance of [making sure vehicles are properly ventilated](#).

Guidance on [wearing face coverings](#) and [working safely in or with vehicles](#) has also been updated.

FCA to issue next mandatory Covid survey

The Financial Conduct Authority is providing advanced notice to inform regulated firms that they are issuing a third Covid Survey over the coming weeks, and completion is mandatory.

There will be ten questions looking at four areas:

1. Liquidity/ cash availability and needs
2. Recent financial performance
3. Scale of business activity
4. Access to government schemes

The surveys will be issued in four batches between 13 and 19 January and firms will have 3 weeks to respond.

Latest data provides overview of current situation

The Office for National Statistics has published its [latest Covid-19 data](#), estimating that 1,122,000 people in England had Covid-19 between 27 December 2020 and 2 January 2021, equal to about 1 in 50 people or 2.06% of the population.

The Government has also published the [latest R-rate number for the UK](#), which shows that at between 1.0 and 1.4 on average, every 10 people infected will infect between 10 and 14 other people. The growth rate of between 0% and +6% means that the number of new infections is either broadly flat or growing by up to 6% every day across the UK.

Third vaccine approved in the UK

Today (8 January) the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulations Agency, known as the MHRA, has [confirmed approval of the Covid-19 Moderna Vaccine](#), the third to be approved by the regulator.

Suitable for those aged 18 and over, the vaccine is a two-dose regime, and it is recommended to administer the second dose 28 days after the first. In a [press announcement](#), MHRA Chief Executive Dr June Raine said “Today’s approval brings more encouraging news to the public and the healthcare sector.”

Vaccines bring optimism for return to normality

Indicators from the Office for National Statistics’ [Opinions and Lifestyle Survey](#) covering the period 23 December 2020 to 3 January 2021, show that a quarter (25%) of adults felt that life will return to normal in six months or less, compared with 22% the week before. Whilst one in five (20%) adults felt that it will take more than a year for life to return to normal.

New rules for international arrivals into England

The [Government has confirmed](#) that international arrivals are now required to prove a negative Covid-19 test result before departure for England. The test must have been taken up to 72-hours prior to departure. All travellers will also be required to complete a passenger locator form before arrival into England.

There will be a limited number of exemptions, including for hauliers, children under 11, crews and for those who travelling from countries without the infrastructure available to deliver the tests.