

Covid-19 Bulletin

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R rates reducing in the north whilst increasing in the south

As at 6 November, the [R number across the UK](#) is reported to be between 1.1 and 1.3, meaning that on average every 10 people infected will infect between 11 and 13 other people. The growth rate is between +2% and +4%, meaning the number of new infections is growing by 2% to 4% every day.

The North West has the lowest R rate in England, at between 1.0-1.1, indicating that local lockdown measures previously imposed have had a positive effect on driving down the infection rate. The South East and the South West currently have the highest infection rate, with both regions reporting an R rate of between 1.2-1.4.

Covid impact on turnover varies considerably across industries

The latest [indicators for the UK economy and society](#) study, published by the Office for National Statistics shows that across all UK industries, 45% of businesses currently trading experienced a decrease in turnover compared with what is normally expected for this time of year. 37% experienced no impact on turnover whilst 10% experienced an increase.

The survey was completed between 19 October and 1 November before the new national lockdown.

The two UK industries reported to have the largest decrease in turnover were the accommodation and food service activities industry, at 72% and the arts, entertainment and recreation industry, at 69%, whilst the least affected industries were information and communication, down 31%, and human health and social work, down 35%.

The study also shows that during the period 5 to 8 October, 62% of the workforce were working at their normal place of work and 27% were working remotely, whilst 8% of the workforce were on partial or full furlough leave.

Between 23 and 30 October 2020, total online job adverts remained unchanged from the previous week, at 70% of their 2019 average.

Poster to display information about new national restrictions

The Government has produced [a graphical poster](#) for employers to display information about the national restrictions that apply in England between 5 November and 2 December.

Guidance on [Working safely during coronavirus](#) has been updated to reflect the new restrictions.

Personal health and wellbeing during the Covid pandemic

The Government has published updated guidance on the [mental health and wellbeing](#) aspects of coronavirus, providing advice and links to useful resources to help you look after yourself and others.

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Travel guidance during national lockdown

Guidance has been updated to reflect that from 5 November to 2 December 2020, travelling away from home, including internationally, is restricted from [England](#) except in limited circumstances such as for work or for education. Different rules apply in [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

Privacy notice updated for NHS Covid-19 app

The Government has published its updated [Privacy information on the NHS Covid-19 App](#) confirming:

- the personal data that the app collects and how the data is used
- measures taken to ensure the use of the app respects your privacy, is secure and in line with data protection law
- that the data protection impact assessment formally documents how the app works and how it protects the privacy of its users.