**COVID-19 and People with Equality Act Protected Characteristics**

[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) is the definitive source of up-to-date guidance, in plain English

The [leaflet on what to do to help stop the spread of coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-leaflet), including information on symptoms and government support, was sent to every household and is now available in easy read versions and in these community languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Polish, Punjabi, Romani, Romanian, Russian, Somali and Urdu, as well as a large print version.

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## COVID-19    Information in Community Languages

**Written Information:**

**Doctors of the world – written information in 36 languages with more being added**

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

**Public Health England (a smaller range of languages and Easy Read)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

**Migrant Information Hub** – COVID-19 Information for Migrants in Yorkshire and Humber: [migrantinfohub.co.uk/multilingual-resources](https://www.migrantinfohub.co.uk/multilingual-resources) includes brief key stay at home messages in different languages

**Spoken information:**

**Ask Doc** **BAME Health organisation in Greater Manchester** has developed spoken covid-19 advice based on NHS England advice. New languages shared via Twitter @askdoc1. You are more than welcome to share these resources.

Bengali

<https://youtu.be/xYw-MaWes08>

French

<https://youtu.be/0AY_BzKh2RQ>

Turkish

<https://youtu.be/3JcVuSWGq34>

Spanish

<https://youtu.be/oIsQcL-NU6Q>

Mirpuri

<https://youtu.be/xWUySSQDHSw>

Mandarin

<https://youtu.be/A9yHzkv_Xeo>

German

<https://youtu.be/C2tlEt7d8lk>

Farsi

<https://youtu.be/ttUeLYFwxfY>

Urdu

<https://youtu.be/_4Z38vtMVDc>

Punjabi

<https://youtu.be/DU_Ztmp93Ho>

**Peterborough City Council** have produced these spoken versions of the current stay at home advice in different languages (and they have been shared by Bradford Council too)

* [Arabic - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/dcTdVzfO5xs)
* [Chinese - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/QYfHrOpJfr8)
* [Farsi - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/jl8VT2aHMSs)
* [French - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/Rsfw1wvUNY0)
* [Gujarati - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/HLJHZ7q7GOc)
* [Latvian - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/jj6K3b4-KsY)
* [Lithuanian - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/XMbx8RMergw)
* [Polish - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/SGnk7aiC7Xc)
* [Portuguese - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/T3g8vm686cI)
* [Punjabi - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/HmEhuqcoG9o)
* [Romanian - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/TCPDrdCRn4Y)
* [Russian - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/TewYBroAt3w)
* [Shona - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/HooD7Ctb5k8)
* [Slovakian - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/eN0f6bwtC1Q)
* [Spanish - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/FULE_5DtIYo)
* [Swahili - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/Zs3oCk7U-mk)
* [Tefug - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/lEbDYWuMqFk)
* [Urdu - Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health message](https://youtu.be/ftzB-fs3BOE)

## Gypsy, Traveller and Roma people

**Roma Support Network** has this video on their website <https://youtu.be/lL1blJJeITk>  - but also refer to Doctors of the World (see above).

Gypsy and Traveller, Canal boat people advice with audio version

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/advice-section/guidance-for-gypsy-traveller-and-liveaboard-boater-communities-on-coronavirus/>

This Leeds based organisation had pulled together advice from different sources, much of it in video form, for Gypsy and Traveller people:

<https://www.leedsgate.co.uk/coronavirus-news-and-information/your-health>

**Race Equality Foundation Blog about BAME people and COVID-19**

<https://raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/health-care/coronavirus-information-and-resources/>

## Information for people of different faiths

**This Interfaith website provides links to lots of COVID-19 information for a very wide range of religions:** [**https://www.interfaith.org.uk/news/faith-communities-and-coronavirus**](https://www.interfaith.org.uk/news/faith-communities-and-coronavirus)

**MEND (Muslim Engagement and Development) has launched a new website with guidance about Muslim burials of COVID-19 deceased people:** <http://burial.mend.org.uk/>

**Muslim burials of COVID-19 deceased:**

An infographic has been produced with guidance around Muslim burials for those who passed away due to COVID-19. This includes guidance on who should attend and social distancing. Please share. <https://static.wixstatic.com/media/c0bb66_ff668e1de96244dc8c45b6f85d302b86~mv2.jpg>

**Guidance produced in Bradford about the cremation of deceased Hindu people:** <http://vhp.org.uk/lastriteservices/>

**The United Synagogue has produced guidance for Jewish people published here:** <https://www.theus.org.uk/article/coronavirus-updates>

**The Buddhist Healthcare Chaplaincy Trust have produced some guides that are published here:** <https://www.nbo.org.uk/covid-19-guide-for-buddhist-frontline-workers/>

**The Church of England has published guidance here:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

**The Catholic Church of England and Wales has published guidance here:** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>

**Guidance relating to Sikh people is available here:** <https://www.sikhhelpline.com/guidance-to-gurdwaras-managing-covid-19-related-death/> **and here** <http://www.citysikhs.org.uk/coronavirus-and-the-sikh-community/>

## **Easy Read and BSL Information about COVID-19**

**NHS E/I Learning Disabilities and Autism Forum shared a very useful email summarising easy read and Plain English information on 7th April 2020.** Details of how to sign up for these updates is available here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/learning-disabilities/about/get-involved/>

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5080> Hand washing guidance in Easy Read, Larger Print and BSL

<https://www.easy-read-online.co.uk/erdocs/easy-read-online/>Easy Read version, including the recent Stay at Home rules

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>​

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

**BSL Self Isolation advice from Public Health England:** <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5094>

**Free to access Easy Read and British Sign Language interpreted information and video from Braford Talking Media**

Bradford Talking Media have produced easy to read and British Sign Language interpreted material, audio files and video resources about social distancing, Covid-19 symptoms, social isolation and looking after your mental health during isolation. They are free to access and can be used to support service users and their families who have hearing impairments, learning disabilities or anyone who needs information in an easy to read format.   [https://www.btm.org.uk/resource-category/accessible-information-about-coronavirus/](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.btm.org.uk%2Fresource-category%2Faccessible-information-about-coronavirus%2F&data=01%7C01%7CLisa.Wright%40bdct.nhs.uk%7C8612cfe602b143f0375908d7d4a525e0%7Cf377edd1c32a465086639fc3ec794b84%7C1&sdata=yqtAYM7pHDyZo%2B6NQSC2jVumAyYo6QaqFSUywPLNOho%3D&reserved=0)

**Guides for people with dual hearing and sight impairments** <http://hi-vis.org/covid-19/>

## Information for other groups of people

* Mental Health Foundation [advice on looking after your mental health during the Coronavirus outbreak](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak)
* Age UK [Coronavirus information hub](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/) and [practical ways you can help older people](https://www.ageuk.org.uk/discover/2020/03/ways-to-help-older-people-coronavirus/)
* Campaign to end Loneliness [blog on Coronavirus and Social Isolation](https://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/blog/coronavirus-and-social-isolation/)
* Mental health charity’s[Mind’s guide to Coronavirus and your wellbeing](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/)
* Alzheimer’s Society has produced information about COVID-19 for people affected by dementia <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/coronavirus-covid-19>
* Maternity Action have produced some useful COVID-19 FAQs about rights and benefits during pregnancy and maternity <https://maternityaction.org.uk/covidmaternityfaqs/>
* The Children’s Commissioner has produced some resources for children: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/coronavirus/>
* Public Health England has produced information about COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-and-domestic-abuse>
* NHS England/Improvement’s guide to caring for people with Learning Disability, Autism or both during the COVID-19 outbreak <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/C0031_Specialty-guide_LD-and-coronavirus-v1_-24-March.pdf>
* Guidance for unpaid carers <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-providing-unpaid-care/guidance-for-those-who-provide-unpaid-care-to-friends-or-family>
* Report and guidance for Young People with mental health needs <https://youngminds.org.uk/about-us/reports/coronavirus-impact-on-young-people-with-mental-health-needs/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

# Looking after people who lack mental capacity

This [emergency guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-looking-after-people-who-lack-mental-capacity) is for health and social care staff in England and Wales who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity during the coronavirus outbreak. The guidance ensures that decision makers are clear about the steps they need to take during this period. It focuses on new scenarios and potential ‘deprivations of liberty’ created by the outbreak.

# Commissioners & providers of services for people who use drugs or alcohol

This [guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-commissioners-and-providers-of-services-for-people-who-use-drugs-or-alcohol) outlines COVID-19 advice for commissioners and service providers involved in assisting people who are dependent on drugs or alcohol or both

* Information and support for LGBT+ people is available here: <http://lgbt.foundation/coronavirus>