

# COVID-19 INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE

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# AGENDA

## KEY INFORMATION

- General Public Advice
- Key workers
- Business support
- Vehicles/drivers rules
- Facility Cleaning

## OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- Business Support
- Driver Welfare
- Vehicles and Drivers Regs
- Canteens/rest areas
- Fuel availability
- Competition Law
- Other Questions?

## PRIORITIES FOR CCF

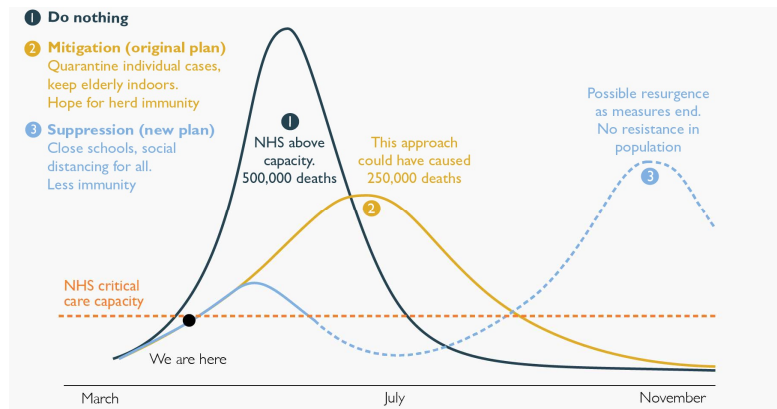
- Key workers monitoring
- Vehicles drivers rules
- Supporting collaboration?



# KEY INFORMATION – GENERAL PUBLIC

## • MAJOR ACCELERATION IN SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES

- All leisure, pubs, restaurants and cafes
- Stay Home Save Lives
- All over 70s and vulnerable groups
- How long for?



Source – The Sunday Times – illustration of Imperial College model

The main government advice is available here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>



# KEY WORKERS

## INCLUDED GROUPS

- Health and Social Care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and National Government
- **Food and other necessary goods**
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

### FOOD AND OTHER NECESSARY GOODS

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

### TRANSPORT

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

### CCF ADVICE

- General rule is even those that can use this childcare should only do so if they really have to
- Provide employees with a generic letter stating they work in the food supply chain
- Essential maintenance functions/contractors assume they are covered

## Key links for information on key worker

Guidance for schools - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Critical workers list - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

## BUSINESS SUPPORT (ADDITIONAL FROM LAST WEEK)



- CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME
  - Gov will pay 80% of wages up to cap of £2500
  - for workers designated as 'furloughed'
- VAT
  - all VAT payments deferred for 3 months
  - no VAT will be collected until 30 June 2020
- CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOANS
  - interest free for one year (extended from 6 months)



Link for details available so far on business support measures

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

Link for more details on Business Interruption Loans <https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbils/for-businesses-and-advisors/>

# VEHICLES AND DRIVERS

- DRIVERS HOURS EXTENSION
  - for delivery of essential goods
  - for all haulage
- MOT EXTENSION – automatic extension for all for 3 months except
  - any vehicle that needs a first MOT (annual test) before 31 March 2020
  - a vehicle or trailer returning to service where the test certificate expired before March 2020
  - a vehicle needing a dangerous goods (ADR) test before 31 March 2020
- DRIVING TESTS
  - all cancelled for three months
  - except for tests for key workers
- TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER STATEMENT
  - On how it will use its discretion on issues like operational disruption and financial declarations



## DRIVERS HOURS ADVICE

### Overall Derogation

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-the-drivers-hours-rules-all-sectors-carriage-of-goods-by-road/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-the-eu-and-gb-drivers-hours-rules-all-sectors-carriage-of-goods-by-road>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-drivers-hours-relaxations/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-drivers-hours-relaxations>

### Drivers hours extension for essential goods

- EU rules derogation - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-eu-drivers-hours-rules/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-the-drivers-hours-rules-delivery-of-essential-items-to-retailers>
- GB rules derogation – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-the-drivers-hours-rules-delivery-of-essential-items-to-consumers/temporary-relaxation-of-the-enforcement-of-the-drivers-hours-rules->

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#### MOT AND DRIVING TESTS

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/driving-tests-and-mots-for-heavy-vehicles-suspended-for-up-to-3-months-to-help-tackle-spread-of-coronavirus>

#### TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS – STATUTORY STATEMENT AND ADVICE DOCUMENT LINKS

Statutory statement - [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/873232/stat doc contingency planning.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/873232/stat_doc_contingency_planning.pdf)

Advice document -

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/874026/200320 Advice note.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874026/200320_Advice_note.pdf)

# SANITATION AND FACILITY CLEANING

- FSA and international food safety state it is 'highly unlikely' that covid-19 is transmitted via food
- PHE have made clear that your existing risk based approach to facility cleaning is sufficient
- PHE updated guidance on facility cleaning has been provided if covid-19 affected people have used the space



FSA have not issued a formal document but their position on foodborne risk of covid19 transmission is on their home page <https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Updated guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>



# OUTSTANDING ISSUES BUSINESS SUPPORT

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- BUSINESS RATES
  - CCF has called for business rates relief granted to retail and hospitality to be extended to food supply chain facilities
- PAYMENT HOLIDAYS
  - Banks
  - Finance companies and fuel suppliers



CCF letter to Chancellor on Business Rates - [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/shane-brennan-140b571b\\_chancellor-letter-business-rates-relief-activity-6646056944819847170-E4\\_5](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/shane-brennan-140b571b_chancellor-letter-business-rates-relief-activity-6646056944819847170-E4_5)

# OUTSTANDING ISSUES DRIVERS SAFETY AND WELFARE

- Facility owners must provide access to toilets for drivers

## OTHER SUGGESTED MEASURES

- Drivers stay in cabs at depot
  - No handover of keys
  - No handover of paperwork
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- CCF suggested policy on its way



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17 March 2020

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Usage of toilets at distribution centres.**

We have had several enquiries regarding the use of toilet facilities at distribution centres by freight drivers, given the current circulating Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This letter is to confirm that there is no public health reason to deny access to toilet facilities to freight drivers (or others) who do not have symptoms of cough or high temperature. **At this time, it is particularly important that everyone increases the frequency of hand washing, so access to toilet facilities is particularly important.**

Please facilitate freight drivers and others to continue to access toilet facilities and handwashing facilities.

This letter has been provided to the Road Haulage Association for onward distribution to their drivers, and to distribution centres.

For all up-to-date information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Best wishes,

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Consultant in Health Protection, Surrey and Sussex Health Protection Team  
Public Health England

TO DISCUSS THIS CONTACT Tom Southall

## OUTSTANDING ISSUES FUEL AVAILABILITY

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- CCF ARE IN CONTACT WITH ENERGY RESILIENCE OFFICIALS
- SOME INTERRUPTIONS IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY LAST WEEK
- NOT EXPECTING A MAJOR SHORTAGE
- WE HAVE EXPECT REASSURANCES THAT FOOD WILL BE PRIORITISED



# OUTSTANDING ISSUES COMPETITION LAW AND CO-ORDINATION



## GENERAL ADVICE

- general advice that essential business co-operation will be tolerated



## RETAILER DEROGATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

- specific relaxation of laws on allowing retailer co-operation
  - stock levels
  - opening hours coordination
  - Share depots
  - Delivery vans

## CCF CALLING FOR EXTENSION OF THE SAME DEROGATION TO BUSINESSES ACROSS THE WHOLE SUPPLY CHAIN

That's why the CMA welcomes the Government's announcement today to relax some elements of competition law to help supermarkets work together.

Where agreements are not covered by that legal relaxation, the CMA can offer the following reassurance: the CMA has no intention of taking competition law enforcement action against cooperation between businesses or rationing of products to the extent that this is necessary to protect consumers – for example, by ensuring security of supplies.

At the same time, the CMA will not tolerate unscrupulous businesses exploiting the crisis as a 'cover' for non-essential collusion. This includes exchanging information on longer-term pricing or business strategies, where this is not necessary to meet the needs of the current situation. More guidance on this will follow from the CMA in due course.

The CMA trusts that these announcements will reassure businesses, which it knows are doing their best in difficult circumstances to meet the needs of the public. Businesses must still be aware that any assurance given by the CMA cannot protect against competition litigation by private parties, but wants to offer comfort on its own approach.



General CMA advice statement - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-cma-approach-to-essential-business-cooperation>

Retailer competition law statement from DEFRA

The actual regulations will be set out



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HOME**

**PROTECT THE *NHS***

 **save lives**