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NHS Providers: Reducing health inequalities associated with COVID-19: A framework for healthcare providers

<https://nhsproviders.org/reducing-health-inequalities-associated-with-covid-19>

This framework, produced in partnership with Public Health Network, sets out core principles for understanding and taking action on health inequalities associated with the pandemic.



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control: RAPID RISK ASSESSMENT: Detection of new SARS-CoV-2 variants related to mink

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/detection-new-sars-cov-2-variants-mink>

This assessment considers the risk to human health posed by SARS-CoV-2 mink related variants. It is based on information available to European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) at the time of publication and, unless otherwise stated, the assessment of risk refers to the risk that existed at the time of writing. It follows the ECDC rapid risk assessment methodology, with relevant adaptations. The overall risk is determined by a combination of the probability of an event occurring and its consequences (impact) for individuals or the population.



NHS England: COVID-19 therapy: corticosteroids including dexamethasone and hydrocortisone

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/covid-19-therapy-corticosteroids-including-dexamethasone-and-hydrocortisone/>

In accordance with World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations, this letter explains that systemic corticosteroids should be used in patients with severe and critical COVID-19 disease, but not in patients with non-severe COVID-19.



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care: PPE portal: how to order COVID-19 personal protective equipment (PPE) (Updated 19th November)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment>

Updated information on order limits for children's care homes and residential special schools, dentists and orthodontists.



Professional Record Standards Body: Digital Health and Care and COVID-19

<https://theprsb.org/digitalhealthandcovid19/>

This report is based on a consultation that the Professional Record Standards Body held into the role of digital during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, lessons learned and opportunities for the future. It makes 14 recommendations based on the feedback from royal colleges, social care system leaders, health and care providers, patient/citizen groups, regulators and others.



Care Quality Commission: Inpatient experience during the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/themed-work/inpatient-experience-during-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>

This report shares the results of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) survey looking at the experiences of people staying in NHS hospitals during the first wave of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.



Public Health
England

Public Health England: COVID-19 - investigation and management of travellers returning from Denmark and their household contacts (Updated 17th November)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-investigation-and-management-of-travellers-returning-from-denmark-and-their-household-contacts>

Guidance for the investigation and management of coronavirus (COVID-19) in travellers returning from Denmark and their household contacts. Updated information on specimen handling.

Public Health England: COVID-19: geographical allocation of positive cases

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-geographical-allocation-of-positive-cases>

Statement on the geographical allocation of positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases.



EClinicalMedicine: Ethnicity and clinical outcomes in COVID-19: A systematic review and meta-analysis

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370\(20\)30374-6/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370(20)30374-6/fulltext)

Individuals of Black and Asian ethnicity are at increased risk of COVID-19 infection compared to White individuals; Asians may be at higher risk of ITU admission and death. These findings are of critical public health importance in informing interventions to reduce morbidity and mortality amongst ethnic minority groups.

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