



Coronavirus Timeline

8th December 2019 – First resident in Wuhan, China found to have symptoms of Coronavirus.

31st December 2019 – China informs the World Health Organisation about a cluster of cases.

7th January 2020 – Chinese authorities identified the Virus as a new type of Coronavirus. Later called Covid-19 on 14th February 2020.

11th January 2020 - First Death reported in China.

29th January 2020 – First two UK patients test positive for Covid-19

4th February 2020 – The Diamond Princess Cruise ship with 3700 passengers, including more than 100 UK citizens, is quarantined off the coast of Japan after 10 passengers test positive for the virus. A week later the number of cases rises to 174.

10th February 2020 – The UK Government declares Coronavirus a serious and imminent threat to the public health giving itself power to quarantine people.

13th February 2020 - The first case of Coronavirus in London is confirmed, bringing the total number to 9.

14th February 2020 – First European death recorded in France.

23rd February 2020 – Italy sees a major surge in cases and many towns are locked down.

6th March 2020 – UK now has 116 cases of Covid-19 and its first death.

9th March 2020 - Italy goes into lockdown.

11th March 2020 – Supermarket shelves across the UK are being emptied by panic buyers, mainly toilet rolls, hand sanitiser, pasta, rice, and canned goods. Covid-19 is declared a world pandemic by The World Health organisation (WHO)

15th March 2020 – Infected cases in the UK hit 1372 and 35 people have sadly died.



16th March 2020 – Social Distancing measures are introduced across the country. Everyone told to stop non-essential contact with others. Avoid pubs and clubs and social venues.

16th March 2020 – Boris Johnson begins daily press meetings.

17th March 2020 – France imposes lockdown

19th March 2020 – English government announced schools will be closed on Friday but open for key workers and children who are at risk.

20th March 2020 – The UK Government orders all pubs, restaurants, gyms and other social venues to close. The Chancellor announces the government will pay up to 80% of wages for workers at risk of being laid off in the furlough scheme.

23rd March 2020 – Lockdown is ordered in the UK. You must stay at home. Only essential travel is permitted, and an hour exercise a day outside the home.

24th March 2020 – Lockdown partially lifted in China. India announces completes lockdown. In the UK there were 8,077 infected and 433 deaths.

25th March 2020 – Prince Charles tests positive for Covid-19

26th March 2020 – The USA becomes the country hardest hit by the pandemic with more than 80,000 confirmed cases. The UK clap for our NHS workers at 8pm. UK chancellor unveils plans to help self-employed workers.

27th March 2020 – It was announced that our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and Health secretary, Matt Hancock had tested positive for Covid–19.

2nd April 2020- The number of confirmed Covid-19 cases around the world hits 1 million with 51,000 deaths.

3rd April 2020 – Prince Charles opened The NHS Nightingale Hospital at the ExCel Centre in London. Community support groups are set up by the government to support the isolated and vulnerable people. However, many communities already had such support in place

5th April 2020 – Queen Elizabeth addresses the nation.



6th April 2020 – Boris Johnson who had been admitted to St Thomas Hospital is moved to Intensive Care. Cases soar to 51,608 in the UK with 5,413 deaths.

9th April 2020 – UK records its highest daily death toll at 938 deaths recorded in 24 hours.

10th April 2020 – World-wide deaths double to 100,000

12th April 2020 – Boris Johnson is released from hospital to finish his recovery at home after being in hospital for a week.

13th- 15th April – Some countries in Europe ease lock down. Austria plans to open some DIY stores. Italy plans to reopen some shops and Spain gets ready to allow some construction and factory employees to go back to work.

16th April 2020 – In the UK, lockdown is extended for a further 3 weeks.

18th April 2020 – In the UK the total infected is 114,217 with a death toll of 15,464.

19th April 2020 - In the UK the total infected is 120,067 with a death toll of 16,060

19th April 2020 – 99 year old British war veteran Captain Tom Moore raises more than 31 million for walking 100 laps in his garden. Online concert aired on out TV's – 'One World: Together at Home'

20th April 2020 - India relaxes lockdown, opening banks, farms and public works.

21st April 2020 – In the UK the total infected is 129,044 with a death toll of 17,337. Turkey sees a rise in cases and endures 4 day curfew. Cases in Singapore surge, with over 8,000 recorded.

22nd April 2020 – UK human Covid-19 vaccine trials start.

24th April 2020 - Tests become available for front line workers, key workers and health care staff and their families. It reached capacity very quickly on its first day and website crashes.

25th April 2020 - In the UK the total infected is 148,377 with a death toll of 20,319



27th April 2020 – Death toll passes 21,000. Boris Johnson returns to his role as PM and issues statement – “we are in this for the long haul and lock down will continue”. The

Government announces a £60,000 pay out to families of health care professionals who sadly lose their lives as a result of Covid-19.

28th April 2020 – A minute silence is held at 11am to remember the key workers who have lost their lives.

29th April 2020 – Boris Johnson announces birth of baby boy. Testing has been expanded to anyone with symptoms who is over 65, who have to leave home to work and their families. All care home staff and residence can now be tested even if they don't have symptoms.

30th April 2020 – Captain Tom, Colonel Tom turns 100. A true hero who has touched the hearts of the nation.

Boris Johnson returns to the daily briefings. The UK has reached it's peak and cases are slowly going down. Boris explains that coming out of lockdown needs to be handled very carefully to avoid a second wave and so not to expect to be out of lockdown too soon.

1st May 2020 - UK confirmed cases 177,454. Total deaths 27,510. Government hit its 100,000 testing target at 122,347. Burger King opens its doors for deliveries.

4th May 2020 – Health Secretary announces pilot of Coronavirus contact tracing app which will take place on the Isle of Wight. The number of patients in hospitals in the UK with Covid-19 is under 13,500, 35% below the peak on 12th April. Public Health England launched a review into the factors affecting health outcomes from Covid-19 to include ethnicity, gender and obesity.

5th May 2020 – The UK death toll reaches 29,427 and now has the highest death rate in Europe. At the daily briefing today Dominic Raab, the Health Secretary said “Britain will have to adapt to a new normal. It's clear that the second phase will be different. We need to adjust to a new normal, where we as a society, adapt to safe ways to work, to travel, to interact and go about our daily lives”

7th May 2020 – UK reaches 30,615 deaths.



8th May 2020 – The UK celebrates VE day at home. Lots of people have picnics in their front gardens. The nation shares a minute silence at 11am and sings ‘We’ll meet again’ in unison and the Queen addresses the nation at 9pm.

10th May 2020 - Boris Johnson addresses the nation. He tells the nation that if you are unable to work from home, you should go to work. He informs the public that you can travel and can have unlimited time outside and that Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils can return to school from 1st June, after Half Term. The message changes from 'stay at home' to ‘stay alert’. Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland do not ease lockdown. Boris Johnson briefly introduces the idea of an alert system consisting of levels to communicate the current level of risk clearly to the public.

11th May 2020 - The government publish a 50 page document, what Boris Johnson calls a road map to the UK's recovery and a phased return to normality. The document contains guidance for places of work to ensure social distancing is adhered too. Today in Parliament, Mr Johnson outlined the 3 steps of the easing of the lockdown.

12th May 2020 – The government announces that the housing market can reopen and people are now allowed to move home. Garden centres and other businesses started to reopen. Most construction sites have reopened but are all very different environments to what they were before. Social distancing rules apply.

13th May 2020 - McDonalds reopens for deliveries only in some parts of the country. Fish ponds open

Government's first steps to ease lockdown restrictions in England
 Progress based on assessment of infection rate

| Step | This week |
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| 1 | From Monday 11 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing measures continue • Work from home if you can • Avoid public transport if possible |
| | From Wednesday 13 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some industries, such as construction and engineering, encouraged to return to work if safety measures are in place • Take unlimited amounts of outdoor exercise • Drive to do exercise if you want • Play sports but only with your household • Enjoy parks without having to exercise |
| 2 | 1 June at the earliest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phased reopening of shops • Schools could begin phased reopening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process will begin with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - Years 10 and 12 may get some time with teachers before summer holidays |
| 3 | 1 July at the earliest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopening of some of the hospitality industry • Reopening of public places |



14th May 2020- A new test that can determine whether you have had Coronavirus has been approved by Public Health.

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