



Health and Housing Scrutiny  
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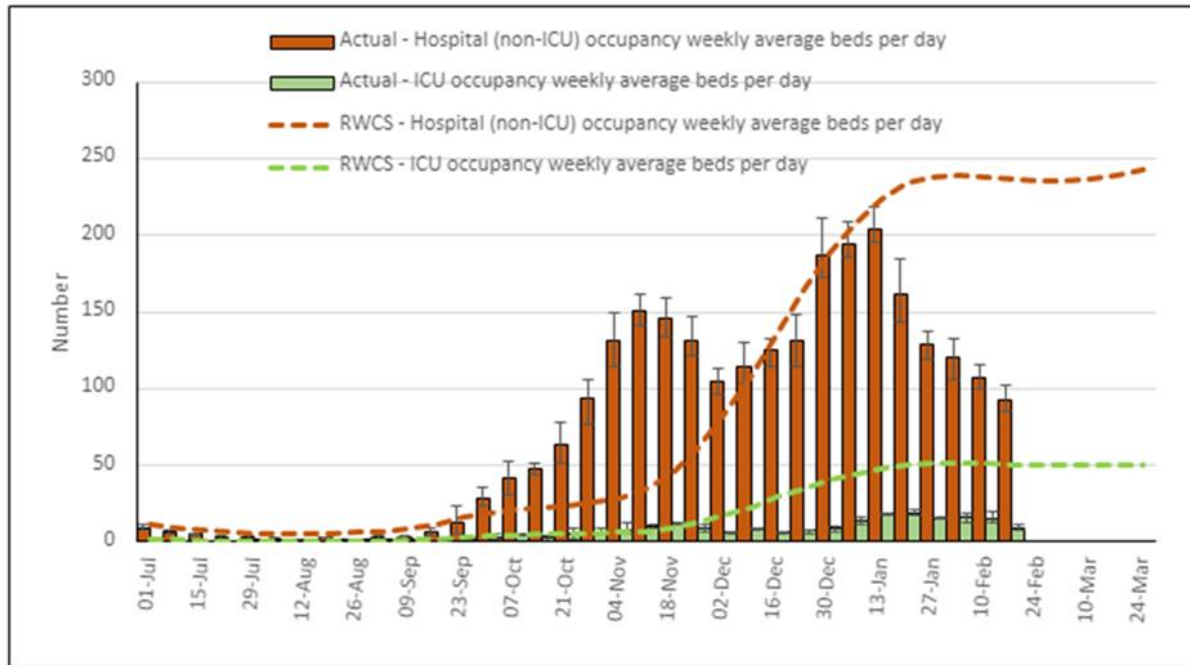
# Darlington situation report

## **Test 1 The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully**

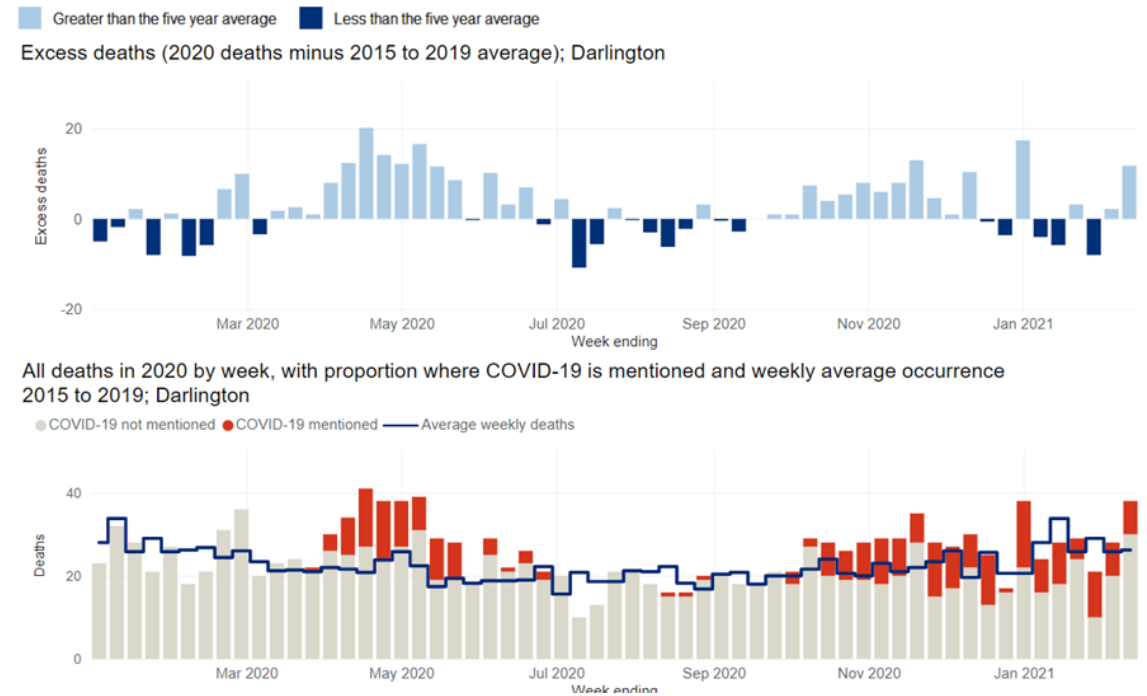
In Darlington (as of 28<sup>th</sup> February)

- 32,214 vaccines have been given.
- 94% of all those aged 70 years have received their first dose of vaccine
- 9 out of 10 residents in care homes have received their first dose of vaccine.
- Second doses of vaccines to start this month.
- Vaccination sites include:-
  - Feethams House – manned by local GPs
  - Mass Vaccination Centre – Darlington Arena (opened 1<sup>st</sup> March)

# Test 2 Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated

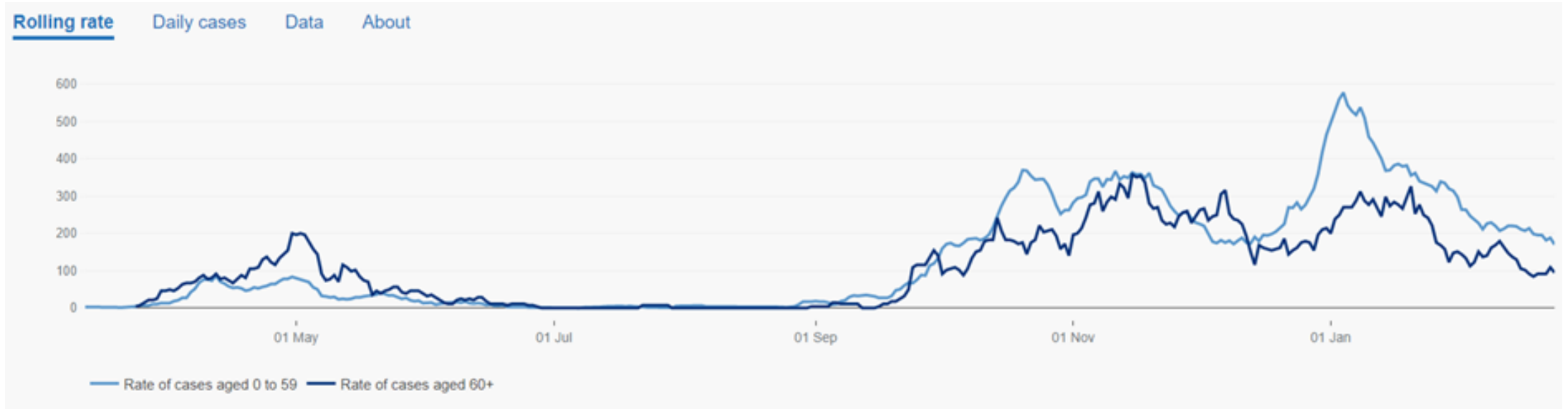


COVID-19 in patient bed occupancy by week – County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust

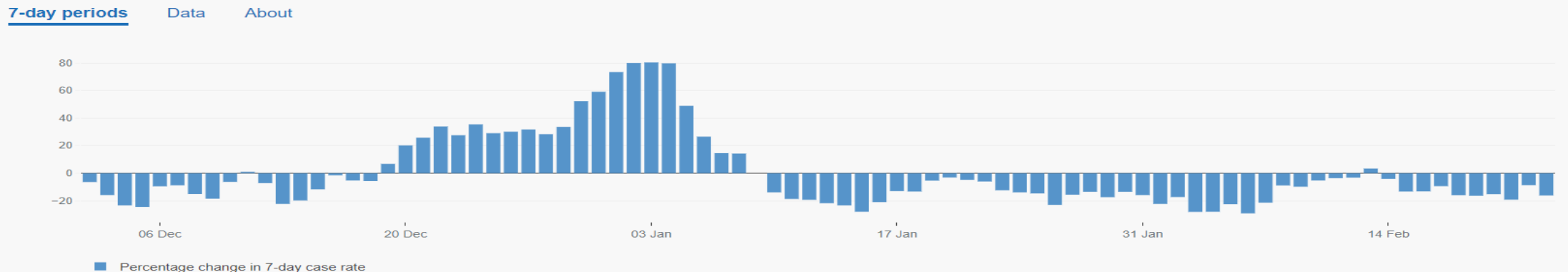


Excess deaths and proportion of deaths involving COVID – 19 by week

# Test 3 Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS



Rate of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result (either lab-reported or lateral flow device) per 100,000 population in the rolling 7-day period ending on the dates shown. Rates and percentage changes are presented for the most recent 3 months, in order to provide transparency around decision making. Percentage changes are calculated by comparing to the previous non-overlapping 7-day period.



# Test 4. Our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

## Surveillance overview

### UK total distribution

Variant	Country in which first detected	<u>Genomically confirmed cases</u> **
VOC-202012/01	England, UK	-
VOC-202012/02	South Africa	193
VUI-202101/01	Brazil	35
VOC-202101/02	Japan ex Manaus, Brazil	0
VUI-202102/01	England, UK	58***
VOC-202102/02	England, UK	31^
VUI-202102/03	TBC	56

Percentage of new positive lab samples with the new variant (S gene target failure) present

UTLA LTLA hierarchy - UTLA	UTLA LTLA hierarchy - Area name	Cases with SGTF
PHE Centre	North East	100%
Darlington	Darlington	100%
Hartlepool	Hartlepool	100%
Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough	100%
Redcar and Cleveland	Redcar and Cleveland	100%
Stockton-on-Tees	Stockton-on-Tees	100%

\*\*Genomically confirmed cases are those where all lineage defining positions can be assessed. Probable cases are those where the sequencing is of a lower quality and not all lineage defining positions are called

# Testing – Cumulative Totals for Darlington

## PCR Tests (Pillar 1&2)

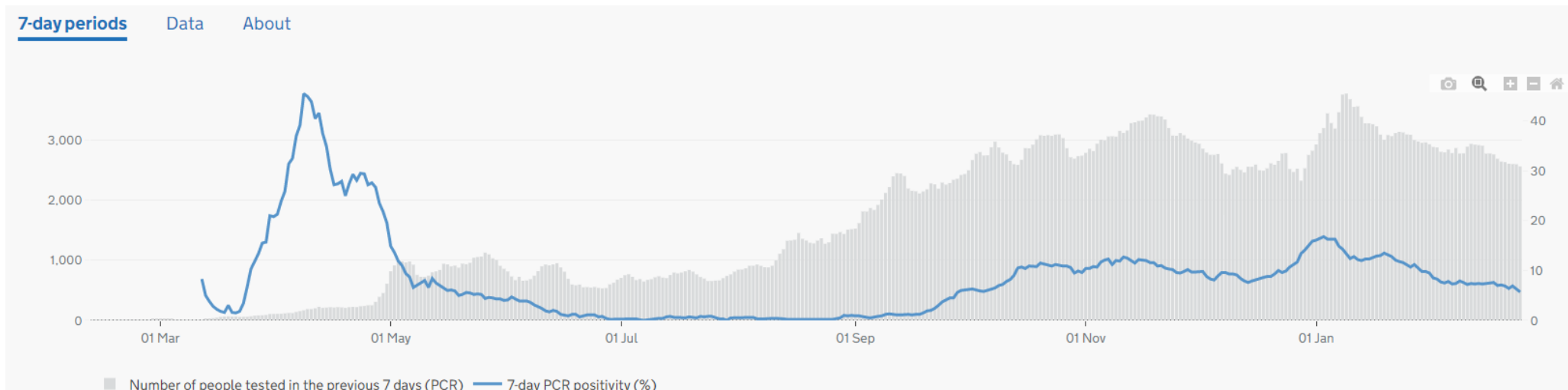
- Total individuals tested= 47,526
- People tested +ve = 6,917
- People tested –ve =40,609

## Lateral Flow Testing

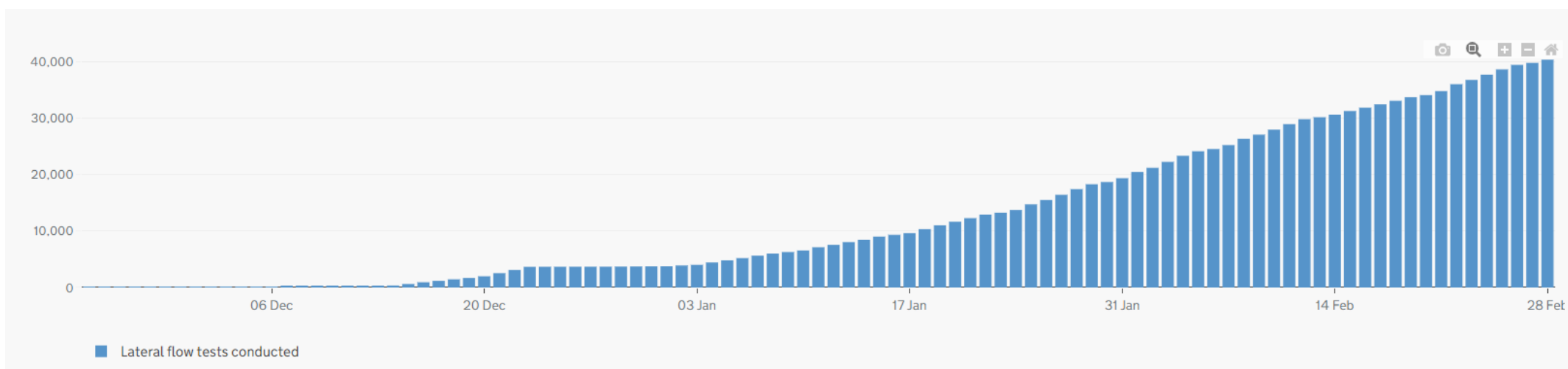
- Community Testing (from Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - Total Tests= 21,075
  - People tested +ve = 327
  - People tested –ve = 20,748
- School Based Testing (staff & Pupils)
  - Total tests = 4,737
  - Total tested +ve = 7
  - Total tested –ve = 4,370

# Testing – PCR and Lateral Flow Tests

## PCR



## LFT



# Testing – developments

The DHSC are currently planning an expansion of opportunities for testing in the coming weeks including :-

- Community Collect – programme to allow tests to be collected and undertake their own tests at home
- Institutional Testing – targeting larger employers (>50 employees) to enable them to undertake testing in their own workplace
- Schools Home Testing – parents provided with tests kits to take home and undertake tests at home prior to attending school



# Roadmap: key points

- From 8th March, there is a plan for restrictions start to lift.
- To ensure a safe exit from lockdown restrictions will be eased in four steps with restrictions being lifted across the whole of England at the same time.
- These steps will be informed by the data to avoid the risk a surge in infections, hospitalisations and deaths.
- There will be a minimum of five weeks between each step: four weeks for the data to reflect changes and for these to be analysed; followed by one week's advance notice of further easements.



### Test 1

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### Test 2

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### Test 3

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### Test 4

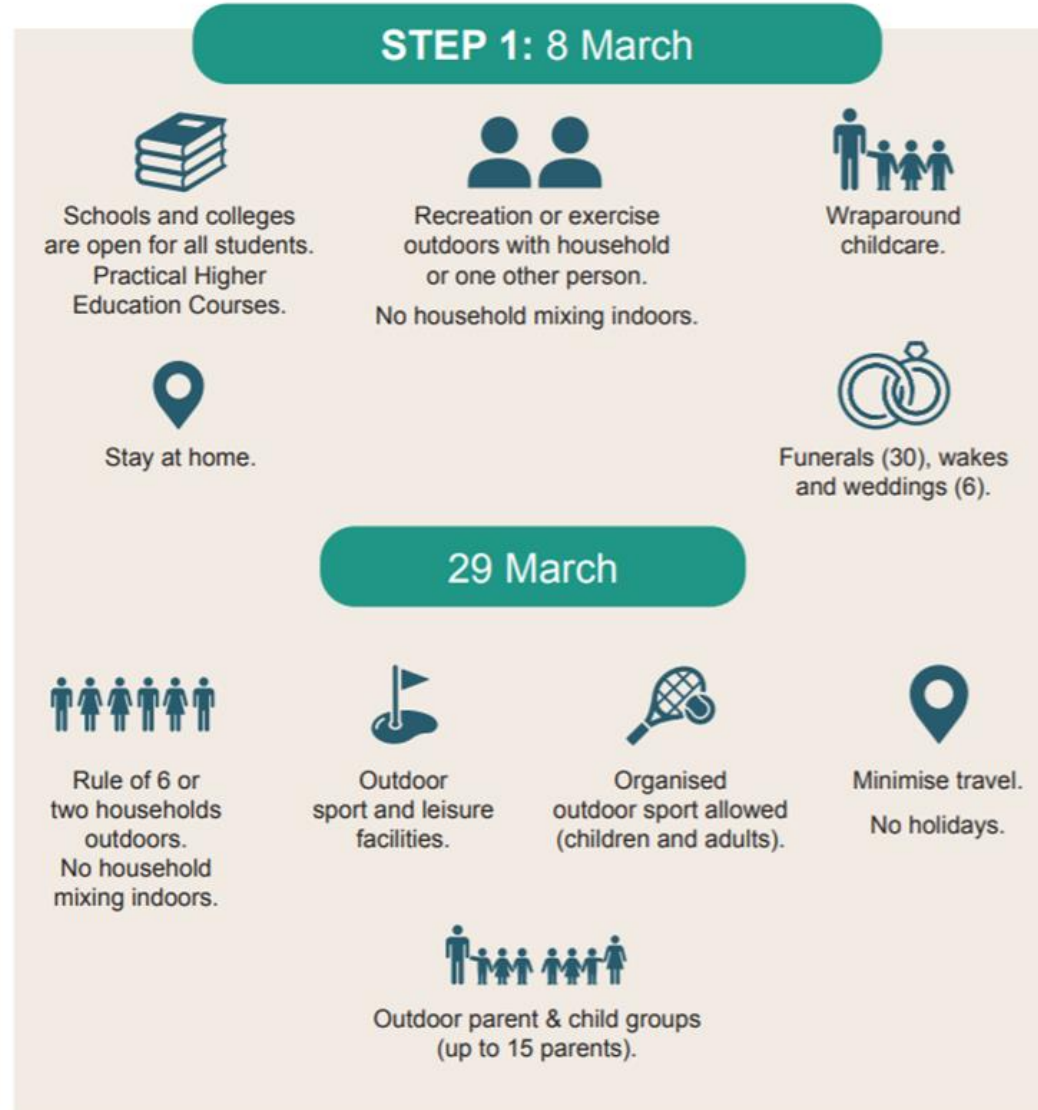
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# The four tests

Only when the Government is sure that it is safe to move from one step to the next will the final decision be made.

Decisions will be based on four tests.

# Step 1 - from 8th/29th March



# Step 2 - after 12th April

**STEP 2**

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.

 <p>Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.</p>	 <p>Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.</p>	 <p>Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.</p>	
 <p>Libraries and community centres.</p>	 <p>Personal care premises.</p>	 <p>All retail.</p>	 <p>Outdoor hospitality.</p>
 <p>All children's activities, indoor parent &amp; child groups (up to 15 parents).</p>	 <p>Domestic overnight stays (household only).</p>	 <p>Self-contained accommodation (household only).</p>	
 <p>Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).</p>	 <p>Minimise travel. No international holidays.</p>	 <p>Event pilots begin.</p>	

# Step 3 - after 17th May

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At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.

 Indoor entertainment and attractions.	 30 person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).	 Domestic overnight stays.
 Organised indoor adult sport.	 Most significant life events (30).	 Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).
 Remaining accommodation.	 Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply. Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%. Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%. Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%.	 International travel - subject to review.

# Step 4 - after 21st June

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At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June.  
By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following  
(subject to review):



No legal limits on  
social contact.



Nightclubs.



Larger events.



No legal limit on all  
life events.

# Education wider reopening – Roadmap 22 February

- All **primary school** children will return on Monday 8 March, as staff continue to take two rapid coronavirus tests each week at home.
- All **secondary school and FE college** return to the classroom from the 8 March. Schools will have discretion on how to run their testing in the first week back – After the initial programme of three tests in school or college they will start testing at home (3-5 days gap between tests).
- **University students** on practical courses who need access to specialist facilities and equipment can return to in-person teaching and learning from 8 March. Review date before end of Easter holiday for remaining students.
- **Wraparound childcare** for primary and secondary pupils will resume where necessary to enable parents to access work, education or medical care.
- **Nurseries** remain open

# Controls

Already in place



*system of controls continues to **reduce the risk of transmission**.*

- Secondary, FE and HE learners and staff wear **face coverings** in communal areas, where social distancing cannot be maintained
- **In primary** schools face coverings should be worn in communal areas where social distancing not possible. Primary school children do not need to wear face coverings
- **'Bubbles'** to minimise contact and transmission
- **Social distancing** is implemented in areas where it is possible to do so Enhanced **cleaning regimes** including more frequent cleaning of surfaces
- Stringent **hand washing** is actively encouraged particularly in primary schools

Additional measures



Staff and students in secondary schools and colleges are advised to wear **face coverings** in all areas, including classrooms, where social distancing cannot be maintained as a temporary extra measure

Twice weekly **home tests for all staff; testing on return** then twice-weekly testing at home for secondary and college students (on-site for universities)

All staff at **private, voluntary and independent nurseries** will have access to tests to use twice weekly at home (from 15 March), building on the testing already available to maintained nursery schools and school-based nurseries. **Childminders** can continue to access community testing

**School discretion for Phased return of secondary age pupils** during w/c 8 March to allow for testing (immediate return for primary)



# As we progress...

**Safe Behaviours**

 <p>Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.</p>	 <p>Wear a face covering in enclosed environments.</p>	 <p>Maintain space with anyone outside your household or bubble.</p>
 <p>Meet with others outdoors where possible.</p>	 <p>Minimise the number of different people you meet and the duration of meetings, if possible.</p>	 <p>Let fresh air in.</p>
 <p>Download the NHS Test &amp; Trace app.</p>	 <p>Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms.</p>	 <p>Self isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.</p>

# Stay at Home campaign

Throughout all stages in the Road Map a national campaign will continue to reinforce key messages for the public to maintain vigilance. This campaign will cover topics such as:

- Safe behaviours
- Ventilation
- Wearing a face covering where appropriate

**STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES**



## Wash Hands

Keep washing your hands regularly.



## Cover Face

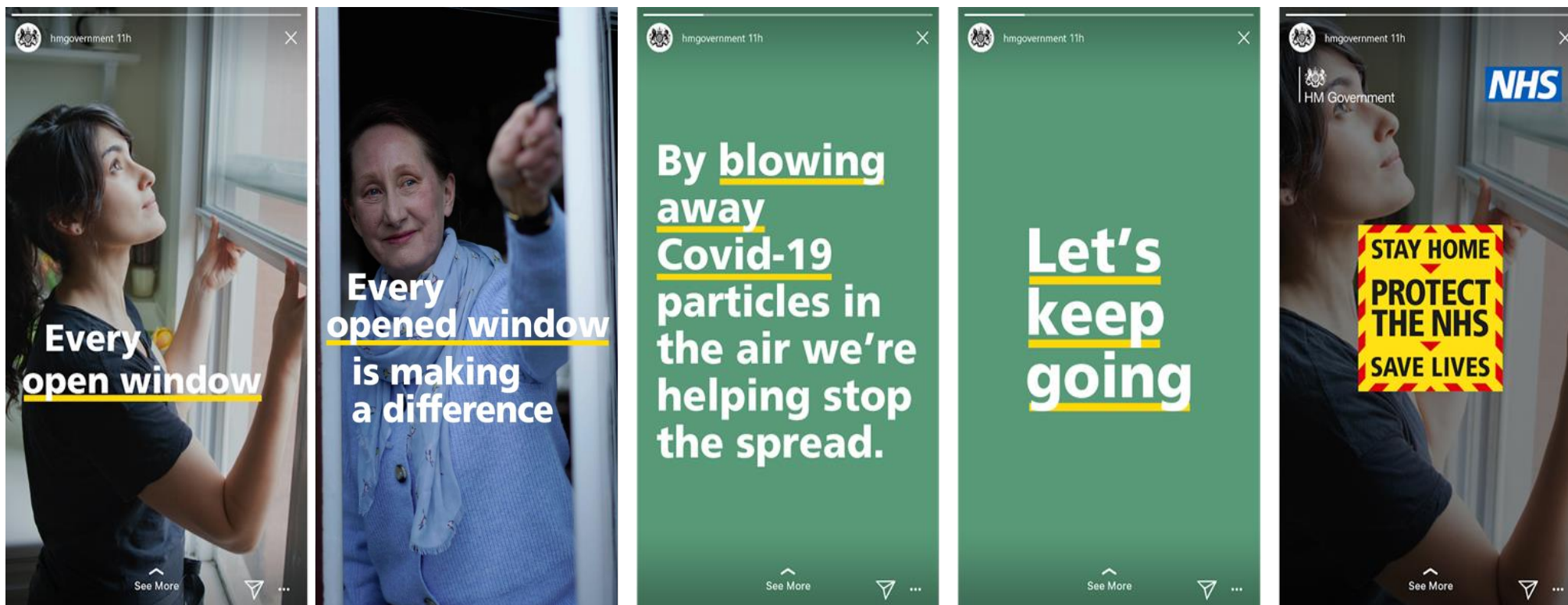
Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces.



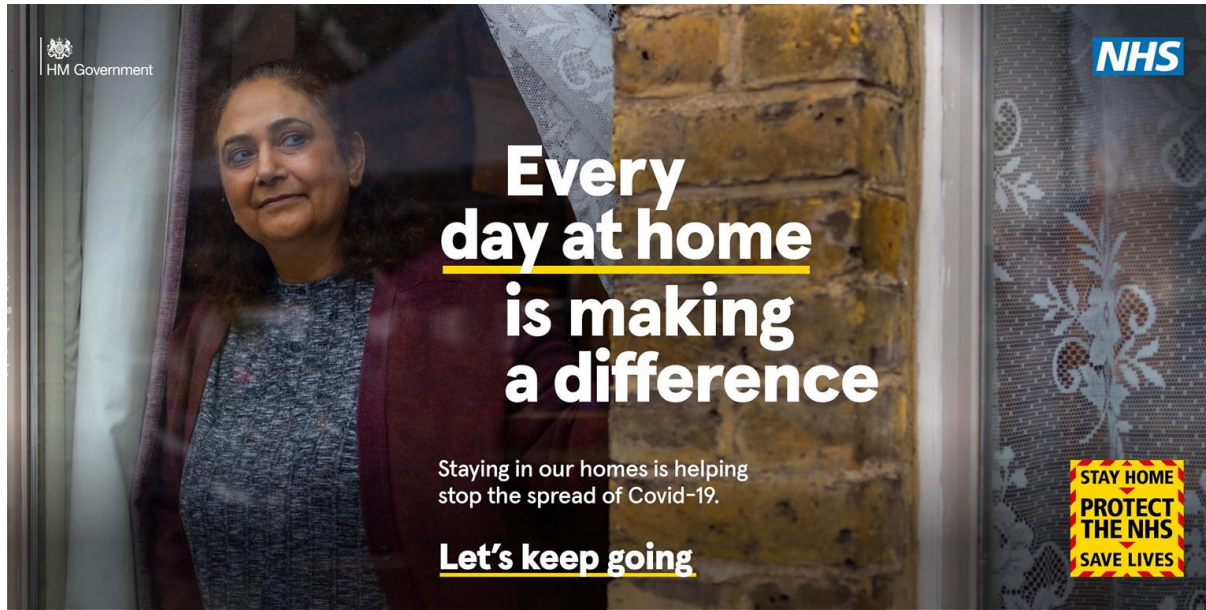
## Make Space

Stay at least one metre away from people not in your household.

# Stay at Home campaign







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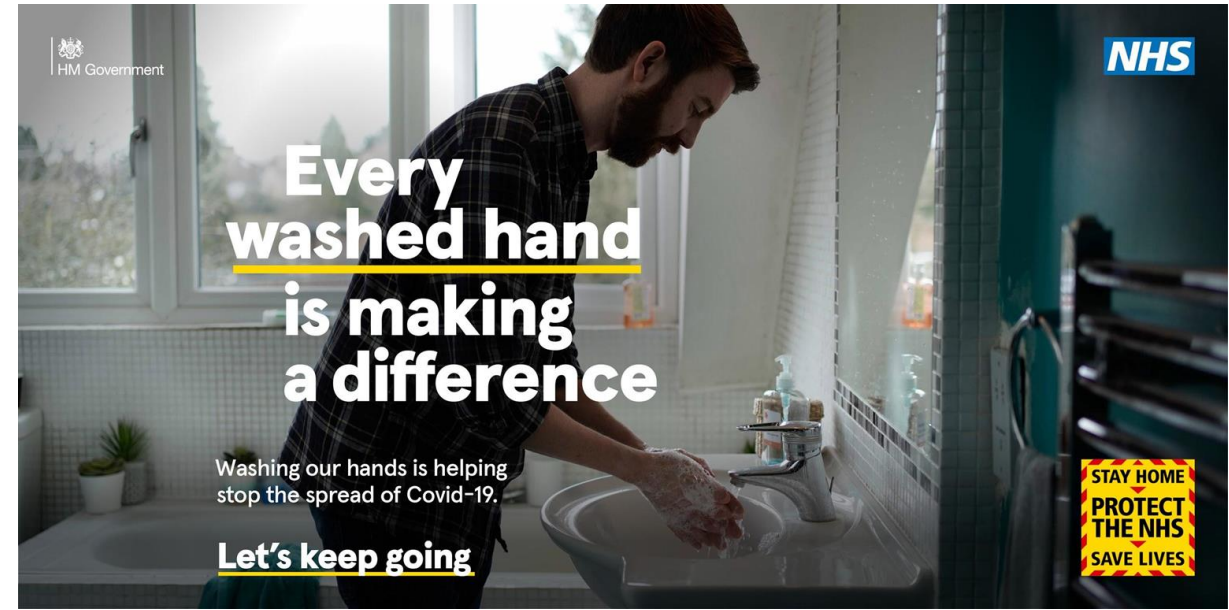
**Every day at home is making a difference**

Staying in our homes is helping stop the spread of Covid-19.

**Let's keep going**

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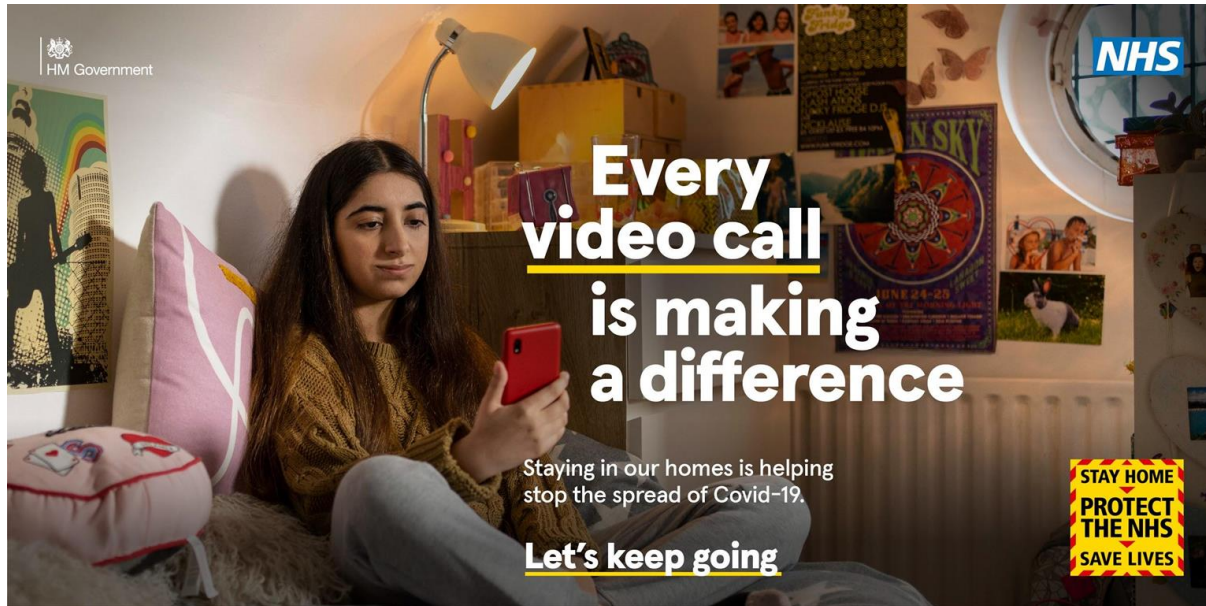
**Every washed hand is making a difference**

Washing our hands is helping stop the spread of Covid-19.

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**Every video call is making a difference**

Staying in our homes is helping stop the spread of Covid-19.

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**Every covered face is making a difference**

Covering our mouth and nose is helping stop the spread of Covid-19.

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Any questions?

