

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

As of 4 March, a total of 16,659 people have been tested in the UK, of which 16,574 were confirmed negative. 85 were confirmed as positive.

Public Health England is currently contacting people who may have had close contact with the confirmed case. Close contacts will be given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after they had contact with the confirmed case. This tried and tested method will ensure that any risk to them is minimised and the wider public is protected.

PHE and the NHS are well-prepared to deal with coronavirus and the priority is to safeguard local communities which sometimes involves taking preventative measures to help reduce the risk of further cases.

The UK is well prepared for these types of incidents and there is rapid and effective testing undertaken by PHE for this virus. The NHS has expert teams of highly-trained staff and specialist hospital units around the country ready to receive and care for any patients with any highly infectious disease. The NHS adheres to the highest safety standards for the protection of its staff, patients and the public.

Based on current evidence, Coronavirus COVID-19 presents with flu-like symptoms including a **fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing**. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild. Anyone who is concerned about health symptoms is advised to follow the advice about what to do on the Government's website at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> Or Contact NHS 111

The company is taking the following measures to stop the spread of the virus by:

- Providing Hand Sanitisers in welfare areas
- Increased information signage
- Focusing more on cleaning touch point areas e.g. Door Handles, Surfaces etc.

Updates from PHE are being sent to the company on a daily basis and staff will be notified if and when there are any significant changes.

What should I do to prevent catching and spreading the virus?



Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use a sanitiser gel



Catch coughs and sneezes with **disposable tissues**



Throw away used tissues (then wash hands)



If you don't have a tissue **use your sleeve**



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands



Avoid close contact with people who are unwell

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