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Dear Member

Please see below today's update.

Keep well,

Regards

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Summary of the Government Announcements, 22 July 2020

Please see the latest government announcements re COVID-19 below:

Care home residents can receive visitors from family and friends.

- Local directors of public health will lead assessments on visiting within their local authority.
- They will be expected to take a measured, risk-assessed approach, considering the situation in specific care homes as well as the community context, including any local outbreaks.
- Care home providers should encourage all visitors to wear a face covering and to wash their hands thoroughly before and after putting it on and taking it off.

The Home Office has published guidance on the temporary alcohol licensing provisions in the Business and Planning Act. The guidance includes information on:

- the purpose of the temporary off-sales extension
- the difference between pavement licences and alcohol licence
- the new summary off-sales review process
- general advice on conducting off-sales

The Department for Education has published the second report of the longitudinal study investigating recruitment, retention and career progression in council child and family social work.

Summary of the Government Announcements, 23 July 2020

Please see the latest government announcements re COVID-19 below:

Under the new regulations laid today members of the public will need to wear face coverings – for example, a fabric covering, scarf or bandana – that covers the nose and mouth in additional enclosed public spaces from tomorrow (24 July).

Face coverings will not be mandatory for:

- anyone under the age of 11
- those with disabilities or certain health conditions, such as respiratory or cognitive impairments that make it difficult for them to wear a face covering

It will be compulsory to wear a face covering when buying food and drink to take away from cafes and shops. If a member of the public is in a premises where they are able to sit down and consume food or drink that they have bought, then they can remove their face covering in order to eat and drink on-site.

The non-statutory guidance for landlords, tenants and councils in the private and social rented sectors in the context of coronavirus has been updated to reflect changes to wider government and public health advice.

Fortnightly webinars are being held to provide regular updates on the NHS Volunteer Responder programme.

- The webinars are for those working across health and care, and are open to a range of organisations, including councils.
- The webinars will provide an overview of the programme, including facts, figures and the most recent updates on programme adaptations in response to policy changes and the needs of vulnerable people. They will also provide opportunity to ask questions about the programme and hear about the impact it is having.

The dates for the next five webinars, and the links to join them, are listed below:

- Thursday 6 August, 11am-12pm – <https://bit.ly/32OHMJJ>
- Thursday 20 August, 11am-12pm – <https://bit.ly/3eRLpB1>
- Thursday 3 September, 11am-12pm – <https://bit.ly/2ZS1WAH>
- Thursday 17 September, 11am–12pm – <https://bit.ly/30FjmzJ>
- Thursday 1 October, 11am-12pm – <https://bit.ly/2WMYGom>