



NIFC COMMUNITY AWARENESS UPDATE



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(The Community Awareness Update provides general information to enable personnel to keep up-to-date with routine correspondence; it is not provided for mission-related items and does not replace the Emergency Messaging System.)

We are monitoring:

PROPOSAL - UK ARRIVALS - HOTEL QUARANTINE: UK Government considering tighter border controls in which all arrivals into UK 'ports' will be required to stay, at their own cost, at designated Covid hotels for ten (10) days. In addition to pre-travel 'negative' test requirement, discussion is currently focused on 'certain groups with exemptions' or a 'blanket ban'.

PROPOSAL - US TRAVEL BAN: US Government considering reinstating Covid-19 travel ban on non-US travellers from Brazil, Ireland, the UK and 26 other European countries that allow travel across open borders. This follows on from last week's executive order directing federal agencies to require international air passengers to quarantine upon arrival in the US; with all US-bound passengers aged two and above requiring a negative Covid-19 test within three days before travelling.

ENGLAND LOCKDOWN REVIEW: England's lockdown laws are not scheduled to end before 31 Mar 21; tighter controls may also be imposed.

COVID VACCINE: No vaccine is 100% effective and uptake will not be 100%. The big unknown - vaccine and transmission; the factor that could have a significant impact on spread is whether vaccination stops transmission - trials showed the vaccines were good at stopping symptoms developing, but it is not yet known whether those who have been vaccinated will still be able to pass the virus on. Most people expect there will be some disruption to transmission but how much is not clear - and it will not be for months. Even if a person has been vaccinated, they must still comply with the lockdown rules.

COVID-19: This is an airborne, respiratory virus. Droplets can travel approx. two (2) metres, falling to hard surfaces. The virus is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person, e.g. through coughing, sneezing or lack of social distancing, face coverings, etc. Individuals can also be infected from and touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and touching their face (e.g. eyes, nose, mouth). The COVID-19 virus may survive on surfaces for several hours, but simple disinfectants can kill it.

Face coverings! Hand Washing! Temperature Testing! Social Distancing! Contact Surface Cleaning!

NO SHORTCUTS!

Covid-19 Scams: Covid-19 scams continue; the vaccination programme continues to roll-out to various age groups/categories; asymptomatic testing is also on the increase. Fake NHS texts are circulating telling people they are eligible to apply for the Covid-19 vaccine. The wording is as follows: 'we have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine'. It then advises you to follow a link to get more information and 'apply'. This URL takes you through to a convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details - including bankcard details to check your identity. A genuine NHS site would never ask for your personal and bank details and would never ask you to press a button on your keypad. Please do not fall for this scam. You do not pay for your vaccine.

Covid-19 doorstep scam: Opportunists and criminals can take advantage of older people who are self-isolating during this period of Coronavirus outbreak. NHS teams are NOT conducting any door to door testing for the Coronavirus - these are thieves trying to get into your home. If anyone knocks on your door claiming to be conducting the tests please call the police.

Is it an emergency? Call 999

If it is not life threatening: Call 101 for the Civil Police; Call 111 for the NHS.

If you want to report a concern anonymously, you can report it via the Crimestoppers website or via their hotline on: 0800 555 111.

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