

Coronavirus – UK agreement to reduce the alert level

This is an update from the Chief Medical Officers on reducing the alert level in the UK.

This is separate from reducing lockdown restrictions. Scotland moved into Phase 2 from today as we reported yesterday.

The statement:

“The Joint Biosecurity Centre has recommended that the COVID-19 alert level should move from Level 4 (COVID-19 is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially) to Level 3 (COVID-19 is in general circulation).

“The CMOs for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have reviewed the evidence and agree with this recommendation to move to Level 3 across the UK.

“There has been a steady decrease in cases we have seen in all four nations, and this continues. It does not mean that the pandemic is over. The virus is still in general circulation, and localised outbreaks are likely to occur.

“We have made progress against the virus thanks to the efforts of the public and we need the public to continue to follow the guidelines carefully to ensure this progress continues.”

Chief Medical Officer for England, Professor Chris Whitty

Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland, Dr Michael McBride

Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, Dr Gregor Smith

Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Chris Jones

Our article about moving into Phase 2 has information on what you can and cannot do from today onwards. [Read it here](#) and see the government information below.




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