

Update 36: United Kingdom - Upgrades COVID-19 Alert Level to 4 Amid Exponential Rise in Infections; Tightens Restrictions in Northern Ireland

- UK has upgraded its COVID-19 alert level to 4, highlighting high or exponential transmission of the infection
- It comes after the government warned against daily rise of 50,000 new cases by mid-October, if no further actions are taken
- Epidemic is likely to be doubling every seven days
- On September 21, 4,368 daily cases were reported in the UK, up from 3,899 the previous day
- Such increase is being witnessed in significant parts of the UK including England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
- Amid the surge, authorities tightened COVID-19 restrictions in entire Northern Ireland from 6:00 pm (BST) commencing September 22
- Mixing of different households indoors is prohibited with some exceptions
- No more than six people from two households can meet in a garden
- However, pubs serving drinks are expected to open on September 23
- This comes as Northern Ireland is now dealing with outbreaks in every county
- More than 1,000 confirmed cases were reported in the region in last seven days
- Region tally increased to 9,466 positive cases with 577 deaths
- So far, the country recorded 398,625 positive cases and 41,788 related deaths
- A Cobra emergency meeting will take place on September 22 which will be attended by the leaders of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- No major lockdowns are anticipated, however, minor restrictions could be imposed to curb the exponential increase
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>) for latest information on COVID-19 in the United Kingdom

Source(s)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-54241580>

<https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-northern-ireland-to-see-tighter-restrictions-from-tomorrow-12078116>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-54228579>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/sep/21/coronavirus-northern-ireland-ban-households-mixing-indoors>

Targets Affected:

[United Kingdom](#)

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths](#)' and '[Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

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Sept. 9, 2020

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Aug. 12, 2020

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Update 32: United Kingdom - Warns Against Second Wave of COVID-19 Infections as Businesses Reopen

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Update 31: United Kingdom - Plans to Reopen Travel to 75 Countries

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Update 30: United Kingdom - Worst Economic Contraction in 41 Years in Q1 2020

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Update 29: United Kingdom - Lowers COVID-19 Alert from Level 4 to 3; Plans to Relax Quarantine Rules in July

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Update 28: United Kingdom - Announces Two-Week Mandatory Quarantine for Overseas Travelers

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Update 27: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Plans to Further Ease COVID-19 Restrictions

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Update 26: United Kingdom - Further Eases COVID-19 Restrictions to Aid Economy

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Update 25: United Kingdom - Non-Essential Retail Businesses to Resume Operations Starting June 15, 2020 to Aid Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 24: United Kingdom - Reports Economic Contraction by ~2% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, Largest Decline Since 2008

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Update 23: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Announces Five-Stage Plan to Exit COVID-19 Lockdown

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Update 22: United Kingdom - Announces Plan to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions

May 7, 2020

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Update 21: United Kingdom - Prepares Five-Stage Plan for Easing COVID-19 Restrictions Starting May 11, 2020

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Update 20: United Kingdom - Reports 621 COVID-19 Deaths in 24 Hours, Exceeding 28,000

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Update 19: United Kingdom - Announces Compulsory Two Week Quarantine for Travelers During 'Phase Two' of COVID-19 Lockdown

April 20, 2020

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Update 18: United Kingdom - Positive COVID-19 Cases Continue to Rise; Announces ~US\$1.53 B for Startups and Tech Businesses to Support Economy

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Update 17: United Kingdom - Extends Furlough Scheme for Job Protection Until June 2020 as COVID-19 Death Toll Rises to 14,653

April 17, 2020

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Update 16: United Kingdom - Extends Lockdown for Three More Weeks Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

April 16, 2020

Immediate

Update 15: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Extends Lockdown Until May 9, 2020 to Fight COVID-19 Pandemic

April 15, 2020

High

Update 14: United Kingdom - Lockdown Extension Expected Until May 7, 2020

April 14, 2020

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Update 13: United Kingdom - GDP Expected to Decline by up to 30% in Q2 2020

April 12, 2020

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Update 12: United Kingdom - Coronavirus Deaths Near 10,000

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Immediate

Update 11: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Lockdown Extension Expected; Country Reports 938 Deaths in 24 Hours

April 5, 2020

High

Update 10: United Kingdom - Lockdown Expected to Continue Until End of May 2020

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Medium

Update 9: United Kingdom - Businesses to Face Scarcity of Cash Amid COVID-19 Pandemic; Government Announces New Emergency Loans

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Update 8: United Kingdom - COVID-19 Death Increases to 381, More Than Double, in Last 24 Hours

March 29, 2020

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Update 7: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - New Regulations to Enforce People Stay at Home and Businesses Stay Close

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Update 6: United Kingdom - Fears Recession Amid Increasing COVID-19 Cases; Announces Measures to Support Businesses

March 24, 2020

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Update 5: United Kingdom - Declares Lockdown for Next Three Weeks to Slow Coronavirus Outbreak

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Update 4: United Kingdom - Massive Rise in Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Cases

March 16, 2020

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Update 3: United Kingdom - Steep Rise in Number of Coronavirus Cases

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Update 2: United Kingdom - Coronavirus Cases Continue to Surge

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Feb. 3, 2020

Low

United Kingdom - Coronavirus Infection
Cases

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.