

# Update 52: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Imposes Extended Lockdown as COVID-19 Cases Remain High

- Northern Ireland has entered a new extended lockdown on Boxing Day (December 26) as COVID-19 cases remain high
- The first week of the measures are the toughest yet, with a form of curfew in operation from 8 pm (GMT), shops closed from that time and all indoor and outdoor gatherings prohibited until 6 am (GMT)
- Non-essential retail will close throughout the next six weeks, as will close contact services
- Hospitality outlets will be limited to takeaway services
- Organized sport will be banned, with elite athletes included in the prohibition for the first week
- COVID-19 infection rates remain high, with a virulent strain first discovered in southern England and London recently detected in Northern Ireland
- As of now, United Kingdom has reported 2,221,312 COVID-19 confirmed cases and 70,195 related deaths (3.1% of total reported cases)
- On the other hand, when compared to overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 3.2% and 0.1%, respectively
- 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 the latest information on COVID-19 in the United Kingdom

## Source(s)

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/northern-ireland-enters-new-boxing-day-lockdown-39900928.html>

<https://www.countypress.co.uk/news/national/18970499.northern-ireland-enters-new-boxing-day-lockdown/>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/UK/>

## Targets Affected:

[United Kingdom](#)

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

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

**Related Alerts**

**Dec. 24, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 51: United Kingdom - Expands Restrictions Amid Arrival of Another 'More Transmissible' Variant of COVID-19 Virus

**Dec. 21, 2020**

**High**

Update 50: United Kingdom - Several Countries Ban Flight Services Amid New COVID-19 Strain

**Dec. 20, 2020**

**High**

Update 49: London, United Kingdom - Government Imposes Strict Lockdown Amid New COVID-19 Variant

**Dec. 15, 2020**

**High**

Update 48: London, United Kingdom - Government Plans to Impose Strict Lockdown After Identifying New COVID-19 Variant Responsible for Spike in Cases

**Nov. 29, 2020**

**Low**

Update 47: United Kingdom - Thousands Protest Against COVID-19 Restrictions

**Nov. 25, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 46: United Kingdom - Government Plans to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions Over Festival

**Nov. 21, 2020**

**High**

Update 45: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Government Plans to Impose Lockdown Again Amid Spike in COVID-19 Outbreak

**Nov. 13, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 44: United Kingdom - Reports Highest Count of 33,470 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 1,290,195

**Nov. 6, 2020**

Medium

Update 43: United Kingdom - China Suspends Entry of Foreigners from UK Amid Second Wave of COVID-19

**Nov. 1, 2020**

High

Update 42: United Kingdom - Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Surpass One Million with 46,555 Related Deaths; New National Lockdown in England

**Oct. 31, 2020**

High

Update 41: United Kingdom - Government Plans to Impose National Lockdown Amid Spike in COVID-19 Cases

**Oct. 16, 2020**

High

Update 40: Northern Ireland, United Kingdom - Imposes New Restrictions Starting October 16 to Curb COVID-19 Spread

**Oct. 14, 2020**

Medium

Update 39: United Kingdom - Reports Highest Daily COVID-19 Deaths of 143 Since June 2020

**Oct. 13, 2020**

High

Update 37: United Kingdom - Announces Three-Level COVID-19 Lockdown Plan; Liverpool at Highest Risk

**Oct. 13, 2020**

Medium

Update 38: United Kingdom - Records Highest Unemployment Rate of 4.5% Amid COVID-19 Crisis

**Sept. 22, 2020**

Medium

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

**Sept. 10, 2020**

Medium

Update 35: England, United Kingdom - Limits Social Gathering to Six People Commencing September 14, 2020 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**Sept. 9, 2020**

Medium

Update 34: United Kingdom - WHO Warns Against Second Wave of COVID-19 Infections Amid Surge in Cases

**Aug. 12, 2020**

High

Update 33: United Kingdom - Reports Recession as Economy Contracts by 20.4% in Q2 2020

**July 28, 2020**

Medium

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

**July 3, 2020**

Medium

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

**July 1, 2020**

High

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

**June 20, 2020**

Medium

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

**June 8, 2020**

High

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

**June 2, 2020**

High

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

**May 30, 2020**

High

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

**May 26, 2020**

**High**

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

**May 14, 2020**

**High**

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

**May 13, 2020**

**High**

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

**May 12, 2020**

**High**

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

**May 7, 2020**

**High**

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

**May 3, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**April 27, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**April 20, 2020**

**High**

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

**April 18, 2020**

**High**

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**

**Immediate**

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**

**High**

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

**April 12, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**April 9, 2020**

**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

**April 3, 2020**

**Medium**

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

**April 1, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**March 29, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**March 26, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**March 24, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**March 20, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**March 16, 2020**

**Immediate**

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

**March 9, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 2: United Kingdom - Coronavirus Cases Continue to Surge

**March 5, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 1: United Kingdom - Steep Rise in Coronavirus Cases

**Feb. 3, 2020**

**Low**

United Kingdom - Coronavirus Infection Cases

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - 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	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - 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	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - 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	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - 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.