



Table 1 **Coronavirus response: social distancing measures and economic support across the UK**

	Measure	Territorial extent	Date	Current status
Social distancing measures	Guidance on social distancing and avoiding mass gatherings	UK-wide	16 March (guidance on mass gatherings released in Scotland 15 March)	Until further notice
	Schools closed except for children of key workers	Devolved	20 March	Until further notice
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	Pubs, restaurants, gyms and other social venues ordered to closed	Devolved	20 March	Reviewed by ministers every three weeks
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	People prohibited from leaving their home without a reasonable excuse  Gatherings of more than two people banned if not from same household	Devolved – announced jointly by PM and first ministers	23 March	Reviewed by ministers every three weeks
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Legislation giving police powers to enforce lockdown	Devolved	26 March in England, Scotland and Wales	Reviewed by ministers every three weeks	
		28 March in Northern Ireland	Legislation expires after six months	
Economic support	Enhance sick pay and employment and support entitlement	UK-wide	11 March	No end date set
	Reimburse SMEs for the cost of staff sick pay	UK-wide	17 March	Schemes extended to cover mid-size firms and 100% guarantees introduced since policy first announced
	Government purchases of short-term debt of major companies			
	Government-guaranteed loans to businesses	UK-wide	20 March	Currently set to run for four months, backdated from 1 March
	Job retention scheme – pays 80% of payroll costs for furloughed workers up to £2,500			
Increase generosity of Universal Credit and housing benefit	UK-wide	20 March	No end date set	



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Economic support	Defer payment of VAT and self-assessed income tax	UK-wide	20 March	Payments ordinarily due by June/July not due until 2021
	Cash grants to self-employed of 80% of profits up to £2,500 a month	UK-wide	26 March	Runs for at least three months First payments to be made in June for first three months of scheme
	Cash grants for some businesses; retail, leisure and hospitality sector; and, fishing industry	Devolved	11 March – support for small businesses and retail, leisure and hospitality sector	One-off payments Small differences in design of schemes between nations
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			20 April – support for fishing sector	
			25 March – support for fishing sector	
			16 April – support for fishing sector	
	3 April – support for fishing sector			
Business rates holidays for retail, leisure and hospitality firms	England, Scotland and Wales	18 March	Applies for 2020/21 tax year	
		18 March	Similar schemes applied in three nations with some variations	
		19 March		
Delay in non-domestic rates charges and rates holiday for all businesses	Northern Ireland	17 March	Rate holiday for three months	

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  England
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  Wales
  Northern Ireland