

## PEP Insights Research Covid-19 UK timeline (March 2020 - April 2021)

This timeline captures a flavour of the UK government's key announcements relating to restrictions brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic, with specific references to lockdown restrictions, HE and school closures, and vaccine development and roll out, alongside dates relating to the PEP Insights Research design and data gathering. Whilst the list is not comprehensive, it provides useful context for the research.

	Covid-19 and lockdown	Education	PEP Insights Research
March 2020	<p><b>3rd:</b> Coronavirus Action Plan launched – contain, delay, research, mitigate. Reminded people ‘wash your hands with soap and hot water for the length of time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice.’</p> <p><b>16th:</b> Prime Minister Statement on Coronavirus: Stop non-essential contact and travel</p> <p><b>20th:</b> Prime Minister announces all cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants to close</p> <p><b>23rd:</b> Lockdown extended in the UK</p> <p><b>26th:</b> Lockdown measures legally come into force</p>	<p><b>12th:</b> A small number of universities announce a shift to online learning, to be completed within 2 weeks</p> <p><b>18th:</b> Wales, Scotland, England announce school closures from 20th March; Northern Ireland close schools to pupils immediately, and to teachers on the 20th March; England announce schools open for education of children of key workers, and vulnerable children</p> <p><b>20th:</b> All UK university campuses close following the Prime Minister’s announcement</p>	
April 2020	<p><b>16th:</b> Lockdown extended; Government outlines 5 tests to be met before restrictions eased</p>		
May 2020	<p><b>10th:</b> Government announcement: People who cannot work from home should return to work but not use public transport to do so</p>	<p><b>10th:</b> Prime Minister announces that a limited number of courses may return to face to face teaching</p>	
June 2020	<p><b>12th:</b> Single adult households can form support bubble with another household; Outdoor attractions, and zoos, can open 14th June: All non-essential shops reopen</p>	<p><b>1st:</b> Start of phased reopening of primary schools in England</p> <p><b>15th:</b> Start of phased reopening of secondary schools in England</p> <p><b>18th:</b> Wales - local authorities determine opening plans for schools, most return by 29 June</p>	
July 2020	<p><b>4th:</b> First local lockdown; Some restrictions lifted in England - some pubs, restaurants, hairdressers etc reopen</p>		
August 2020	<p><b>3rd:</b> Eat out to help out is launched in UK</p> <p><b>14th:</b> Reopening of indoor theatres etc</p>	<p><b>11th - 18th:</b> Scottish Schools reopen</p> <p>Northern Ireland: Schools reopen for ‘key cohort’ students</p>	PEP Insights Research team recruited; Friends of PEP Insight Research recruited
September 2020	<p><b>14th:</b> Rule of six introduced</p> <p><b>22nd:</b> Increased restrictions - working from home, and 10pm curfew for hospitality sector</p>	<p>Northern Ireland: Schools open for everyone</p>	<b>1st:</b> Research design phase starts
October 2020	<p><b>14th:</b> 3 tier system introduced in England</p>		

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November 2020	<p><b>5th:</b> National lockdown 2 starts</p> <p><b>24th:</b> Three households will be able to meet over the 5 days of Christmas</p>	<p><b>11th:</b> Prime Minister announces that all university teaching in England must move online by 9th December enabling a travel window between 3rd-9th of December for students to return home for Christmas</p>	
December 2020	<p><b>2nd:</b> Lockdown 2 ends, return to 3 tier system; Pfizer Covid vaccine approved for use in UK</p> <p><b>8th:</b> First vaccine administered to 91 year old Margaret Keenan. She received the Pfizer vaccine</p> <p><b>19th:</b> Introduction of new level 4 Christmas restrictions tightened</p> <p><b>29th:</b> Margaret Keenan receives her second dose of the Pfizer vaccine</p> <p><b>30th:</b> Oxford AstraZeneca Covid vaccine approved for use in the UK</p>		<p><b>4th:</b> First focus group</p> <p><b>7th:</b> PEP Insights Research Survey launches</p>
January 2021	<p><b>6th:</b> Lockdown 3 starts in England</p> <p><b>8th:</b> Moderna Covid vaccine approved for use in the UK</p> <p><b>11th:</b> First mass vaccine centres open in England</p>	<p><b>4th:</b> Prime Minister announces that only a very limited number of courses may return to face to face teaching on January 25th (this are limited to key health areas); children should return to school</p> <p>Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales: schools closed, provision for children of key workers, vulnerable children</p> <p><b>5th:</b> Boris Johnson announces that schools will be closed until at least February half term</p>	<p><b>21st:</b> PEP Insights Research Survey closes</p>
February 2021	<p><b>3rd:</b> UK passes 10m Covid vaccination milestone</p> <p><b>22nd:</b> Government announce roadmap for lifting lockdown</p>	<p><b>22nd:</b> Wales and Scotland: some primary students return to school starting phased return</p>	
March 2021	<p><b>29th:</b> Outdoor gathering of 6 people or 2 households allowed; people encouraged to 'Stay local'</p>	<p><b>8th:</b> Schools in England reopen for primary and secondary school students; Northern Ireland, younger primary pupils return to school starting phased return;</p> <p>Wider range of HE courses are allowed back on campus for face to face teaching (England and Scotland) - many universities decide to take a blended learning approach</p>	<p><b>11th and 18th:</b> PEP Insights Research Focus Groups</p>