

Update from the Mayor of London on COVID-19 – 13 July

- The Mayor has welcomed the easing of lockdown measures, which will be a vital part of what is going to be a long and difficult road to recovery. He has re-launched his “London Is Open” campaign to promote and celebrate the local businesses that help make London the best city in the world.
- However, the Mayor is urging Londoners to act sensibly, respectfully and with the health of other, more vulnerable, Londoners in mind. He will continue to warn that the threat posed by COVID-19 remains very real and that it’s vital everyone plays their part in avoiding a deadly second wave of the disease.
- Sadiq has said the Government has a generational responsibility to ensure nobody is left permanently unemployed, homeless or pushed into poverty as a result of this virus – and to rebuild a better, fairer and greener country.
- He will continue to put pressure on the Government to come forward with proposals for an unprecedented economic stimulus package that truly matches the scale of the challenge to jobs and growth. He warned that the action announced in last week’s Summer Statement is simply insufficient to prevent a historic rise in unemployment and called for the Government to announce much bigger and more meaningful action in the days ahead.
- The Mayor is also concerned that the underlying causes of violent crime could be made far worse by the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic consequences. City Hall data has shown that there is a strong link between serious youth violence and Londoners affected by deprivation, poor mental health and poverty. That’s why Sadiq has lobbied the Government to ask for urgent action to support young people, youth services and police forces as we come out of the lockdown.
- The financial impact of COVID-19 on the GLA is expected to be nearly £500m. The Mayor has asked GLA officers to bring forward immediate proposals to use reserves, prudently built up over the last four years, to protect frontline policing. But this alone will not be enough.
- The Mayor has said it’s imperative the Government does not force a new era of austerity on London, which will have a significant impact on policing. He has written to the Home Secretary to ask for her support in urging the Chancellor and the Prime Minister to provide the funding London needs to make up for lost expenditure and to stop the inevitable knock-on impact on police funding.
- Sadiq continues to be in regular contact with key London stakeholders, including business leaders, trade unions, the voluntary sector, faith groups and others, to develop our understanding of what additional support Londoners need through this crisis.

Topical issues

Mayor accuses Government of ‘ushering in new era of austerity’ and says action to protect jobs is ‘simply insufficient’

The Mayor has said that the Chancellor’s Summer Statement, made last week, will lead to new era of austerity for local and regional government that will hit transport, councils and police. Responding to the Statement, Sadiq Khan said:

“The Government was clearly too slow to act on the health impact of COVID-19 and now they are being too slow to act on the economic consequences.

“Despite repeated promises from ministers, today’s statement ushers in a new era of austerity for local and regional government that will inevitably mean huge cuts to local council services, public transport, police services and fire brigades across the UK at the worst possible time.

“The action announced today to prevent a historic rise in unemployment is simply insufficient and the Government must announce much bigger and more meaningful action in the days ahead.

“Sectors hardest hit by COVID-19, such as culture, hospitality and creative industries can’t afford a drop-off in government support, so the Government’s decision to wind down its furlough scheme and risk mass unemployment is shortsighted.

“I welcome the range of new measures to support jobs – but fear they will be simply inefficient to prevent an unprecedented increase in unemployment.

“It is frustrating that government support to create new green jobs is so much smaller than in other comparable countries.

“The economic consequences of COVID-19 are unprecedented – and so far the Government is failing to rise to the scale of the challenge needed to protect jobs.”
For more information, see [here](#).

Responding to the Government announcement of a further £500 million funding package to support local councils Sadiq Khan said: “This announcement is a drop in the ocean compared with the huge financial challenges facing local and regional authorities across the UK as a result of COVID-19. Ministers are refusing to fully meet the main cost of lost council tax and business rates income – and the new funding does not even cover what authorities have already spent on directly tackling the virus.

“Local authorities cannot afford to wait for further Government support after the forthcoming Spending Review as they have a legal duty to balance their books. Ministers have made a choice today to usher in a new era of austerity which will damage our economic recovery, make it harder to create new jobs and hammer public services including local councils, public transport, the police and fire services.”

Responding to the reports about the police stopping Bianca Williams and her partner in Maida Vale, Sadiq Khan said: “I take any allegation of racial profiling extremely seriously and have raised this issue with the Met Police. It is absolutely vital that our police service retains the trust and confidence of the communities it serves so that every Londoner, regardless of background or postcode can feel safe, protected and served.

“We are committed to closely scrutinising any disproportionality and that’s why I have commissioned the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and Deputy Mayor for Communities to work with police and communities to draw up an action plan for improving transparency and accountability. Stop and search must be intelligence-led, carried out fairly and with respect, and all officers now have body-worn video cameras to help with holding officers to account.” **See [here](#) for additional information from the Metropolitan Police about the incident.**

In response to the news that the IOPC was taking over the investigation into the incident, the Mayor said: “I welcome the decision to refer the handling of this incident to the Independent Office for Police Conduct. Allegations of racial profiling are extremely serious and it’s right that it will now be independently investigated.

“I look forward to a swift and thorough decision as it is absolutely vital that all communities across the capital have trust and confidence in our police service. I have been clear that the use of stop and search in London must always be intelligence-led and the Met have body-worn cameras to help hold all officers to account.” **Sadiq also spoke to ITV about the IOPC investigation, you can watch the clip [here](#).**

The Mayor writing in The Voice about racial injustices

Sadiq wrote an op-ed in The Voice newspaper on how the racism that black people face can no longer be left unchallenged. He wrote in relation to COVID-19:

“The COVID-19 crisis has thrown the complex and enduring realities of racial injustice into stark relief and exposed vast inequalities within our society. ONS figures have shown that black men and women are nearly twice as likely to die from COVID-19 than white men and women, after taking into account age and socio-demographic factors. This is an outrage and cannot simply be swept under the carpet.

“The government’s review of COVID-19 inequalities was simply not good enough. It has a responsibility to do more than tell us what we already know. After a delay, it has finally published the work of Public Health England in full, but it must not waste any more time. It must take immediate action to prevent the unfair and avoidable impacts of COVID-19 falling so heavily on BAME communities by implementing the recommendations of the report.” **You can read the article in full [here](#).**

The Government needs to get its act together and make face masks compulsory

To tie in with the re-opening of restaurants, pubs, cafés, cinemas, galleries, hotels, hair salons and barbers at the weekend, Sadiq wrote in the Metro calling on the Government to “get its act together and make face masks compulsory.”

He encouraged Londoners to go out and make the most of what our city has to offer, but urged people to act responsibly, respectfully and in accordance with the rules because lives are still at stake. He is asking for Londoners who are able to wear a face covering to do so. **You can read the full article [here](#).**

Relaunch of the #LondonIsOpen campaign

Ahead of the re-opening of hospitality, leisure and culture businesses in London on 4 July, Sadiq relaunched the #LondonIsOpen campaign, along with a call on Londoners to act sensibly and respectfully whilst they are out and about.

The #LondonIsOpen campaign will help kickstart the economy safely and encourage Londoners to visit their local shops whilst following public health guidance as we must stop this deadly virus from taking more lives.

Its relaunch is part of the Mayor’s package of measures to support businesses in the capital as they recover from the devastating effects of the pandemic and take steps to avoid a deadly second wave of the virus. Other measures include investing an additional £1 million into extending business support over the coming 12 months to help small business through the crisis and recovery period, committing £2.3 million in grant funding to support London’s culture and creative industries and night-time economy. He also launched Pay it Forward London, the online COVID-19 support hub and adapted the London Growth Hub business support programme, which is helping hundreds of businesses each month. **Find out more about #LondonIsOpen in Sadiq’s open letter to Londoners in the Evening Standard [here](#).**

City Hall Action

Transition and Recovery

The London Transition Board – The London Transition Board has been set up to co-ordinate London’s transition from lockdown to recovery from COVID-19, and will provide strategic direction for the next phase of the response to COVID-19 as London begins to reopen its economy. The board is made up of senior leaders from across London and is jointly chaired by the Mayor and Robert Jenrick, the Secretary of State for MHCLG.

The board has now held its first two meetings and has looked at topics including planning and licencing issues associated with the reopening of parts of the hospitality industry, and mechanisms for building and maintaining public confidence during the release of lockdown.

The board agreed to the set-up of a new London Transition Management Group, which will report directly to the London Transition Board and co-ordinate and provide updates on the work being done by different agencies and sub-groups. It will

respond to any subsequent waves of infections, should they arise, and incorporates the Strategic Co-ordination Group emergency planning arrangements set up in March. The Transition Management Group is expected to be formally stood up in the coming weeks when the SCG chair is satisfied that the lockdown easing measures being implemented by the Government are well-established.

The London Recovery Board - The London Recovery Board, which will co-ordinate the planning for London's future post- COVID-19, is co-chaired by the Mayor and the Chair of London Councils, Cllr Peter John. It is supported by a recovery taskforce which is working in partnership with local authorities, health and care bodies, business groups, trade unions, the voluntary sector, academia, the national Government and other bodies.

It will oversee London's wider economic and social long-term recovery, developing a strategy and plan of action, which focusses on leading to a greener, more equal and better future. Read more [here](#).

Transport

Ensuring the network is cleaner than ever and keeps Londoners safe -

Throughout this pandemic TfL have been focused on making our transport network cleaner than ever. This includes frequent cleaning of interchanges and touchpoints like doors and poles with hospital-grade anti-viral disinfectant and installing 1,000+ hand sanitiser points.

A recent independent study which tested high frequency touchpoints at three Tube stations detected no traces of COVID-19. The safety of Londoners, TfL staff and everyone using our city's transport network will continue to be the top priority. On top of these measures, an additional trial of UV light technology to clean handrails on escalators in stations will be introduced. Find out more [here](#).

TfL visit with HRH The Prince of Wales - The Mayor, along with Prince Charles, safely met with key workers from TfL who have worked during the coronavirus pandemic to personally thank them for their service. TfL staff enabled our NHS and key workers to get to work and save lives throughout lockdown. These frontline heroes did an amazing job amid huge challenges and personal sacrifice. Find out more about the visit [here](#).

Face covering enforcement powers – Responding to news that the Transport Secretary is 'beefing up' enforcement powers to deal with people not wearing face coverings on public transport, Siwan Hayward, Director of Compliance, Policing and On-street Services at TfL, said: "Everyone should be wearing a face covering on our services unless they are exempt and we are pleased that the majority of customers are doing this, with compliance levels at around 90 per cent during the morning peak. A number of our passengers will have a legitimate exemption.

"The police and TfL's enforcement officers were initially deployed to priority locations across the bus and tube network to explain the requirement and encourage compliance. They will now take enforcement action when required, including refusing entry, asking people to leave the network and bringing fines or prosecutions if

necessary. This is expected to be a last resort as Londoners will want to do the right thing and keep themselves and others safe.”

To support those customers who are exempt from wearing a face covering, TfL has introduced an exemption card that customers can print off and carry with them or display on their phone, which they can show if they are asked why they aren't wearing one. This can be found [here](#). The full guidance can be read and shared [here](#).

TfL sets out advice for customers returning to the public transport network – Ahead of the relaxation of Government restrictions, TfL provided guidance to remind customers of what to expect if they are starting to travel again on the TfL network for the first time since lockdown. Even with recent changes to social distancing guidelines, the number of people that London's transport network can safely carry continues to be significantly constrained.

As the Government has set out, people should continue to work from home if they can and reduce pressure on the public transport and road network by walking or cycling if possible and by shopping locally. Those who do need to use public transport are asked to continue to avoid travelling during peak times.

StreetSpace update - Temporary changes are being made to roads to support safe walking and cycling and enable social distancing. So far, 32 Streetspace schemes have been completed on the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN), creating 13,055m² of extra pedestrian space and 5.3km of extra cycling space. An additional 7.6km of new or upgraded cycling space has been delivered to date on borough roads and TfL is working closely with boroughs across London to quickly deliver further schemes with more than £24m awarded to 30 boroughs for walking and cycling schemes.

Government requirement to suspend free travel for under 18s – As a condition of its funding support deal for TfL on 15 May 2020, the Government required TfL to “suspend free travel for u18s, subject to discussions in the working group about how it is to be operationalised.” This deal was the only deal the Government offered and the Mayor had no choice but to accept it to keep the Tubes and buses running.

After undertaking work on how the concession changes might be operationalised, TfL and London Councils raised severe concerns with the Government, and the Mayor wrote to the Transport Secretary urging him to drop this condition. It is also opposed by London Councils, many in the education sector, and at least 160,000 Londoners who have put their name to a public petition. On Wednesday 8 July, an adjournment debate will take place on the issue, led by Ruth Cadbury MP, where London MPs have a chance to contribute their views.

Health

Local lockdowns – PHE addressed false media coverage last week suggesting that some London boroughs could be heading for lockdown. PHE London are closely monitoring COVID-19 cases and while the overall levels are low and rumours of borough lockdowns are not true, it is vital that Londoners continue to follow the

guidance and stay home if they feel unwell. You can read Professor Kevin Fenton, London Regional Director for Public Health England's statement on the matter [here](#).

However, the Mayor is concerned that the Government is yet to provide clear guidance to London councils and City Hall about the process for implementing local lockdowns should the need arise. He will continue to call on them to act outline their plans for how we can all work together to help prevent a deadly second wave of COVID-19 and protect Londoners. You can watch Sadiq's interview with BBC London on the topic [here](#).

Face coverings in enclosed public spaces - The Mayor wrote to the PM last week to express his frustrations that the Government won't use all of the tools available to control the coronavirus. The evidence is clear – wearing face coverings can reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. The Mayor will continue to call for them to be made mandatory in all enclosed public spaces. You can read the Mayor's letter to the PM on the subject in full [here](#).

He reminded Londoners on social media of the BMA research that shows that if you don't wear a face covering and have COVID-19, the risk of spreading it to others nearby could be as high as 70 per cent. If you do wear a face covering, it drops to 5 per cent.

Mental Health and Wellbeing from THRIVE LDN – As part of the mental health support available to Londoners, Thrive LDN and the NHS are holding a new series of free NHS-led webinars called "Coping Well During COVID", covering subjects ranging from wellbeing and sleep to anxiety and low mood. You can book onto an upcoming webinar or watch recordings of previous ones [here](#).

Meanwhile, THRIVE LDN's page on 'looking after your mental health' offers access to advice and guidance, free online resources, apps and helplines, and links to a range of partners including Mind and Samaritans. It can be accessed [here](#).

Business & employment

Venues and businesses re-opening and London is Open - As lockdown eases, we know London faces the unprecedented challenge of recovering from the economic impacts of COVID-19, whilst also stopping the spread of this deadly virus. It will require us to pull together once more in order to support our amazing businesses get back on their feet. We have done this in the past and are confident we can do it again.

The opening of venues across London is welcome for those thousands of businesses in hospitality and culture who have seen their income dry up completely during this crisis. As the city starts to reopen again, we will be using the London Is Open message to help restart London's economy in a COVID safe way.

Pay it Forward – The Hackney empire is facing the greatest challenge in its 120-year history. The team behind the legendary venue have raised over £40,000 in a week to secure their re-opening and to support their staff through the Pay it Forward London platform.

City Hall Business Bulletin – Sign up to the City Hall Business Bulletin to keep up to date with our work to support London’s business community through COVID-19 and beyond. Sign up [here](#).

London Growth Hub Webinars - London Growth Hub is running a series of webinars as part of the [COVID-19 Business Help Series](#) throughout July:

- Managing HR Issues & Employment Law, Thursday 16 July, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Adapting Your Workplace: Staff, Safety and Risk Management, Thursday 23 July, 10:00am - 1:00pm
- Supercharge Your Sales, Tuesday 28 July, 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Managing Your Cash Flow/Finances, Thursday 30th July, 10:00am – 1:00pm

All London registered business are welcome to join for free and are being invited to [register here](#).

The Met Police & LFB

This pandemic is spreading extremism as well as coronavirus. I’m trying to fight it – but I need the government’s help – The Mayor wrote in the Independent about how extremists of all persuasions are using the digital landscape as a battleground, where they are seeking to inspire and recruit the vulnerable and disaffected, particularly during the coronavirus pandemic. He has called on the Government to urgently step up and do more now to prevent the rapid spread of extremism as insidious voices are growing louder and targeting our most vulnerable people. You can read the full article [here](#).

New era of austerity for police warning – The Mayor wrote to the Home Secretary to warn that the police are facing a new era of austerity, with frontline officer numbers under threat and the danger of crime rising. Fuelled by the coronavirus crisis, some forces are potentially facing their worst ever annual budget cuts. This funding crisis endangers the Government’s pledge to recruit 20,000 extra officers to fight crime, risks leaving the police with one hand tied behind their back and could jeopardise the ability to tackle violent crime at this crucial juncture.

The Mayor has protected policing as much as is possible from government cuts to policing since 2010, but is still left with a £109.3m budget reduction over the next two years. The Mayor therefore has asked the Home Secretary in his letter to provide urgent support to protect our police from a new era of austerity and to provide funding to make up for lost expenditure to stop the inevitable knock-on impact on police funding. **You can read more about the Mayor’s letter to the Home Secretary [here](#).**

Illegal gatherings – Sadiq condemned the violence against police officers responding to an illegal gathering in White City. He remains clear that violence against the police will not be tolerated and perpetrators will be caught and prosecuted. Extra police have been out and about, continuing to work hard to keep our city safe. The Government’s webpage that reminds people of the legal restrictions in place can be accessed [here](#).

London Fire Brigade - The London Fire Brigade launched its diversity and inclusion commitment, Togetherness Strategy, last week. It has committed to embedding inclusion and diversity practice in everything it does, and in its relationships with the communities it proudly serves. By working to deliver a Brigade that more closely resembles London, it will become more effective in serving Londoners' needs. Find out more [here](#).

Violence Suppression Unit visit – The Mayor met with police officers involved with the Met's new Violence Suppression Units who are working hard, bearing down on prolific violent offenders and targeting those who carry knives and other offensive weapons.

The Mayor remains deeply concerned that the impact of COVID-19 will compound the underlying causes of violent crime in London, including deprivation and poverty. The Government is making it harder to keep Londoners safe at a time when lockdown eases and the risk of violence rises. We know from history what huge damage Government austerity measures can have on policing in London and in perpetuating the cycle of violent crime. The Mayor has urged Ministers to provide adequate support to London's youth services and the Met police as we come out of lockdown. **Find out more about the Mayor's visit last week to Belgravia with the Met's Violence Suppression Unit** [here](#).

Housing - support for renters and rough sleepers

Mayor unites with London Government and housing sector to call for £5bn affordable homes investment to kick-start London's recovery – Last week, the Mayor called for the Government to agree to a multi-billion pound package, with social housing at its heart, to kick-start London's housing sector in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Ahead of the Chancellor's economic statement on Wednesday last week, London builders, councils, housing associations and unions came together with the Mayor to demand an emergency £5bn investment package to keep London building, protect construction jobs in the capital, and increase the supply of new social homes.

You can find more information on the calls [here](#). Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, also wrote an article in City AM on the calls - 'The only way out of the COVID slump is a big housing kick-start package, with social housing at its heart' - which can be read and shared [here](#).

Protection for renters –Sadiq wrote to Robert Jenrick last week expressing his concern that ending the ban on evictions too soon risks a tsunami of rental evictions which would affect countless Londoners already suffering the financial impacts of Covid-19. He called for urgent attention to be given to this issue by the Government. You can read the letter in full [here](#).

The Mayor is calling for 'triple lock' protection for private renters to stop them being evicted as a result of COVID-19. This includes:

- increasing welfare benefits so that they can cover any shortfalls in the rents of private tenants unable to pay them due to COVID-19 – including refugees, asylum seekers and those with no recourse to public funds;
- changing to eviction proceedings to prevent landlords evicting tenants for arrears accrued as a result of COVID-19 when the suspension on eviction proceedings is lifted; and
- scrapping Section 21, preventing landlords using this ‘no-fault’ route to evict tenants.

Support for Rough Sleepers - As the lockdown eases, charities and outreach workers will be implementing the Mayor’s ‘In For Good’ principle wherever possible - providing an offer of support to everyone in the hotels with the aim that no-one needs to return to rough sleeping when they leave.

However, many of those accommodated risk being forced back on the streets because of lack of support from central government, including immigration policies which mean many who have been helped have no recourse to public funds, or are EEA nationals without residency rights. Ministers must act and not blow this opportunity to reduce rough sleeping in London got good.

This could be done by suspending both the No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) condition and the Habitual Residence Test, so that European Economic Area citizens do not need to prove their “right to reside” in order to access benefits, which will help them to cover basic living and housing costs.

Additional help should also be provided so that non-UK nationals are able to easily access specialist independent immigration advice. This would maximise the chances of those in emergency accommodation resolving their immigration status and improving their longer-term housing options.

Communities, support for vulnerable Londoners, the Voluntary and Community Sector and charities

London Community Response grants – On July 1, the London Community Response Fund opened applications for a new grants of up to £50K for civil society organisations responding to the needs of communities affected by COVID-19.

These grants are to support projects to help people emerge from crisis or to help organisations adapt, collaborate or restart. Find out more about applying for the London Community Response fund grants [here](#).

Culture and Creative Industries

£1.6 bn support package for the cultural and creative industries - The Mayor has welcomed the Government’s announcement of nearly £1.6bn to support the arts through the pandemic, but has warned that all aspects of culture and the creative industries will need access to support due to the widespread impact of COVID-19.

Without Government support, the capital had been predicted to lose one in six of its creative jobs by the end of 2020 and suffer a £14.6bn loss to its economy. This week

the GLA is publishing new research with the architecture and urbanism practice We Made That and economy specialists PRD estimating a further ‘hidden impact’ of £1.7bn cost on businesses in the creative industries’ supply chain. These businesses face an uncertain future as they wait to see if they too will benefit from Government support.

The research estimates that the entire supply chain of the creative industries faces losing 82,400 jobs and seeing £3.3bn wiped off the value of London’s economy without specific support. This would mean that the total impact of COVID-19 on London’s culture and creative industries could cost the economy £16.3bn and put 151,000 jobs at risk. You can find out more about the research and the Mayor’s reaction to the Government funding package [here](#).

Support for London’s venues - London’s Night Czar Amy Lamé urged the Government to provide further clarity about when music venues can reopen, amid increasing fears that the financial impact of coronavirus will force many to shut their doors for good. In an interview with NME, she said: “We need a lot more clarity from the government. Part of the reason we’re spending so much time helping businesses and councils sift through all of this is because it’s been lacking severely. We know how important it is to be on the ground and to get that information out there. It’s infuriating because grassroots venues have played such a key role in London’s nightlife and we got to a really good place in stemming all the closures.”

She outlined City Hall action to curb the closure of venues including City Hall’s £2.3 million Culture at Risk Support Fund, launched in co-ordination with the Music Venues Trust, the LGBTQ+ Venues Forum, the Creative Land Trust and the BFI to help multiple venues across the capital. See [here](#) for the full interview.

Environment

Recovery - The Mayor has been clear that recovery from COVID-19 must see public spending invested into green energy projects, infrastructure and job-creation schemes. The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology published a report last week providing a clear roadmap to boosting renewables and advancing towards net zero which can be read [here](#).

On Monday 29 June, the Mayor gave the keynote speech at the Centre for London’s event entitled ‘London’s Green Recovery’. The speech can be watched [here](#) and was followed by a panel discussion that included Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues.

The Mayor is helping to get London moving sustainably by:

- Making central London the world’s largest car-free zone of any capital in the world
- Widening pavements and trebling cycle lanes
- Opening up our world-famous bridges and streets
- Expanding the Santander Cycles hire scheme
- And keeping our commitment to improve air quality.

UK100 Recovery session – Shirley Rodrigues, London’s Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, attended the first meeting of UK100’s Resilient Recovery Taskforce – a cross party group focused on action to build a greener and fairer post-COVID-19 recovery.

Media, social media

- Sadiq was interviewed by JOE UK about the importance of wearing facemasks in enclosed public spaces. You can watch a clip [here](#).
- Sadiq spoke to Loose Women about the [#StandByYourMen](#) campaign which addresses men’s mental health. You can watch a clip of the interview [here](#).
- Sadiq spoke with the Sunday Times Magazine about his experience of lockdown. You can read the full interview [here](#).
- Sadiq spoke to James O’Brien and Londoners on his regular #SpeakToSadiq call in last week. You can listen back to the show [here](#).
- ITV London covered the Mayor’s calls on the Government to reverse their decision to take away free travel for under 18s in London. You can watch the clip [here](#).
- Sadiq spoke to Pink News about how we must continue to push for justice and equality as allies. You can watch the full video [here](#).
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What you can do to help

City Hall is working hard to develop and establish new structures to support Londoners and to improve the city’s resilience at this difficult time. You can help by promoting these services:

- **Mental health** – Mental health experts have helped us collate advice on the GLA website to help those who may be feeling down or anxious. The tips can be accessed [here](#). It also includes information on how to access services if Londoners need support with their mental health. Help with how to cope with bereavement and grief during the coronavirus outbreak can be found [here](#).
- **Pay it Forward - Business** owners should visit www.london.gov.uk/payitforward and see how Pay it Forward could help them make their way through the challenges we now face as a city.
- **London Learning at Home** - The Mayor has launched London Learning at Home, which brings together the city’s free learning and cultural resources that children can access from home. It can be accessed [here](#).
- **Guidance and support for renters and landlords** - The GLA has collated advice for renters and landlords on their rights during the coronavirus crisis. Please help share the page, which can be accessed [here](#).
- **Volunteering** - [The GLA Coronavirus Volunteering Portal](#) remains live with updated opportunities for Londoners to safely volunteer.
- **Employment Rights Hub** - Many people are concerned about the financial impact of self-isolating or taking time off work. The Mayor’s Employment Rights Hub has the latest information about what people are entitled to, including the Government’s Self-Employment Income Support Scheme, which

is now open for applications. **You can access, and point those who may be concerned, to the Hub [here](#).**

- **Information on COVID-19 for non-UK nationals** - City Hall's EU Londoners Hub has specific information for non-UK nationals on how they can access to healthcare, visas, the EU settlement scheme and employment rights and how they are affected by the crisis. **The Information on COVID-19 for non-UK nationals page can be accessed [here](#).**