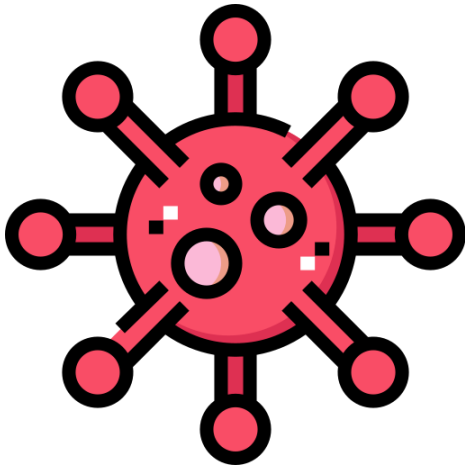


## Safeguarding Children During Coronavirus (COVID-19)



There is a great deal of information available in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak already and the impact it has had on every part of our daily life, not least frontline services such as health, social care, police, and education. However, it is more important than ever to ensure that children are protected from the effects of abuse and neglect. Anyone with a concern for a child's welfare must make a referral to Children's Social Care in the usual way using the Safeguarding Children Partnership online referral form.

<https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/professional>

- Initial Response Service – 0191 277 2500
- Emergency Duty Team – 0191 278 7878
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)

We have also added a Covid-19 resource page in our web based procedures <https://www.proceduresonline.com/resources/covid19/> and Newcastle City Council has a dedicated Coronavirus/COVID-19 webpage. [Click here](#) or go to [www.newcastle.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/coronavirus)

We know that many children will be anxious or worried about the coronavirus outbreak and that many will have questions about everything that is happening now. The Children's Commissioner has produced a Children's Guide to Coronavirus to help explain to them, in language they can understand, some of the issues surrounding coronavirus which you will find useful to use or share ore widely.



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Recently issued guidance from the Disclosure and Barring Service allows the DBS to respond quicker to recruitment requests during COVID-19

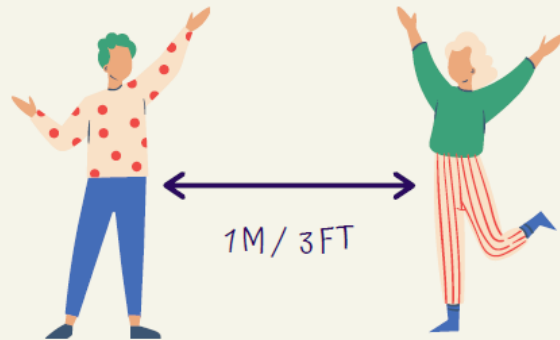
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-service-allows-dbs-to-respond-quicker-to-recruitment-requests-during-covid-19>

# STOP THE SPREAD



## WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.



## MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Maintain atleast 2M (6ft) between yourself and any one outside of your home/family group.



## AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.



## IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.



