



Royal College of  
General Practitioners

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# Covid-19 advice and guidance

Fieldwork from 26 March 2020

- Online survey
- Self-selecting sample from RCGP membership emails
- 365 responses from GPs across the UK

1. To what extent would you say that you are concerned about the Covid-19 virus and its impact on you and your practice staff?

Very concerned	79%
Quite concerned	20%
Not very concerned	1%
Not at all concerned	0%
Don't know	0%

2. To what extent would you say you are concerned about the following:

a) **Being able to provide a business as usual service**

Very concerned	68%
Quite concerned	24%
Not very concerned	7%
Not at all concerned	0%
Don't know	1%

b) **Being able to maintain the safety of staff**

Very concerned	75%
Quite concerned	22%
Not very concerned	3%
Not at all concerned	0%
Don't know	0%

c) **Being able to maintain the wellbeing of staff**

Very concerned	71%
Quite concerned	27%
Not very concerned	2%
Not at all concerned	0%
Don't know	1%

d) **Being able to access financial support to cover Covid-19 related costs**

Very concerned	39%
Quite concerned	29%
Not very concerned	21%
Not at all concerned	2%
Don't know	8%

### 3. How good do you think Government advice and guidance for general practice with regards to Covid-19 has been so far?

Very good	6%
Quite good	31%
Not very good	26%
Quite poor	16%
Very poor	21%
Don't know	0%

### 4. How important do you think it is to have more guidance on each of the following?

#### a) How to maintain a business as usual service

Very important	52%
Quite important	30%
Not very important	14%
Not at all important	3%

#### b) How to use personal protective equipment (PPE)

Very important	76%
Quite important	18%
Not very important	5%
Not at all important	1%

#### c) How to manage patients who present at the practice and are likely a Covid-19 risk

Very important	90%
Quite important	7%
Not very important	2%
Not at all important	0%

#### d) Preparing my practice premises to manage Covid-19 spread

Very important	84%
Quite important	13%
Not very important	2%
Not at all important	0%

#### e) How to best manage appointments with a mix of remote working and triage

Very important	69%
Quite important	26%
Not very important	4%
Not at all important	1%

**f) Supporting staff well-being in a time of stress and high workload**

Very important	78%
Quite important	21%
Not very important	2%
Not at all important	0%

**g) How to access financial support around sick cover**

Very important	57%
Quite important	30%
Not very important	11%
Not at all important	3%