

Necessary travel to work – manufacturing and supply chain for medical tests, consumables and other equipment critical to the functioning of NHS testing laboratories and patient testing.

To Whom It May Concern

In accordance with the government publication issued on the 23rd March¹, please note that this employee of a BIVDA member company is travelling to their place of work as part of the manufacturing and supply chain required to produce tests, reagents, consumables and other equipment essential to allow laboratory testing by the NHS or patient testing in other healthcare settings. They therefore fall into the category described below². Without the continued supply of these products required for testing health care provision would be quickly compromised.

Thank you for your efforts to support the best possible level of health care provision at this critical time in this way.



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1. Government guidance on staying at home and away from others.
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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874742/Full_guidance_on_staying_at_home_and_away_from_others_1.pdf

2. Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment'.

Footnote:

BIVDA (The British In Vitro Diagnostic Association) represents UK manufacturers, developers and suppliers of tests which are used by doctors and other health care workers. These tests are essential to help diagnose and monitor health conditions and to ensure the safety of blood and tissue donations.

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