

## Covid-19

Stay at Home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives

IPC has drawn together several websites offering support and guidance to refugees and asylum seekers and related organisations. We have also attached several of our own audio files of Coronavirus guidance in various languages, including Amharic, Czech, French, Kurdish, Romanian, Tigrinya and Vietnamese.

### Different languages: Guidance on coronavirus symptoms

NHS guidelines are translated into 34 languages by Doctors of the World in association with the British Red Cross. Here is the list of the languages available: English, Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Bulgarian, Czech, Dari, Estonian, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Kiswahili, Krio, Kurdish Sorani, Lithuanian, Oromo, Malayalam, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Sindhi, Slovak, Spanish, Somali, Tamil, Tigrinya, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese, Wolof, Yiddish. The language files can be found at:

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

### Refugee Council updates

The Refugee Council is providing a summary of the government's response to date, noting key temporary changes to asylum and resettlement policy and practice. Information is updated on a daily basis at:

<https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/latest/news/changes-to-home-office-asylum-resettlement-policy-and-practice-in-response-to-covid-19/>

### Vulnerable asylum seekers or refugees

If an asylum seeker or refugee considers themselves to be vulnerable, they should register with the NHS through this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable/>

Others can also register on their behalf, which includes the LA, those within the NGO/VCS sectors and AASC providers. NHS England has uploaded translations of the at-risk patient letter they have sent out. These can be accessed at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/guidance-and-updates-for-gps-at-risk-patients/>

### Corona virus Asylum Handbook

Refugee Action has developed the Coronavirus Asylum Handbook, a very useful resource for sharing good practice and finding out how others are tackling the barriers:

<https://www.coronavirusesylumhandbook.com/home>

### Further resources available through the North East Migration Partnership

This webpage is a resource hub of important guidance and information for those working with asylum seekers and refugees in the North East:

<https://www.nemp.org.uk/coronavirus/>

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