

## UKVIA's Coronavirus Guide for Vapers

Whilst the response to the coronavirus outbreak is changing all the time, the vaping industry recognises that vapers will be concerned about the virus. However, the advice from Public Health England is clear: "There is currently no evidence that coronavirus can be caught from exposure to e-cigarette vapour."\*

The UKVIA has produced the following guidance for vapers to stay safe whilst we are in lockdown and when things start to get back to normal. Please always follow government guidance.

**Ask an expert** – contact your vape retailer and ask for their advice about what devices they would recommend that gives off the least amount of vapour. Whilst there is no evidence that coronavirus can be passed on through vapour, show consideration when exhaling so it does not give any cause for concern.

**Don't share** – make sure you don't share your device with anyone else. Just like we are advised to stop touching our faces to avoid infection we shouldn't risk contracting the virus through sharing vape devices.

**Remember social distancing** – even though the Government has now restricted the public's movements outside, please ensure you are at least 2m apart from any other person.

**Ask about home deliveries** – whilst shops are closed at the present time don't hesitate to call your retail outlet as they may still be 'open for business' providing a home delivery service.

**Jump online** – there are established dedicated online stores that you can turn to. Also, you can order online from many bricks and mortar vape retailers.

**Don't take any chances** – if you think you are developing any of the symptoms of covid-19 then be sensible and stop vaping immediately. Do not restart until you are cleared to do so by your doctor.

For more general advice on coronavirus and how to stay safe try these online sources:

- The UK Government [website](#) is being updated by the hour
- The NHS [website](#) regularly issues updates and can be found [here](#).
- Welsh Government updates can be found [here](#).
- The Scottish Government updates can be found [here](#).
- The Northern Irish Government updates can be found [here](#).

\*Rosanna O'Connor, Director of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs at Public Health England.