

## A quick guide to mobile/landline phone offers for vulnerable and other customers during Covid-19

## All Mobile providers are allowing free calls to NHS 111 and free access to all NHS websites

BT Call 150 (BT Phone) or 0800 800 150 <u>www.bt.com/coronavirus</u>

- Customers who only have a BT landline won't be charged more than £5 for the cost of calls to mobiles or landlines, on top of line rental
- All customers classed as vulnerable on BT's system can access unlimited mobile calls, texts and data, on contract or 'Pay as you go'.
- All other 'Pay as you go' mobile customers will be able to call us free to top up their phones on 150 or do so remotely.
- Customers with financial difficulties can get their bills lowered for a number of months so they don't
  get disconnected. People on benefits will be assessed for a BT Basic package, costs £9.95 a month for
  broadband and line rental, if appropriate
- BT is providing free online courses to help people improve their digital skills and link to Skills for Tomorrow website for more free learning.

EE	Call 150 or use online chat to say you	www.ee.co.uk/coronavirus
	vulnerable	

- Free calls to 101 numbers
- NHS Pay monthly plan available with unlimited data until 09/10/2020. Requires NHS email address.
- Vulnerable and disabled customers are being offered free calls, text and data.
- Over the next month (May) the service will not be disconnected if people are unable to pay their bills.
   Customers are being asked to only contact EE after the latest bill has been issued and they have a balance on the account.
- EE is providing free online courses to help people improve their digital skills and link to Skills for Tomorrow website for more free learning.

GiffGaff	Use the Community Forum or Ask an Agent	www.giffgaff.com/help/articles/whats-
	on https://support2.giffgaff.com/app/ask	giffgaff-doing-about-coronavirus-covid-19

- GiffGaff customers will be upgraded for free once a "goodybag" (package bundle) has been purchased.
- List of free to use websites: <a href="www.giffgaff.com/help/articles/whats-giffgaff-doing-about-coronavirus-covid-19">www.giffgaff.com/help/articles/whats-giffgaff-doing-about-coronavirus-covid-19</a>
- If you're unable to pay, contact one of their agents via your account to see what can be arranged.

O2	Call 202 (Existing Monthly contract users),	www.o2.co.uk/covid-19
	4445 (Existing pay as you go users) 08442	
	020202 (other phones)	

- Customers working for the NHS will be given an extra 10GB of data per month for 3 months (must apply by 22/05/2020)
- List of free to use advise and support websites: <u>www.o2.co.uk/covid-19#what-support-services-are-free-to-access-on-o2</u>
- Schemes available for those who are having issues paying their bills e.g. lost job and working less hours. Request O2 Refresh or Custom Plan Agreement up to 14th July
- Removed charges to Hospedia bedside telephones, used by patients in certain 130 NHS hospitals.
   Customers will not pay more than the 13p a minute to Hospedia, who will credit any charges for this service since the start of the pandemic.

Sky Mobile	Call 0333 7591 018 (Only taking calls from	www.sky.com/help/articles/coronavirus-
	Vulnerable customers). Use the My Sky App	<u>updates</u>
	or online services.	

- Watch Sky Go and use Sky's other apps without using data.
- Free Sky Talk calls to UK landlines and a total of 60 minutes free across up to 6 calls to UK mobiles each day until the end of 30/04/20
- Sky Mobile customers now have 10GB free data, which can be shared across all Sims on the account.
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   Customers will not pay more than the 13p a minute to Hospedia, who will credit any charges for this service since the start of the pandemic

Tesco Mobile	Call 4455 (Tesco Mobile phone) or 0345 301	www.tescomobile.com/coronavirus
	4455 (other phones)	

- Free calls to 101 numbers and some key airline UK phone numbers (www.tescomobile.com/helpfulwebsites)
- Unlimited free evening and weekend calls.
- List of free to use advice and support websites: <a href="https://www.tescomobile.com/helpful-websites">www.tescomobile.com/helpful-websites</a>
- Will not increase the tariff price for the entire contract.
- Working on free NHS worker bundles with 5000 minutes and 500GB data.
- If you're unable to pay your bill, contact 4455 on your Tesco Mobile phone or 0345 301 4455 from another phone to talk through the various options available.

Three	Call 333 or the Three App. To speak to an	www.three.co.uk/stay-connected
	advisor new customers can visit	
	www.three.co.uk/three-store-now	

- Reducing Pay Monthly international saver add-on from £15.32 to £10 per month + additional 3000 minutes for 31 destinations worldwide
- Three will not stop your services if you cannot pay, however you must contact them on 333 from your Three phone and select the relevant automated option.

Virgin Media	Call 0345 454 1111 or use community	www.virginmedia.com/help/coronavirus-
Mobile	website for queries	<u>update</u>

- Free Virgin Media Wifi Calling.
- Virgin Media Mobile gave Pay Monthly customers free unlimited minutes to landlines and mobile numbers and 10GB of data to end April, and may extend the offer
- Customers with Talk Protected plan have been upgraded to free daytime call minutes.

Vodafone	Call 0808 040 8408 or use online advisor	www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/coronavirus-
		<u>advice</u>

- Pay Monthly mobile customers registered on the system as NHS worker/vulnerable have 30 days of unlimited data free.
- Other customers can get unlimited data for 30 days by finding the offer in the VeryMe section of the My Vodafone app.
- If you are unable to pay your bill on time, call 56677 to set up a promise to pay or review a previous one There is also help on <a href="https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/financial-difficulties">https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/financial-difficulties</a>
- To opt into an "IOU" scheme, you must be over 18 years old, a Vodafone customer for at least 7 days and have topped up £5 so far.
- New "Vodafone Emergency Homeworker Plan" for existing mobile customers, offering unlimited voice, text and data for a fixed amount of £15 per month for 3 months

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