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Subject: Govt response

Hi Ross,

Hope you're having a good weekend. We spotted your [Mail Online piece](#) on covid death and hospitalisation stats, and hoped you'd be happy to include a government line. We wouldn't want your readers to interpret the piece as indicating that abiding by the lockdown rules isn't necessary.

Here are the lines we've put together:

A Government spokesperson said:

“National restrictions have been introduced to save lives. This is a global pandemic, and we have taken action to keep people safe. The UK is not acting in isolation - the toll that Covid-19 has taken on this country and across the world is clear. Many have have lost loved ones, and others have been left seriously ill.

“We are heading into the winter months where we will see the usual pressures on the NHS now combined with a new virus. It is vital people follow the rules and continue to play their part and stay at home so we can bring the transmission rates back down and get back to normality as soon as possible.

Background:

- The full slides from the latest coronavirus press conference can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slide-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-20-november-2020>
- Those from the 31 October conference can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/slides-to-accompany-coronavirus-press-conference-31-october-2020>

Many thanks,



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