

Please remember to **STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS, SAVE LIVES**

SCC DAILY STATEMENT 14/09/2020

With best wishes,

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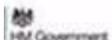
Current UK Alert Level: 3

On 19/06/2020 [update from the UK Chief Medical Officers on the UK alert level](#) confirmed that the UK COVID-19 alert level has been lowered from risk level 4 to risk level 3. It does not mean that the pandemic is over. The virus is still in general circulation, and localised outbreaks are likely to occur. Therefore, we all need to follow current infection prevention guidance and messages.

The current Government messaging is 'Hands, Face, Space' (previously 'stay alert, control the virus, save lives' and 'stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives')



Level	Description
5	As level 4 and there is a material risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed
4	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially
3	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation
2	COVID-19 is present in the UK, but the number of cases and transmission is low
1	COVID-19 is not known to be present in the UK

Current UK Situation

- **As of 4.00pm on 13 September: 368,504 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in the UK (pillar 1 and pillar 2 testing). Of those who tested positive for COVID-19 in the UK, 41,628 have died (within 28 days of positive test) across all settings.** You can view the latest UK dashboard and cases by local authority [here](#).
- Confirmed cases in Suffolk are broken down by Districts & Boroughs as follows.
- From 2 July, the number of lab-confirmed positive cases now includes those identified by testing in all settings (pillars 1 and 2). Pillar 2 refers to tests in commercial labs working in partnership with the NHS. Previously, only Pillar 1 confirmed cases were included (tests completed in NHS labs). Due to this change many cases previously not attributed to any area are now included in area totals. This is not a recent surge in cases – the cases now being

reported occurred from April onwards. As the quality of this data continues to improve, these numbers may continue to fluctuate over time, but overall, case numbers and case rates in Suffolk remain low compared to the East of England and England as a whole.

Area	Cumulative cases	Rate per 100,000 residents (2019 mid-year estimates)
Ipswich	746	544.9 per 100,000 residents
East Suffolk	942	377.6 per 100,000 residents
Mid Suffolk	364	350.4 per 100,000 residents
Babergh	294	319.4 per 100,000 residents
West Suffolk	576	321.7 per 100,000 residents
Suffolk	2,922	383.8 per 100,000 residents
East of England	28,243	452.9 per 100,000 residents
England	318,121	565.2 per 100,000 residents

COVID-19 related news from [GOV.UK](#)

- [Businesses urged to prepare for NHS COVID-19 app](#) - Pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, cinemas and other venues across England and Wales are being urged to download QR codes to prepare for public rollout of new app (download for venues [here](#)). The NHS COVID-19 app is currently being trialled and will launch on Thursday 24 September in England and Wales, including QR check-in at venues. QR codes will be an important way for NHS Test and Trace in England and NHS Test, Trace, Protect in Wales to contact multiple people if coronavirus outbreaks are identified in venues.
- [UK Government invests in Covid research at St Andrews University](#) - UK Government funded project at St Andrews University to test different surfaces and coatings for their effectiveness in killing the Covid-19 virus.
- [Largest testing programme for coronavirus reinforces need for vigilance](#) - The third report from the country's largest study on coronavirus rates of infection has been published today showing that cases are increasing steadily across the country. Findings from Imperial College London and Ipsos MORI show the virus is now doubling every 7 to 8 days.
- [COVID-19 infection rises: letter to care providers from Director of Adult Social Care Delivery](#) - Stuart Miller has written to care providers to highlight rising infection rates and request action on testing and PPE in all care settings.
- [Restrictions on household mixing in Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull](#) - Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull moved to 'areas of intervention', with residents told not to meet with people from outside their households to control the spread of the virus.

Other COVID-19 related news

BBC Health

- [Coronavirus: 'Rule of six' comes into effect](#) - Restrictions banning social gatherings of more than six people are now in effect, as Covid-19 cases keep rising. The new rule applies to people in private homes, indoors and outdoors, and places such as pubs, restaurants, cafes and public outdoor spaces. Full list of exemptions available on government guidance [here](#).
- [Oxford University to resume vaccine trial after pause](#) - Trials of a Covid-19 vaccine being developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University will resume after being paused due to a reported side effect in a patient in the UK.
- [Coronavirus testing system 'falling over'](#) - People across England have told BBC News they are struggling to access coronavirus tests.
- [Coronavirus in the UK: How many confirmed cases are there in your area?](#) - Enter a full UK postcode or council name to find out how many COVID19 cases and deaths there are in your area.

BBC Global News

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has recorded a record one-day rise in the number of new coronavirus infections, with 307,930 reported over 24 hours.
- Lockdowns have saved more than three million lives in Europe, an Imperial College study estimates
- Global economy tipped to contract by 5.2% this year - World Bank
- Most people arriving in the UK have to quarantine for two weeks
- New York City begins reopening, with as many as 400,000 people getting back to work

Suffolk

Task group created to work with food processing plants: A task group has been formed between Public Health, Environmental Health and Trading Standards to work with food processing plants across Suffolk to prevent coronavirus outbreaks similar to that seen at Banham Poultry. [Click here](#) for more information.

New Covid-19 scams targeting Suffolk residents: Suffolk Trading Standards have warned members of the public to remain vigilant of recent scams involving an inheritance windfall from Covid-19 and TV licencing. [Click here](#) for more information.

Archant survey provides insight into lockdown life in Suffolk: A survey conducted by publishing company Archant asked Suffolk residents a range of questions around the topics of Covid-19 and lockdown. The results of the survey have now been published and are available [here](#).

Key National Guidance updates

	Title	Who For	Comments
UPDATED	The R number and growth rate in the UK	Everyone	As of Friday 11 September 2020: - R number range for the UK 1.0-1.2 (0.9-1.2 East of England) - Growth rate range for the UK

			-1% to +3% (-1 to +4 East of England)
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel corridors	Everyone	French Polynesia, Hungary, Portugal and Réunion removed from the travel corridors list at 4am Saturday 12 September 2020. Sweden added to the list at 4am Saturday 12 September.

Useful Websites

	Title	Who For	Comments
1	NHS – Your COVID Recovery	General Public	Your COVID Recovery helps you to understand what has happened and what you might expect as part of your recovery.
2	NHS - COVID-19 go-to page	General Public	
3	GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
4	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance	Main collection of guidance for anyone in any setting	Guidance includes: - Guidance for the public (incl. social distancing and shielding) - Guidance for non-clinical settings (incl. cleaning, educational settings, employees, employers, businesses, residential care, supported living and home care) - Guidance for health professionals - Infection prevention and control (incl. PPE) - Sampling and diagnostics

5	<p>Mental health support and advice from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · WHO · mentalhealth.org.uk · Ipswich & East CCG · Living Life To The Full · NHS Practitioner Wellbeing · Samaritans 	General public, staff and carers	
6	<p>Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
7	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage	Professionals	
8	Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker	Professionals	The tracker compares worldwide government responses to the coronavirus rigorously and consistently. The Oxford team collects information on common policy responses, scores the stringency of such measures, and aggregates these into a Stringency Index.

Local Resources:

Below are any local resources that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners.

Title	Who For	Comments
Public Health Suffolk's COVID19 RADAR (Research Action Digest And Review)	Professionals	Weekly summary of COVID-19 related research evidence that is relevant to the Suffolk system, makes recommendations for consideration, and aims to ensure research evidence is rapidly disseminated and turned into local action.
Public Health Suffolk's Coronawatch Dashboard	Everyone	Access to national and local data including confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), deaths from coronavirus, Care home outbreaks and Google social mobility data from the dashboard along with a series of briefings which have been produced on related topics, all from publicly available sources.
Mobile Testing Units in Suffolk	Everyone	It is important that anyone with coronavirus symptoms gets tested. Mobile testing units are commissioned by DHSC through G4S and regularly appear across Suffolk. Please share details of the testing sites with your local community – see under Where can I get tested in Suffolk?
Support from the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB)	Everyone	SGPB is a partnership of all Suffolk local authorities, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, University of Suffolk and New Anglia LEP. In Suffolk our Economy & business recovery work for COVID-19 is being led by SGPB and the website includes links to funding / surveys / economic impact work. Please do pass this information on to your contacts.
Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690	Everyone	The freephone number is live from 9am on Friday 22nd May 2020 for anyone with concerns including professionals who may be supporting clients as well as friends and family members who are concerned for loved ones.
New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk	Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment opportunities are available in	The New Anglia LEP - alongside other partners including local authorities - have pulled together lists and links to key employment roles needed now as part of the response to the current crisis.

		some of our key sectors	
	<u>Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership</u>	Everyone	The website aims to help everyone understand the signs of neglect or abuse and what to do if they are worried about a child or an adult.
	<u>NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB</u>	Businesses needing support	A one stop shop source of information for government support and guidance available to businesses including 121 business advice sources of business grants and loans.
	<u>Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub</u>	Everyone	This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing.
	<u>Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information</u>	Everyone	Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance.
	<u>Keep Moving Suffolk</u>	Everyone	The website contains free resources, ideas, tips, useful links and positive stories to encourage people to stay active during these unprecedented times. The website and our social channels will be constantly updated.

Global: WHO Weekly Epidemiological Update – reports available [here](#)

- [WHO Covid-19 Dashboard](#) for professionals using near real time data.
- [GOARN COVID-19 Knowledge hub](#) - central repository of quality public health information, guidance, tools and webinars which can be accessed freely at any point

Table 1. Newly reported and cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths, by WHO Region, data as of 6 September 2020**

WHO Region	New cases in last 7 days (%)	Change in new cases in last 7 days	Cumulative cases (%)	New deaths in last 7 days (%)	Change in new deaths in last 7 days*	Cumulative deaths (%)
Americas	862 478 (46%)	1%	14 001 390 (52%)	22 325 (59%)	-4%	484 079 (55%)
South-East Asia	616 795 (33%)	14%	4 689 943 (18%)	8 124 (22%)	4%	83 400 (10%)
Europe	247 125 (13%)	4%	4 475 267 (17%)	3 015 (8%)	9%	222 279 (25%)
Eastern Mediterranean	92 699 (5%)	6%	1 996 246 (8%)	2 244 (6%)	-1%	52 710 (6%)
Africa	38 639 (2%)	-12%	1 083 152 (4%)	1 207 (3%)	-14%	22 929 (3%)
Western Pacific	28 907 (2%)	-20%	516 478 (2%)	644 (2%)	-7%	11 206 (1%)
† Other	-	-	741 (<1%)	-	-	13 (<1%)
Global	1 886 643 (100%)	5%	26 763 217 (100%)	37 559 (100%)	-2%	876 616 (100%)

*Percent change in the number of newly confirmed cases/deaths in past seven days, compared to seven days prior.

**See data, table and figure notes

******This table is updated once weekly by WHO.***
data.