

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

SCC DAILY STATEMENT 17/07/2020

With best wishes,

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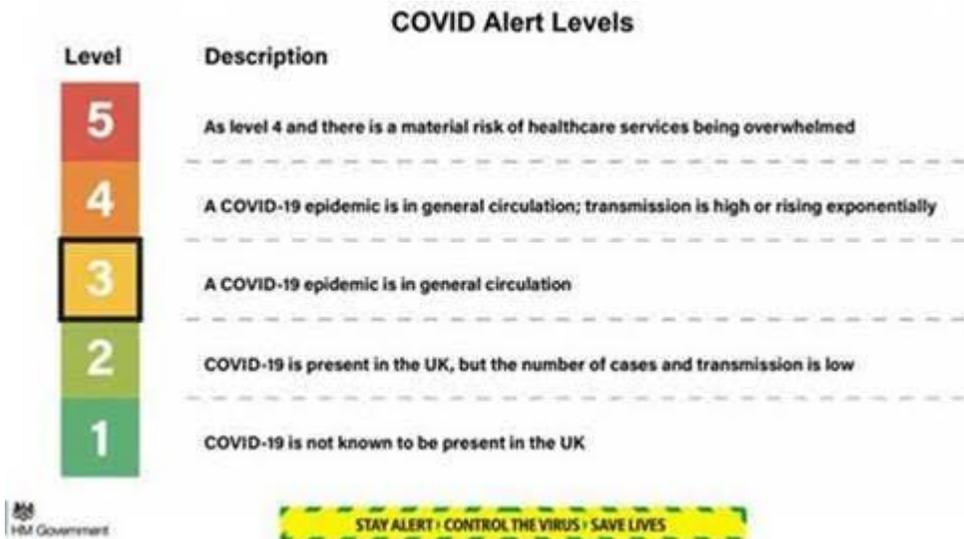
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Current UK Alert Level: 3

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.

Please note the Government's messaging is '*stay alert, control the virus, save lives*' (previously '*stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives*')



Current UK Situation

- As of 5pm on 16th July: 292,552 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, 45,119 have died 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 – **please note that these case numbers and the rates per 100,000 population cannot be compared with the case numbers and rates given in previous bulletins.**
- 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 this 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.**
- Compared to the previous briefing (15 July 2020) 1 case has been added, in Babergh. This case was added in the last two weeks, so is not an historical confirmed case. These numbers are depicted in the two additional columns shaded in grey below.

| | | | These columns may help in interpreting the data, they will only be calculated for Suffolk. | |
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| Area | Cumulative cases | Rate per 100,000 residents | New or removed cases added since previous briefing: | Are these added cases more than 2 weeks old? |
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| Ipswich | 699 | 508.2 per 100,000 residents | | |
| East Suffolk | 870 | 350.5 per 100,000 residents | | |
| Mid Suffolk | 325 | 317.1 per 100,000 residents | | |
| Babergh | 260 | 284.5 per 100,000 residents | +1 | No |
| West Suffolk | 477 | 266.7 per 100,000 residents | | |
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| Suffolk | 2,631 | 346.8 per 100,000 residents | +1 | No |
| East of England | 23,924 | 385.8 per 100,000 residents | | |
| England | 251,482 | 449.3 per 100,000 residents | | |

COVID-19 related news from [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

- [In-person coronavirus testing continues to deliver results the next day: Statistics covering the 6th week of operation](#) (2 to 8 July) of the NHS Test and Trace service were published on Thursday 16 July.
 - 96.4% of people tested in person at regional testing sites and mobile testing units received their tests the day after the test was taken
 - Despite an increase in tests this week, fewer people have tested positive and there have been fewer outbreaks or complex cases
 - New data shows that more than a million tests have now been carried out at care homes across the UK since the pandemic began
- [Coronavirus and the economic impacts on UK: 16 July 2020](#): New experimental data on the UK economy detailing the impact on businesses from the coronavirus (COVID-19). Data is from the Business Impact of Coronavirus Survey; a 2-weekly survey designed to estimate the impact over the previous 2 weeks and the expectations for the following 2 weeks.
 - 85% of responding businesses had been trading for more than the last two weeks
 - Of businesses continuing to trade, 58% reported a decrease in turnover out of normal range, while 12% reported that turnover had increased
 - Of businesses who had not stopped trading and who had a proportion of their workforce furloughed, 41% of businesses reported providing top-ups to furloughed workers' pay on top of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)
 - Of businesses who had not stopped trading and who had implemented one or more safety measure, 73% reported having increased operating costs
 - Of businesses who had not stopped trading, 47% reported having no or less than six months cash reserves, while 33% reported having more than six months cash reserves.
 - Of businesses continuing to trade, 11% reported that stock levels were higher than normal, while 15% reported that stock levels were lower than normal
 - Of businesses continuing to trade, 20% reported there had been more innovation since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- [Local lockdown measures to continue in Leicester with modifications](#): The latest data show that the 7-day infection rate in Leicester is now 119 cases per 100,000 people, and that the percentage of people who have tested positive is now at 4.8%. These are positive indicators, especially in light of the huge increase in testing in the local area. But they still remain well above the national average, and the average for surrounding areas. From 24 July Leicester will be removing the restrictions on schools and early years childcare and taking a more targeted approach to the restrictions on non-essential retail.

- [Government scheme to help universities in financial difficulties](#): Gavin Williamson has announced details of a new restructuring regime, specifically for higher education providers, such as universities and colleges in England, that could be at risk of insolvency. Eligible providers will be able to seek this additional support to develop cost effective restructuring plans with conditions designed to focus the sector towards the future needs of the country, such delivering high quality courses with good graduate outcomes.
- [Government confirms allocations of £500 million additional funding for councils](#): Local Government Secretary Robert Jenrick has today (16 July 2020) confirmed allocations for £500 million of additional support for local councils. The funding allocated to Local Authorities in Suffolk from the additional £500 million is reproduced in the table below:

| Local Authority | Third Tranche of Covid-19 Funding |
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| Babergh | £132,051 |
| East Suffolk | £425,440 |
| Ipswich | £278,009 |
| Mid Suffolk | £139,622 |
| West Suffolk | £277,769 |
| Suffolk | £4,690,734.00 |

BBC News:

- [BBC News: £3bn for NHS to prepare for possible second wave](#): Boris Johnson is set to announce that NHS England will get an extra £3bn in funding to prepare for a possible second wave of coronavirus over the winter months. The Downing Street has said that the funding will also help to ease winter pressures on the health service. This follows warnings that a second wave this winter could see around 120,000 Covid-19 deaths in UK hospitals.
- [BBC News: Some Randox test kits 'may not meet safety standards'](#): The swabs in some batches of one brand of coronavirus home-test kits are "not up to standard", Health Secretary Matt Hancock has said. As a precaution, the government says the kits made by Randox should not be used until further notice. Randox claims to be responsible for up to 17% of the total tests carried out in the UK.

BBC Global News:

- [Brazil's coronavirus outbreak](#) has been one of the world's most severe, with more than 2m cases recorded since March. The official total reached 2,012,151 on Thursday, according to Health Ministry figures. More than 74,000 people have died with the virus there and, owing to a lack of testing, the true figures are believed to be even higher.
- Spain orders culling of almost 100,000 mink, after they tested positive for Coronavirus
- India passes 1 million Coronavirus cases

Suffolk

Pop-up cycling and walking schemes in Ipswich: SCC have implemented some pop up schemes in Ipswich to make it easier for people to walk and cycle. These are temporary changes due to Covid-19, so we are keen to hear from the public before decisions are made on any

permanent changes. Find out more and have your say by visiting <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/active-travel-improvements-for-cycling-and-walking/>

Water play reopens: Ipswich Borough Council will reopen the water play facilities at Bourne and Holywells parks from tomorrow (18th July) and be available between 10am - 5pm, seven days a week. New procedures will be in place to keep visitors safe. For more information [click here](#)

Suffolk Coronawatch dashboard: You can view all publicly available data on Covid-19 at www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch. On this dashboard you can access national and local data including confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), Deaths from coronavirus, Care home outbreaks and Google social mobility data along with a series of briefings which have been produced on related topics, all from publicly available sources.

Key National Guidance updates

The existing guidance is being updated extremely regularly so please check any guidance relevant to your area to ensure that you are accessing the most up to date version. We are not including in this table all the published material but some of the key guidance that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners.

| | Title | Who For | Comments |
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| NEW | COVID-19: impacts on health – reports and tools | Local authorities, care centres and those working in public health | A new page has been created which collates reports and tools produced by Public Health England (PHE) to support the surveillance of COVID-19. The page includes COVID-19 cases in UK dashboard, national COVID-19 surveillance reports, outbreaks in care homes and figures and wider impacts of COVID-19 on health monitoring tool, which collates metrics across a range of wider impacts to provide stakeholders with a single point of access. |
| NEW | Delivery of the HPV vaccine and impact of school closures: statement from the JCVI | Schools and Local Authorities | This statement acknowledges that the 2019 to 2020 vaccination programme has been disrupted due to COVID-19 and that the priority of the programme now, is |

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| | | | for all eligible children to receive at least the first dose of the HPV vaccine. |
| NEW | Higher education restructuring regime | Higher Education Institutions | <p>This document outlines the higher education restructuring regime for higher education providers in England who are at risk of insolvency as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>The scheme will review providers' circumstances and assess the case for restructuring support, including last resort financial support, through repayable loans. Any support will come with strict conditions and must be aligned with the government's wider priorities.</p> |
| NEW | Qualifications in COVID-19 support packages | Local Authorities and Education Institutions | <p>The qualifications Education and Skills Funding Agency will fund to support economic recovery following the COVID-19 outbreak. On 8 July 2020, the Chancellor announced exceptional funding as part of the wider COVID-19 skills recovery response. This will prioritise getting young people into work, an apprentice or other work-based training. Where these are not available, there will be offers of additional one-year courses in high value subjects to prevent students aged 18 and 19 from becoming NEET (not in employment, education or training).</p> |

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| UPDATED | Help children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) | Parents and carers of children with SEND | <p>Advice for parents and carers looking after children with SEND has been updated to reflect that the DfE will expect all pupils in all year groups, to return to school, full-time at the beginning of the autumn term. Until that time the government has worked with a range of organisations to create resources for children with special educational needs and disabilities who are being home-schooled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a list of online education resources for children with SEND • coronavirus educational resources from The Sensory Projects • SEND-specific resources for learning from home from Tech Ability |
| UPDATED | Coronavirus (COVID-19): information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses | Farmers and land owners | Information concerning applications for Basic Payment Scheme, submitting Countryside Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship revenue claims have been removed as all three deadlines have now passed. |
| UPDATED | Coronavirus support for business from outside government | Small businesses | This page lists public bodies, organisations and charities which can provide additional resources that may be useful to employers |

and employees. Updated to include the services from the National Federation of Self Employed & Small Businesses (FSB).

Useful Websites

| | Title | Who For | Comments |
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| 1 | NHS - COVID-19 go-to page | General Public | |
| 2 | GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage | Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike | |
| 3 | 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 |
| 4 | Heatwave Plan for England | Professionals | |

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| 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 |
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| 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 mobilised by the Ministry of Defence 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 | 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. |

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| | | are available in some of our key sectors | |
| | Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership | 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. |
| | NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB | 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. |
| | Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub | Everyone | This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing. |
| | Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information | Everyone | Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance. |
| | Keep Moving Suffolk | 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 Situation Report – 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.

Situation in Numbers WHO SitRep 178, 16 July

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

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| Globally | 13 378 853 cases (226 181) | 580 045 deaths (5 579) |
| Africa | 523 403 cases (17 279) | 8 819 deaths (172) |
| Americas | 7 016 851 cases (132 700) | 294 301 deaths (3 627) |
| Eastern Mediterranean | 1 331 893 cases (14 815) | 32 776 deaths (482) |
| Europe | 2 987 256 cases (21 183) | 205 006 deaths (552) |
| South-East Asia | 1 268 923 cases (37 909) | 31 297 deaths (727) |
| Western Pacific | 249 786 cases (2 295) | 7 833 deaths (19) |
