

Please find below the daily C19 update, which can be shared more widely.

SCC DAILY STATEMENT 19/06/2020

Please note that from the 6 July 2020 the briefing will be reduced to three times a week.

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

With best wishes,

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Current UK Risk Level: **HIGH**

The [risk to the UK](#) remains high (as of 16/03/2020).

As of week commencing 11/05/2020, we're moving into Phase two (Smarter controls) of the Government's [recovery strategy](#).

On 19th June an update was issued from the CMOs for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on the alert level in the UK.

According to the alert: "The Joint Biosecurity Centre has recommended that the COVID-19 alert level should move **from Level 4** (A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially) **to Level 3** (A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation). The CMOs for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have reviewed the evidence and agree with this recommendation **to move to Level 3 across the UK**. There has been a steady decrease in cases we have seen in all four nations, and this continues. It does not mean that the pandemic is over. The virus is still in general circulation, and localised outbreaks are likely to occur."

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

Current UK Situation

- As of 4:10pm on 18 June, 300,469 people have tested positive and of those who tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, across all settings, 42,288 have died. 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:

Ipswich	351	255.2 per 100,000 resident
East Suffolk	623	251.0 per 100,000 resident
Mid Suffolk	183	178.5 per 100,000 resident
Babergh	153	167.4 per 100,000 resident
West Suffolk	235	131.4 per 100,000 resident
Suffolk	1,545	203.7 per 100,000 resident

Please note numbers may go up or down as the reported data are continually checked and cleaned.

- The Government daily COVID-19 press conference on 18th June 2020 was given by the Health and Social Care Secretary.
 - The weekly surveillance report from Public Health England shows that last week, for the first week since mid-March, **the number of people who died in this country in total was no higher than is normal at this time of year.**
 - The Imperial **vaccine** is now in the first phase of **human clinical trials** and AstraZeneca has struck a deal for the manufacture of the Oxford vaccine.
 - The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation interim advice recommends **priority vaccination for 2 groups: frontline health and social care workers, and those at increased risk of serious disease and death from coronavirus**, for example adults over the age of 50 and those with heart and kidney disease.
 - The current **prototype Test and Trace app** does not work on Apple devices due to a technical issue around Apple security. Plans to share the algorithm and the work done on distance calculation and combine that with the work from Apple and Google, to deliver a new solution.
 - Archive of slides, datasets and transcripts to accompany coronavirus press conferences available [here](#).
- **World first coronavirus treatment approved** for NHS use: Dexamethasone, an anti-inflammatory drug, has been immediately approved to treat all UK hospitalised COVID-19 patients requiring oxygen, including those on ventilators. There is already enough treatment for over 200,000 people from NHS stockpiles alone.
- **Department for Transport advances:** Repayable cash advances totalling £7,000,000,000 were drawn from the Contingencies fund to enable expenditure on COVID-19 support packages for transport to be spent ahead of the passage of the Supply and Appropriation Act.
- **Weekly PHE COVID-19 surveillance report published:**
 - Detections of COVID-19 cases declined or have remained similar to the previous week
 - Hospitalisation and ICU/HDU admission rates continued to decline slowly
 - No significant overall excess all-cause mortality
 - Care home outbreaks have continued to decline
 - An increase in school and 'other settings' outbreaks have been noted over the past few weeks.
 - Full report [here](#).
- **UK calls for drastic action in Yemen** as coronavirus infections reach one million: UK Minister for the Middle East James Cleverly expresses deep concern at rapidly rising number of coronavirus infections in Yemen amid ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis.
- **Next phase of NHS coronavirus (COVID-19) app:** next phase will bring together the work done so far on the NHS COVID-19 app and the new Google/Apple framework.

- **Toward a Clean, Inclusive, and Resilient Recovery:** Joint op-ed from British Ambassador to the Philippines & COP26 regional ambassador suggests that “Bold and solid actions are needed to ensure that our decisions today will not lock in polluting and unsustainable investments and economic forms with accompanying stranded assets.”
- [A report from Johns Hopkins University](#) outlines the value of serosurveys (studies which show the proportion of the population with SARS-CoV-2 virus antibodies at a particular point in time and thus have been previously infected) and makes recommendations for the US government in this regard:
 - Creation of a central repository for serosurveys
 - Implementation of a consistent, standardised and nationwide serosurvey program
 - Release of antibody test validation studies from national bodies including Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the CDC, and the National Cancer Institute (NCI).
 - Registration of serosurvey studies in a national database
 - Focus from health departments on serial, cross-sectional serosurveys, followed by longitudinal cohort studies
- [BBC England](#): Calls have been made for greater awareness of the long term effects of coronavirus, with some patients reporting symptoms for weeks on end. Scientists want to establish if "post-Covid syndrome" should be recognised as an illness in its own right.
- BBC Health:
 - South Asian people are the most likely to die from coronavirus after being admitted to hospital in Great Britain, [major analysis shows](#).
 - [The Royal College of Nursing](#) wants all healthcare employers - including the NHS - to "care for those who have been caring" during the coronavirus crisis.
 - More than one in four people who test positive for coronavirus cannot be reached by the test and trace system in England, [data shows](#).
 - A [letter](#) from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health calls for clear plans on getting children back into school.
- [BBC: Global Picture](#):
 - Globally there are now 8.3 million recorded cases of coronavirus, and more than 448,000 deaths due to coronavirus.
 - There are more than 240,000 virus cases in Peru, which puts the total over hard-hit Italy.
 - At least 130,000 people more than expected have died during the pandemic, the BBC finds.
 - [A German slaughterhouse](#) has had 730 people test positive for the new coronavirus, with the German Agriculture Minister adding, “These conditions aren’t tenable.”

Suffolk

Suffolk Day: SCC have produced a video to celebrate Suffolk Day which is taking place this Sunday (21 June 2020). It may be a little different this year but that won't stop us celebrating all the great things about Suffolk. [Click here](#) to view the video.

Rebuilding Local Lives: Suffolk Community Foundation have today launched a new appeal called Rebuilding Local Lives. It is hoped that the Rebuilding Local Lives Appeal will deliver more local giving to the Suffolk Coronavirus Community Fund, which has been created and

delivered by the Foundation. The Suffolk Coronavirus Community partnership in Suffolk already includes the National Emergencies Trust (NET), East Anglian Daily Times, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Suffolk County Council, District and Boroughs Councils and all those involved in Suffolk's 'Home But Not Alone' initiative. The Rebuilding local lives campaign has today been given a kick start with a major donation from Ed Sheeran. For more information [click here](#)

How different circumstances affect the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme: If you're self-employed or member of a partnership, find out how your circumstances can affect your eligibility for the scheme. The update includes examples added, to show when the 'adversely affected' criteria for the first and second grants will be met. Find out more [here](#).

COVID-19: how to work safely in care homes: Guidance for those working in care homes has been updated - providing information on how to work safely during this period of sustained transmission of COVID-19. Find the updated document [here](#).

Useful Websites (any new guidance is in RED)

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
NEW	NHS test and trace statistics (England): methodology	Professionals	Information on the data sources and methodology used to generate case and contact statistics
NEW	NHS test and trace statistics (England): 28 May to 10 June 2020	Professionals	In total, since 28 May 2020: 14,045 people who tested positive for COVID-19 had their case transferred to the contact tracing system, of whom 72.6% (10,192 people) were reached and asked to provide details of their recent close contacts 87,639 people were identified as close contacts and reached through the contract tracing system out of 96,746 reported (90.6%)
UPDATED	Wellbeing and mental health if you're abroad during the	General Public	Added link to worldwide doctors and medical facilities lists

	coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic		
UPDATED	Deferral of VAT payments due to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Businesses and self-employed people	Information regarding the ending of the VAT deferral period added
UPDATED	Student number controls	Higher education providers in England	Updated Annex B and DHSC list of courses in sections 33 and 45 of the document. Updated page with details on how to apply for the additional 10,000 places.
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	
5	Mental health support and advice from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO • mentalhealth.org.uk • Ipswich & East CCG • Living Life To The Full • NHS Practitioner Wellbeing 	General public, staff and carers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samaritans 		
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	

Local Resources:

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

Title	Who For	Comments
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	The New Anglia LEP - alongside other partners including local authorities - have pulled together lists

		opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	and links to key employment roles needed now as part of the response to the current crisis.
	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 (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	8 242 999 cases (181 232)	445 535 deaths (5 245)
Africa	194 539 cases (6 914)	4 482 deaths (136)
Americas	4 015 386 cases (115 527)	208 991 deaths (3 436)
Eastern Mediterranean	837 497 cases (20 039)	18 575 deaths (518)
Europe	2 471 792 cases (19 328)	190 304 deaths (722)
South-East Asia	521 582 cases (18 548)	15 921 deaths (423)
Western Pacific	201 462 cases (876)	7 249 deaths (10)
