

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

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 13/03/2020).

As of week commencing 11/05/2020, we're moving into Phase two (Smarter controls) of the Government's [recovery strategy](#). As per [PM's 11 May message](#), the country is in the process of moving [from Level 4 to Level 3](#) by the new COVID Alert System and taking the first step in relaxing lockdown measures – According to the PM's statement "Thanks to the hard work and sacrifices of the British people in this lockdown, we have helped to bring the R level down and we are now in a position to begin moving to Level 3, in steps".

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 9am on 20 May, 1,996,648 people have been tested, of which 248,293 tested positive. As of 5pm on 19 May, of those tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, 35,704 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:

<i>Ipswich</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>237.8 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>East Suffolk</i>	<i>553</i>	<i>222.8 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>Mid Suffolk</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>162.0 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>Babergh</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>148.8 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>West Suffolk</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>111.2 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>1,381</i>	<i>182.1 per 100,000 resident</i>

- Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 20 May 2020 – transcript [here](#)
 - Update on some of the crucial work taking place behind the scenes to support and protect the things that give our lives added meaning - such as sport, art, tourism and our charities, music and theatre.
 - We are delaying Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday honours list until the Autumn so that they can be recognised and celebrated.
 - Over £70 million is now being distributed by Comic Relief, Children In Need and the National Emergencies Trust to charities on the frontline.
 - Government's dedicated support scheme for small and medium sized charities - [the Coronavirus Community Support Fund](#) - will open for applications this week.
 - We are releasing £150 million from dormant accounts to help social enterprises get affordable credit to people who are financially vulnerable and support charities tackling youth unemployment.
 - This week a [cultural renewal taskforce](#) will be set up to help sports and arts bounce back. It will be made up of the brightest and the best from the creative, tech and sporting worlds.
 - We have supported the safe return of TV production, meaning our broadcasters are able to keep some of our favourite shows on the TV screens, whether that's Corry or Eastenders.

- We've helped to reopen the country's tennis and basketball courts, and guided elite athletes back into training safely.
- Archive of slides, datasets and transcripts to accompany coronavirus press conferences available [here](#).
- [How the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill will help your business](#) - New measures announced by the government will help to relieve the burden on businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- [National Audit Office: Overview of the UK government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#) - This report is the first of a programme of work to be undertaken by the National Audit Office (NAO) to support Parliament in its scrutiny of the UK government's response to COVID-19. It provides a summary of the government's actions to date. It does not assess the value for money of the measures adopted by government or the effectiveness of its response.
- [BBC: Cases in the community 'relatively stable'](#) - The number of coronavirus cases in the community is remaining relatively stable with one in 400 people in England infected, the government's surveillance programme shows.
- [BBC: 'Tackle harmful lockdown drinking,' BMJ editorial warns](#) - With supermarket sales of alcohol having risen, it warns cases of alcoholic liver disease could increase too. The writers also fear drinking could be fuelling a rise in calls to domestic violence charities.
- [BBC: NHS leaders warn time is running out to finalise a track-and-trace strategy](#) that would avoid a potential second surge in cases. Contact tracing identifies those who may have come into contact with an infected person, with the aim of alerting them to take steps to avoid potentially passing on the virus. The UK government plans to do this via a smartphone app - [explained here](#). Prime Minister Boris Johnson says the system will be backed by 25,000 contact tracers and able to track 10,000 new cases a day. His pledge ties in with his planned reopening of schools in England. Meanwhile, The Scottish government is trialling its own tracing system, the Welsh government wants its programme operational by the end of May, and a telephone-based system is already in place in Northern Ireland.
- [BBC: Global picture](#): While the UK may have passed its first peak in cases, the global picture remains grim. The World Health Organization says 106,000 new cases were reported in the latest 24-hour period, a record daily total. The number of confirmed cases worldwide is approaching five million.

Suffolk

SCC Annual General Meeting postponed: Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions on social gatherings, it has been agreed that Suffolk County Council's AGM will be postponed until later in the year. Councillor James Finch will continue his term as Chairman of the council until that meeting.

PPE video for children: SCC have put together the following video for young children about Personal Protective Equipment. This video can be shared and used by anyone to explain PPE and hopefully help some of the worries children may have about seeing people in PPE. [Watch the video here](#)

GP practises closes on Bank Holiday Monday: GP practices across Suffolk will be closed on bank holiday Monday, 25 May 2020, but help is still available. Read more [here](#)

Greater Anglia Guidance for rail travel: Greater Anglia have released the following information on how you can maintain social distancing at stations and on trains if you cannot travel any other way. To read the guidance [click here](#)

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Safety Advice for reopening your business: Following the updated [government guidance for employers and businesses](#), businesses are starting to re-open. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service have provided some fire safety information for businesses to take into consideration when working in a different way. [Click here](#) to read the guidance.

School Travel: As we know the majority of children being educated at home and this is challenging time for parents and carers however we still need them to opt-in for SCC funded School Travel if their child is eligible. Parents must opt in by 31 May 2020 to receive travel for the start of the 2020/2021 school term. If their child already received funded travel parents still need to opt in every year. For more information visit; <http://suffolkonboard.com/optin>

Clap for Carers: It is Thursday once again so please don't forget to #ClapforCarers tonight at 8pm and to praise the NHS. Our local hospitals have asked that people please don't go to hospital to clap but stay at home and clap from doorsteps. It is absolutely right that we show the NHS our support and appreciation for all their tireless work but it is also worth remembering our other unsung heroes; care workers, social workers, family carers, foster carers, to name a few, during this show of appreciation.. These incredible people are showing great strength and dedication to others and are often doing this quietly in the background, just getting on and doing what needs to be done. Each and every one of them deserves to feel the support of the rest of the nation, so please try to think of them while we applaud our brilliant NHS this evening.

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	Coronavirus (COVID-19): informing DHSC of the death of a worker in social care	local authorities and social care providers	There's no legal duty on employers to submit this information to DHSC. But submitting this information will help to make sure the appropriate steps can be taken following the death of a care worker, including support for employers.
NEW	Coronavirus (COVID-19): bereavement scheme for family members of NHS and health and social care workers	non-EEA family member of any NHS worker or a healthcare or social care worker who has died as a result of coronavirus	Information for non-EEA national family members and dependants of NHS workers and independent health and social care workers who have died as a result of contracting coronavirus (COVID-19). You will receive immediate indefinite leave to remain, free of charge.
UPDATED	What parents and carers need to know about schools and education during the coronavirus outbreak	parents and carers	Added information about the bank holiday and half term. Updated information on 30 hours free childcare, transport and SEND.
UPDATED	COVID-19: guidance for stepdown of infection control precautions within hospitals and discharging COVID-19 patients from hospital to home settings	health professionals	Updates to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sections 2: stopping of COVID-19 isolation and IPC measures if patient staying in hospital - section 3: Discharge of patients to own home - section 4: How to transfer patients home - inclusion of detail on requirements for discharge to a single occupancy room in care facility, including nursing homes and residential homes (section 5) - updated with addition of 'a loss of, or

			change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)' as a symptom (section 5)
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): changes to the Care Act 2014	local authorities	In Section 6, added local MPs to the list of people to whom the decision to exercise Care Act easements should be communicated. Added a paragraph at the end of Section 6 listing who the local authorities' information will be shared with and how to find out details of which local authorities are operating under easements. Added a link to guidance on direct payments in Annex B.
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings	staff, parents and carers, pupils and students.	Updated safeguarding guidance on what schools and colleges should be thinking about as they plan for more children to return from week commencing 1 June – especially around updating the child protection policy, designated safeguarding lead arrangements, protecting vulnerable children and mental health.
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	Staying alert and safe (social distancing)	Everyone	
5	Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do	Everyone	
6	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 • Samaritans 	General public, staff and carers	
7	Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	

8	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage	Professionals	
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Local Resources:

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

Title	Who For	Comments
New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk	Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	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.
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 RISK ASSESSMENT (Global Level) - Very High
- [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 121, 20 May

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	4 789 205 cases (57 804)	318 789 deaths (2 621)
Africa	65 956 cases (2 435)	1 846 deaths (50)
Americas	2 105 670 cases (22 782)	125 843 deaths (1 176)
Eastern Mediterranean	361 902 cases (5 153)	10 303 deaths (154)
Europe	1 928 799 cases (19 207)	169 033 deaths (1 035)
South-East Asia	156 211 cases (7 450)	4 971 deaths (191)
Western Pacific	169 955 cases (777)	6 780 deaths (15)