

Dear all

Please find below the 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 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*')

COVID Alert Levels	
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 4pm on 21 July: 295,817 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, 45,422 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.
- 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.**
- Compared to the previous briefing (20 July 2020) the number of cases is unchanged.

			These columns may help in interpreting the data, they will only be calculated for Suffolk.	
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?
Ipswich	700	509.0 per 100,000 residents		
East Suffolk	872	351.3 per 100,000 residents		
Mid Suffolk	325	317.1 per 100,000 residents		
Babergh	261	285.6 per 100,000 residents		
West Suffolk	482	269.5 per 100,000 residents		
Suffolk	2,640	348.0 per 100,000 residents		
East of England	24,227	390.7 per 100,000 residents		
England	254,519	454.7 per 100,000 residents		

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

- [PPE deliveries \(England\): 13 July to 19 July 2020](#): Experimental statistics showing the latest number of personal protective equipment (PPE) items distributed for use by health and social care services in England. In the 7 days to 19 July 2020, DHSC distributed over 127 million PPE items for use by health and social care services in England through the PPE dedicated supply channel, NHS Supply Chain and other routes.
- [Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak: 23 March to 17 July 2020 England](#): A summary of attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April.
 - Attendance of children from priority groups:
 - In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the government asked early years settings, schools, and colleges to close from Friday 20 March 2020 to all children except those from priority groups: children of critical workers and those classified as vulnerable.
 - Outside of holiday periods, attendance of vulnerable children increased each week.
 - Approximately 24,000 children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or a social worker were in attendance on 2 April, increasing to 52,000 by 21 May. Attendance continued to increase each week following the wider opening of primary and secondary schools in June. Approximately 137,000 children with an EHCP or a social worker were in attendance on 16 July.
 - Wider opening of schools from 1 June:
 - From 1 June, the government asked schools to welcome back children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside children from priority groups in all years.
 - The daily attendance rate of pupils in reception, year 1 and year 6 increased each week from around 15% on 2 June to around 40% on 2 July, and then remained broadly stable.
 - Wider opening of schools and colleges from 15 June:

- From 15 June, secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges were asked to begin providing face-to-face support to students in year 10 and 12 to supplement their learning from home, alongside full time provision for students from priority groups.
- The daily attendance rate of pupils in year 10 and year 12 in schools (excluding colleges) increased from around 10% in the week commencing 15 June to around 13% by 2 July and then remained broadly stable.
- The Department's guidance states that schools and colleges are able to have up to a quarter of their year 10 and year 12 cohort in attendance at any one time to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Attendance of children in early years settings:
 - Early years settings were also asked to begin welcoming back all children from 1 June. We estimate that on 16 July, 417,000 children were attending early years setting – about 25% of the number of children who usually attend in term time.

Other COVID related news

BBC News

- [BBC News: SARS-CoV-2 will be with us for decades](#): Wellcome Trust director Prof Sir Jeremy Farrar told the House of Commons' Health Committee "things will not be done by Christmas". He went on to say humanity would be living with the virus for "decades". Sir Jeremy, a member of SAGE, the government advisory body, said the world would be living with Covid-19 for "very many, many years to come... things will not be done by Christmas. This infection is not going away, it's now a human endemic infection... even, actually, if we have a vaccine or very good treatments, humanity will still be living with this virus for very many, many years... decades to come."
- [BBC News: Questions about coronavirus vaccines](#): A series addressing peoples concerns about any potential vaccine and answering common questions. For example, will any potential coronavirus vaccine have side effects? The article states that any treatment can have some side-effects and vaccines are no different. The most common side-effects of vaccines are typically mild and can include swelling or redness to the skin where the jab was given.
- [BBC News: What jobs are available post-lockdown?](#) Job sectors hiring workers include IT and digital technology, warehouse pickers/delivery drivers, supermarkets and grocery shops, lorry drivers and cleaners. The report is the latest in a series of snapshots trying to predict - by looking at online job vacancies - where workplace opportunities might be increasing or shrinking.
- [BBC News: Lockdown Brits splurge on tea, biscuits and a good book](#): We've splashed out an additional £24m on tea and coffee and an extra £19m on biscuits in the past three months, says market research firm Kantar. The company also reported that grocery sales reached a record £31.6bn in the 12 weeks to 12 July. According to publisher Bloomsbury, book sales have also increased significantly during lockdown.
- [BBC Global News](#):
- President Donald Trump says the pandemic is going to get worse and finally urges Americans to wear face masks.
- Australia sees its worst day yet in the pandemic, with more than 500 new cases. The overwhelming majority of the new cases are in the city of Melbourne.
- There have been nearly 15 million cases of Coronavirus worldwide and more than 600,000 deaths.

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Face Coverings: Read more about the government guidance on face coverings, which must be worn on public transport or in a shop and supermarket from 24 July, [click here](#)

Economic Recovery Restart Plan: The Norfolk and Suffolk Covid-19 Economic Recovery Restart Plan brings together commitments and actions from local authority, private sector, third sector and education organisations to outline the key activities in place to help our region's economy restart after the COVID-19 pandemic. It complements local recovery plans being developed at county and district levels, which will cover additional activity, individual places and health and education. The plan will also feed into the Government's national recovery plan. Find out more in the new Covid-19 Economic Recovery Restart plan at <https://newanglia.co.uk/covid-economic-recovery/>

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
UPDATED	Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus (COVID-19)	Small business owners	This site offers videos and free webinars, on registration, to learn more about the support available to help deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus. A new webinar has been added about the Eat Out to Help Out scheme.
UPDATED	Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak	Early year and childcare providers	Updated to reflect that early years settings can return to normal group sizes.
UPDATED	Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care	Childcare and social workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated content on the NHS test and trace system and inclusion of a link to contact local Public Health England health protection teams• Clarification that where a

			<p>fluid-resistant mask is referenced relating to PPE, this means a type IIR mask</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE should be used where a child has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and needs to continue to be cared for within a setting • There are no additional PPE requirements because of coronavirus (COVID-19) for non-symptomatic children in residential settings who have been in contact with a positive case of COVID-19
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): impact on HM Land Registry's services	Local Authority	The phone service opening hours have been updated to the following times: 8am to 12 midday and 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Useful Websites

	Title	Who For	Comments
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 • Samaritans 	General public, staff and carers	
6	Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
7	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	Professionals	

	(ECDC) COVID-19 homepage		
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
NEW	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 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 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 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 183, 21 July

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	14 562 550 cases (213 637)	607 781 deaths (4 083)
Africa	611 185 cases (13 962)	9 898 deaths (207)
Americas	7 702 075 cases (117 400)	311 569 deaths (2 260)
Eastern Mediterranean	1 400 544 cases (13 249)	35 145 deaths (459)
Europe	3 103 674 cases (24 401)	207 958 deaths (416)
South-East Asia	1 478 141 cases (42 000)	35 121 deaths (733)
Western Pacific	266 190 cases (2 625)	8 077 deaths (8)