

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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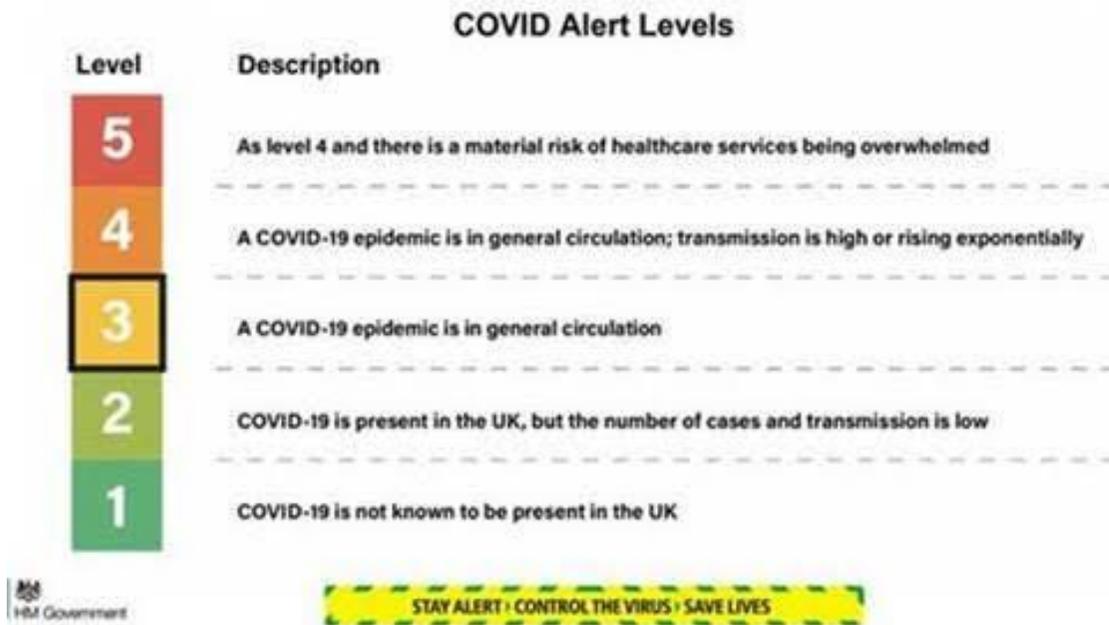
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Current UK Alert Level: 3

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.

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 5:03 pm on 25 June, 307,980 people have tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, of those, 43,230 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:

Ipswich	350	254.5 per 100,000 residents
East Suffolk	625	251.8 per 100,000 residents
Mid Suffolk	184	179.5 per 100,000 residents
Babergh	154	168.5 per 100,000 residents
West Suffolk	235	131.4 per 100,000 residents
Suffolk	1,548	204.1 per 100,000 residents

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

COVID19 related news from GOV.UK

- [Extra funding for service charities as veterans' support is stepped up](#): 100 Armed Forces charities will benefit from nearly £6million of extra funding to support serving personnel, veterans and their families during the coronavirus pandemic.
- [Thousands to be offered repeat testing in care homes](#): 10,000 residents and staff across over 100 care homes will be given coronavirus tests (PCR swab and blood antibody tests) as part of a new surveillance study.
- [Government outlines support for pubs, cafes and restaurants](#): Support outlined includes simplified and reduced cost licensing processes, planning freedoms and licensing of alcohol for consumption off-premises.
- [Response to article published in the FT on Wednesday 24 June on ventilators](#): The government responds to an article published 24th June in the Financial Times on ventilators.
- [Major milestone hit as 2 billion items of PPE delivered](#): Two billion items of personal protective equipment (PPE) have now been delivered to the frontline since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- [Health Secretary calls on country to get tested as access is expanded even further](#): Six new 'walk through' local testing sites are now offering appointments to people in England, with the capacity to test hundreds of people each day.

Other COVID19 related news

BBC Health:

- [Most children 'experience only mild disease'](#): A study of European children with Covid-19 suggests deaths are extremely rare.
- [Tracers ask over 100,000 to self-isolate](#): More than 100,000 people in England have been asked to self-isolate by contact tracers in the past three weeks to contain coronavirus, data shows.
- [70% of BAME pharmacists have had no risk assessment - survey](#): More than two thirds of black, Asian and minority ethnic pharmacists have not had workplace risk assessments for coronavirus, a survey of 380 pharmacists suggests.
- [Volunteers wanted for antibody home test trials](#): Volunteers are being sought from NHS staff and other public service workers for a study into the effectiveness of Covid-19 antibody home testing kits.

BBC Global Picture:

- [US cases 'may have topped 20 million'](#): At least 20 million people in the US may already have been infected with Covid-19, according to the latest estimate by health officials.
- ['Very significant' resurgences in Europe alarm WHO](#): Europe has seen an increase in weekly cases of Covid-19 for the first time in months as restrictions are eased, the World Health Organization (WHO) says.
- [Live world updates](#):
 - The number of new US infections has in recent days reached levels not seen since April.

- Mexico has now recorded 25,000 deaths and 200,000 cases of the new coronavirus since reporting its first infection almost four months ago.
- Cases have hit a record daily high in South Africa, the worst-hit country on the continent.
- The number of cases worldwide stands at 9.6m with more than 490,000 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University.
- Panic buying ramping up in Australia again as it continues along reopening plans, despite spike in cases in recent weeks.

Suffolk

PPE Update: As Suffolk’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic enters its fourth month, the team set up in March to source and distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to support service providers across the county continues to operate from Suffolk County Council’s offices in Ipswich. To date, this PPE ‘cell’ of the Suffolk Resilience Forum (SRF) has distributed over 2.3 million items of PPE across Suffolk. Over 1.9 million of these items have been distributed for use in the care sector to support some of Suffolk’s most vulnerable residents. [Click here](#) for more information.

Shielding in Suffolk: Abi who is shielding in Suffolk has made a video for the Suffolk Resilience Forum about her experiences. Abi and the others shielding in Suffolk like her, are why we ask you every day to Stick With It Suffolk. Keep washing your hands, keep social distancing and keep looking out for each other. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Support for the fishing industry: An initiative providing practical support to the fishing industry across the country has launched a scheme specifically to help those in the East of England. Local authorities in Norfolk and Suffolk and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership are working in partnership with Call4Fish and have launched Call4Fish (East) to support the local fishing industry from Kings Lynn to Felixstowe. [Click here](#) for more information.

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
NEW	COVID Summer Food Fund	Professionals	Guidance for schools and local authorities on providing vouchers to support pupils eligible for free school meals over the summer holiday period during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for local government	Professionals	<p>Added links to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening businesses and venues from 4 July • Meeting people from outside your household from 4 July • £105 million to keep rough sleepers safe • Plans to ease guidance for those shielding
UPDATED	NHS test and trace statistics (England): methodology	Professionals	Added new 2 new sections on testing, and new sections on 'Number of people providing details of one or more recent close contacts' and 'Notes on interpreting against other statistics'.
UPDATED	Providing free school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak	Professionals	Added further information on the Covid Summer Food Fund, free meals in further education, the final ordering timescales for the national voucher scheme, ordering vouchers in multiples of £5, and an update on school food contracts to include further guidance from the Cabinet Office on Procurement Policy Note 04/20.
UPDATED	The R number and growth rate in the UK	Everyone	The R number range for the UK is 0.7-0.9 and the growth rate range is -4% to -2% as of 25 June 2020.
UPDATED	Actions for FE colleges and providers during the coronavirus outbreak	Professionals	We have updated the wording to reflect the changes following publication of PPN 04/20 effective from 1 July to 31 October 2020. PPN 04/20 updates and builds on provision in PPN 02/20 that expires

			on 30 June 2020. The changes are minor and include transition planning.
UPDATED	Procurement Policy Note 02/20: Supplier relief due to COVID-19	Public bodies	We have updated the wording to reflect the changes following publication of PPN 04/20 effective from 1 July to 31 October 2020. PPN 04/20 updates and builds on provision in PPN 02/20 that expires on 30 June 2020. The changes are minor and include transition planning.
UPDATED	Meeting people from outside your household	General public	Updated to 'travelling to form a support bubble' section to state that if you live in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, you must follow the specific rules in those parts of the UK.
UPDATED	COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing	General public	Updated guidance to reflect the latest social distancing measures.
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested	Everyone	Replaced the following attachments with updated registration link: 'guidance on Randox testing' and 'how to use Randox test kits'.
UPDATED	COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing	Parents & carers	Updated guidance to reflect the latest social distancing measures.

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: - 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	<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 	General public	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes 		
7	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage	Professionals	
8	Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker	Professionals	<p>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.</p> <p>As of 18 June, UK's stringency level is 73.15 (many restrictions). For comparison, New Zealand's stringency level is 19.44 (few restrictions) and Cuba's is 100 (many restrictions, including total stay at home confinement and all but essential workplace closing).</p>

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	The New Anglia LEP - alongside other partners including local authorities - have pulled together lists and links to key employment roles needed now as part

		what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	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	9 296 202 cases (167 056)	479 133 deaths (5 336)
Africa	248 558 cases (9 010)	5 441 deaths (151)
Americas	4 604 134 cases (97 128)	230 165 deaths (3 661)
Eastern Mediterranean	969 656 cases (18 926)	22 003 deaths (564)
Europe	2 600 590 cases (18 988)	194 972 deaths (442)
South-East Asia	663 308 cases (22 160)	19 156 deaths (493)
Western Pacific	209 215 cases (844)	7 383 deaths (25)