

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

SCC DAILY STATEMENT 26/05/2020

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 25 May, 261,184 people have tested positive. As of 5pm on 24 May, of those tested positive for coronavirus in the UK, 36,914 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>345</i>	<i>250.9 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>East Suffolk</i>	<i>589</i>	<i>237.3 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>Mid Suffolk</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>163.9 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>Babergh</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>158.6 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>West Suffolk</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>121.3 per 100,000 resident</i>
<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>1,464</i>	<i>193.0 per 100,000 resident</i>

- PM press conference statement: 25 May 2020 – transcript [here](#)
 - Thanks to this country's collective efforts, the key indicators are heading in the right direction. The daily number of deaths is down, the number of new cases is down, our survey evidence suggests the infection rate is falling, and the R has not risen above one.
 - We will set out our formal assessment of the 5 tests that we set for adjusting the lockdown later this week, as part of the 3 weekly-review we are legally required to undertake by Thursday. But because of the progress we are making, I can, with confidence, put the British people on notice of the changes we intend to introduce as we move into step 2.
 - It is our intention is to begin reopening nurseries and particular years in primary schools, reception, year 1, year 6, from 1 June, followed by some contact for those secondary school pupils with exams next year from 15 June. Some contact for years 10 and 12 from 15 June with their teachers.
 - It is our intention to allow outdoor markets to reopen from June 1 as well as car showrooms.
 - From 15 June, we intend to allow all other non-essential retail**, ranging from department stores to small, independent shops, to reopen.

- Today we are publishing new guidance for the retail sector detailing the measures they should take to meet the necessary social distancing and hygiene standards.
- Archive of slides, datasets and transcripts to accompany coronavirus press conferences available [here](#).
- [Prime Minister sets out timeline for retail to reopen in June](#) - Thousands of high street shops, department stores and shopping centres across England are set to reopen next month once they are COVID-19 secure and can show customers will be kept safe. As per the roadmap, hairdressers, nail bars and beauty salons, and the hospitality sector, remain closed, because the risk of transmission in these environments is higher where long periods of person to person contact is required.
- [Transport Secretary announces new measures to “keep passengers safe now and level up for the future”](#) - Additional funding announced to increase frequency and capacity of bus, tram and light rail services, to help people travel safely. Further investment in railways to regenerate local economies and level up Britain. Preferred route announced for £1 billion upgrade to major road link which runs across Northern Powerhouse, from Teesside to Cumbria.
- [Home Secretary announces new public health measures for all UK arrivals](#) - New measures at the UK border to guard against a second wave of coronavirus infections have been announced. They include 14 days’ self-isolation for anyone entering the UK, bar a short list of exemptions. Anyone breaking their 14-day quarantine could face a one thousand pound fixed penalty notice.
- [Selected NHS patients to access coronavirus treatment remdesivir](#) - The anti-viral drug remdesivir will be made available to patients meeting certain clinical criteria to support their recovery in hospital. The drug is currently undergoing clinical trials around the world, including in the UK, with early data showing it can shorten the time to recovery by about 4 days. Due to limited supplies, treatment will be prioritised for patients who have the greatest likelihood of deriving the most benefit.
- [Dame Louise Casey calls on community partners to help with COVID-19 rough sleeping crisis](#) - Businesses, faith groups and local communities are being urged to help new Rough Sleeping Taskforce. Business in the Community and the Prince’s Trust to partner with the Taskforce to help with employment and training support. YHA, YMCA and universities have also already pledged beds for temporary accommodation
- [Up to £15 million to support the Citizens Advice service during COVID-19 pandemic](#) - Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland to receive funding boost of up to £15 million to help them deal with increased demand during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Plans announced for London’s Covid-19 recovery](#) - A new London Transition Board will co-ordinate London’s response as it emerges from the lockdown and begins to reopen its economy while controlling the virus.
- [£300 million additional funding for local authorities to support new test and trace service](#) - Local authorities will be central to supporting the new test and trace service in England, with the government providing a new funding package of £300 million.
- [NHS Providers: Spotlight on recent NHS discharges into care homes](#) (19 May) - This briefing sets information drawn from conversations with trust leaders, who strongly refute the suggestion that their actions have caused excess mortality in care homes by ‘systematically’ discharging known or suspected COVID-19 patients into the care sector. It sets out trust leaders’ views within the context of the relevant national guidance that trusts and care homes were following at the time.

- [CQC COVID-19 Insight: Key issues affecting Health and Care](#) – Provides data review of outbreak by sector and region; PPE, testing and staff wellbeing; COVID-19 deaths; Non-COVID deaths and concludes with areas of focus for CQC.
- [NHS Confederation: Letter to the Secretary of State on TEST, TRACK AND TRACE STRATEGY](#) (20 May) – The Letter urges the government to produce a strategy with a clear implementation plan ahead of any further easing of the lockdown, with the full involvement of the local public health directors.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Pandemic Planning Scenarios](#) - Five COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Scenarios that are designed to help inform decisions by modelers and public health officials who utilize mathematical modelling.
- [Doctors race to understand rare inflammatory condition associated with coronavirus in young people](#) - Doctors disagree on whether the variant linked to COVID-19 is Kawasaki disease or something new. But as with Kawasaki disease, most recover with treatment, including steroids and immunoglobulins, which calm the immune system.
- [BBC: Global picture](#)
 - The World Health Organization has suspended trials of anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine as a possible Covid-19 treatment amid safety fears.
 - In the US, many people headed for beaches this weekend to celebrate Memorial Day, often flouting virus restrictions.
 - In Europe, Ireland reported no new virus deaths on Monday for the first time since mid-March, and Spain has said it will no longer quarantine foreign visitors after 1 July.
 - Several airlines including EasyJet, Jet2 and Ryanair have announced that they plan to resume some flights from airports across Europe soon.
 - In Italy, doctors and nurses say the devastating mental toll of what they've dealt with is only now becoming clear.
 - Japan has lifted its state of emergency, but warned it could be reimposed if infections pick up again.
 - India has seen its biggest daily increase in confirmed cases, just as the government reopened domestic air travel.
 - Argentina is extending the mandatory lockdown in Buenos Aires after a steady increase in infections.

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Coronavirus cases within care home settings: SCC will be reporting weekly on the number of suspected or confirmed cases within Suffolk care home settings, that Suffolk County Council has been made aware of. Below is a table showing the number of providers affected and the number of suspected and confirmed cases since reporting began on 21/04/2020. These figures are cumulative and are listed on area basis and will not include the details of any specific care homes. These figures include care homes, extra care housing and supported housing. As a notifiable disease, care homes are required to report any potential or confirmed cases of Coronavirus to Public Health England (PHE) in order that this can be captured as part of the national reporting processes and also for PHE to provide advice and guidance on infection control. Care providers are under no obligation to report suspected or confirmed cases to the county council.

	21/04/2020		28/04/2020		05/05/2020		12/05/2020		19/05/2020		26/05/2020	
	Provide rs affecte d	Suspect ed and confirme d Cases										
Ipswich and East Suffolk	30	157	43	209	54	259	47	216	38	199	30	136
West Suffolk	13	61	12	78	17	113	20	115	19	82	17	73
Waveney	7	47	14	76	14	64	12	86	10	71	10	56
Total	50	265	69	363	85	436	79	417	67	352	57	265

Safer Spaces: To ensure appropriate safety measures can be put in place for communities across Suffolk, the county council is working closely with its local authority partners, town councils and the business community to develop guidance and advice on how safe, social distancing measures can be maintained as shops and businesses begin to re-open and current lockdown restrictions are relaxed over time. This will include empowering local councils and the business community to make small-scale temporary changes to enable safe, social distancing, without the need to seek consent from Suffolk County Council. For further information [click here](#)

Suffolk Virtual Care Response: Suffolk County Council, in partnership with [RETHINK Partners](#) and [Alcove](#), has launched a new and innovative response to the COVID-19 crisis, by providing virtual care and support to vulnerable or shielded people. The service is provided through the rapid roll-out of the Alcove Video Carephone, a simple communication device that allows people with little or no technological ability to have two-way video contact with care workers, family members and other approved service providers. This will help with tasks that don't require face-to-face visits and therefore limit their exposure to infection. For example, carers can check visually if medications are being taken, set prompts and reminders or carry out welfare and wellbeing checks. For more information [click here](#)

Thank you to Suffolk business groups: Nick Gowrley Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Housing and Enterprise has said thank you to business groups in Suffolk for response to coronavirus. [Read here](#)

Updated advice for the property industry: Updated advice has been published for Estate Agents; Developers and new build sales; Tradespeople; Conveyancers; New Build Home Warranty Assessments and claims against the warranty; Surveyors and EPC Assessors; Removals Firms; Letting Agents and Private Landlords and Social landlords, on home moving during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free business webinar (retail): The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will be hosting a free webinar this Thursday for those in the retail sector. The webinar will cover how to make your workplace COVID-secure: For more information [click here](#). Other free webinars can be found [here](#).

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Economic Survey: The Suffolk Chamber of Commerce have launched their Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) for the second quarter. The results, alongside their ongoing weekly COVID-19 impact surveys will provide key insights which they will use to win further concessions from the Government in supporting all businesses in the county. This QES closes on 8 June. For more information [click 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	Stay alert and safe: social distancing guidance for young people	young people	This guidance is about social distancing and what you can do to stay alert and safe during this time, and explains the new measures that will help you to stay safe as rules on being outside, or at school or work, change.
NEW	Coronavirus (COVID-19): providing home care	for those providing personal care to people living in their own home	The document brings together guidance for social care staff, registered providers, local authorities and commissioners who support and deliver care to people in their own homes in England. It covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - personal protective equipment - shielding and care groups - hospital discharge and testing - government support for social care - information collection and governance

NEW	Reopening High Streets Safely Fund guidance	local authorities and partners	The Reopening High Streets Safely Fund is providing £50 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to councils across England to support the safe reopening of high streets and other commercial areas. This guidance provides details of the activities that can be supported through the Fund and an overview of how it will be administered, as well as key ERDF contractual requirements.
NEW	Department for Education explanatory note on SAGE modelling		An explanatory note for SAGE's paper assessing the potential impact of more children returning to school on the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).
NEW	Claim back Statutory Sick Pay paid to your employees due to coronavirus (COVID-19)	employers	How to use the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme to claim back employees' coronavirus-related Statutory Sick Pay (SSP).
UPDATED	The R number in the UK		Latest R number range for the UK 0.7-1.0 Last updated on Friday 22 May 2020.
UPDATED	Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)	employers, employees and the self-employed	Shops and branches – Updated to reflect industry feedback and to expand coverage of non-essential retail categories ahead of planned opening.

UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings	staff, parents and carers, pupils and students.	<p>Added 'Guidance for secondary school provision from 15 June 2020'.</p> <p>Added 'Preparing for the wider opening of early years and childcare settings from 1 June'.</p> <p>Updated to include new information on the recommended approaches that local authorities, educational settings and parents should follow for the return of children and young people with EHC plans, or those with complex needs but who do not have an EHC plan, to educational settings from 1 June 2020.</p>
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation	the public, providers of outdoor sport facilities, elite athletes, personal trainers and coaches	Added Elite sport return to training guidance: Step Two.
UPDATED	Financial support for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to respond to coronavirus (COVID-19)	VCSE	updates to available funding
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): business support grant funding - guidance for local authorities	local authorities	Version 2 of Local Authority Discretionary Fund guidance published – businesses who are eligible for the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme (SEISS) are now eligible to apply for the scheme.
UPDATED	Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE): Coronavirus (COVID-19) response	Professionals	Updated the list of evidence provided to SAGE with a batch of reports on children and schools.

UPDATED	Reallocating road space in response to COVID-19: statutory guidance for local authorities	local authorities	Details of amended legislation to speed up making Traffic Orders.
UPDATED	Coronavirus – guidance on accessing green spaces safely	Everyone	Updated with: visit gardens and land maintained for public use as an alternative open space to spend time outdoors, although buildings and amenities such as cafes will remain closed and access may be limited to members or those with tickets to ensure social distancing. You should check ahead and follow social distancing guidelines
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19) essential international travel guidance		Added information on new rules on entering or returning to the UK that will start on 8 June
UPDATED	Staying safe outside your home	Everyone	Updated face coverings section to include statement: 'You should be prepared to remove your face covering if asked to do so by police officers and staff for the purposes of identification.'
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

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Infection prevention and control (incl. PPE) - Sampling and diagnostics
4	<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	
5	<p>Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
6	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.

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Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>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.</p>
New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk	<p>Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors</p>	<p>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.</p>
Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>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.</p>
NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB	<p>Businesses needing support</p>	<p>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.</p>
Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing.</p>
Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance.</p>

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.
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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 126, 25 May

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	5 304 772 cases (100 264)	342 029 deaths (4 342)
Africa	80 002 cases (2 707)	2 120 deaths (47)
Americas	2 395 295 cases (57 171)	141 472 deaths (3 356)
Eastern Mediterranean	427 832 cases (12 026)	11 164 deaths (176)
Europe	2 025 176 cases (18 192)	174 429 deaths (543)
South-East Asia	201 207 cases (9 241)	5 952 deaths (204)
Western Pacific	174 548 cases (927)	6 879 deaths (16)