

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

**SCC STATEMENT 29/07/2020**

With best wishes,

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**LET'S GET READY TO**  
**GO BACK TO SCHOOL**

**SIGN UP**  
FOR ONE OF OUR  
**FREE** CYCLING  
SESSIONS

**STICK WITH IT**  
**SUFFOLK**

**STAY ALERT**  **CONTROL THE VIRUS**  **SAVE LIVES**

**SuffolkRoadsafe**  
CUTTING CASUALTIES

### **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*')



### **Current UK Situation**

- As of 4pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July: 300,692 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, 45,878 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 this 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 (27 July 2020) the number of cases has increased by 4. These cases were all added within the last two weeks. These numbers are depicted in the two additional columns shaded in grey below.

			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	708	514.8 per 100,000 residents		
East Suffolk	881	354.9 per 100,000 residents		
Mid Suffolk	327	319.0 per 100,000 residents	+1	No
Babergh	264	288.8 per 100,000 residents	+1	No
West Suffolk	490	273.9 per 100,000 residents	+2	No
Suffolk	2,670	352.0 per 100,000 residents	+4	No
East of England	24,600	396.7 per 100,000 residents		
England	259,022	462.7 per 100,000 residents		

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

- [Government further boosts chances of UK receiving COVID-19 vaccine](#): A deal to secure early access to a promising new coronavirus vaccine has been announced by the government today (29 July), enhancing the UK's growing portfolio of vaccine candidates to protect the public and to save lives. The agreement with GSK and Sanofi Pasteur, which combined have the largest vaccine manufacturing capability in the world, will supply the UK with 60 million doses of their COVID-19 vaccine, which is based on existing DNA-based technology used to produce Sanofi's flu vaccine. If the GSK and Sanofi vaccine candidate is proven effective in human studies, the UK could be able to vaccinate priority groups, such as frontline health and social care workers and those at increased health risk, as soon as summer 2021. Human clinical studies of the vaccine will begin in September followed by a Phase 3 study in December 2020.
- [Eat Out to Help Out – look for the logo](#): Eat Out to Help Out stickers and posters will start to appear in the windows of restaurants, cafes, bars and other establishments across the country, customers who want to take advantage of the scheme are advised to look out for the logo. The logo means diners who eat-in will benefit from a 50% discount, up to a maximum of £10 per person, on food and non-alcoholic drinks, any Monday to Wednesday in August 2020 – and no voucher is required. Diners can take advantage of the offer as many times as they like during the month.



## Other COVID-19 related news

### **BBC News**

- [BBC News: Heathrow calls for coronavirus tests at UK airports:](#) The boss of Heathrow has called for airports to be allowed to test for coronavirus to avoid the "cliff edge" of quarantine. John Holland-Kaye told the BBC the changes to travel guidance over Spain showed the need for an alternative. He said he wanted the government to work with it on the plan. The Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden has told the BBC that because the virus could develop over time, testing was not a "silver bullet", adding "we are not at the point where there is a viable alternative to the 14-day quarantine." Mr Dowden states that all options were under review at present.
- [BBC News: Why Facebook pulled hydroxychloroquine video:](#) The taking down of a viral video by social media companies has reignited a highly-charged controversy in the US over the use of the anti-malaria drug, hydroxychloroquine. In the video, members of the group America's Frontline Doctors promote it both as a preventative measure and as a cure for Covid-19. The World Health Organization (WHO) say "there is currently no proof" that hydroxychloroquine is effective as a treatment or prevents coronavirus.
- [BBC News: UK holidays; nothing left or 'it's a ridiculous price':](#) Since Friday, Sykes Holiday Cottages, one of the UK's big cottage rental sites, has seen bookings jump more than 50% year-on-year. At hotel group Point A, bookings are up by the same amount. It explains why Rachel, 35, who lives at Enfield, north London, has found it so difficult to find somewhere over the last few days. "I was looking at Cornwall and Devon, something with half-board and near a beach. I can't believe how little was still free," Rachel said. "Either the dates aren't available, or it's a ridiculous price ... the cost is about 2,000-£3,000. Maybe that's normal, but I wouldn't spend more than that if I'd spent the summer with family in St Vincent and the Grenadines. I can literally fly round the world for this kind of money."

### BBC Global News:

- Almost 1,300 virus-related deaths are logged in the US on Tuesday, the biggest daily increase since May 2020
- Hong Kong government warns hospitals face "collapse" as it grapples with a rise in coronavirus cases

- Scaled back Hajj begins in Saudi Arabia with international visitors banned

## **Suffolk**

**Mobile Testing Units:** visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/testing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/testing) for newly published dates for mobile testing units across Suffolk. These dates are for the week commencing 3 August and are subject to change, so please check back regularly. 99.9% of households in Suffolk are located within 30 minutes drive (89% within 20 minutes) of one of our local drive-through testing sites. It is important that anyone with coronavirus symptoms starts isolating and gets tested. Tests can be booked at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. If you need to get tested, but do not have a booking, our local drive-through testing sites will still aim to offer you a test if capacity is available on the day.

**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 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: The increase in cases this week is due to the establishment of the national testing centre and therefore increased testing in care homes. Staff are now being tested every week and residents are being tested every 28 days. Previously staff and residents were only tested whenever someone presented with covid symptoms and if that test was positive then the whole home would be tested.**

	12/05/2020		19/05/2020		26/05/2020		02/06/2020		09/06/2020		16/06/2020	
	Providers affected	Suspected and confirmed cases										
<b>Ipswich and East Suffolk</b>	47	216	38	199	30	136	31	119	27	110	22	7
<b>West Suffolk</b>	20	115	19	82	17	73	11	51	10	26	9	1
<b>Waveney</b>	12	86	10	71	10	56	11	33	11	29	7	2

Total	79	417	67	352	57	265	53	203	48	165	38	10
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The below data is sourced from the ONS data set for the number of deaths in care homes involving COVID-19 by date of notification to the Care Quality Commission, Local Authorities in England. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/numberofdeathsincarehomesnotifiedtothecarequalitycommissionengland/2020>

*Please note: CQC has undertaken data quality improvement in the processing of death notifications. This has resulted in changes to the figures that were previously published as follows:*

- 1. Place of Death: Previously, there were some deaths which were in the "Not Stated" category. Following the improvement work, these have now been identified with a Place of Death. The largest impact has been in deaths in Care homes.*
- 2. Covid-19 deaths: The data improvement work has identified additional Covid-19 deaths, which were previously categorised as not Covid deaths.*

*To note, the overall published death figures remain unchanged.*

**Number of deaths involving COVID-19 occurring in care homes during the period 10 April - 17 July 2020.**

	12.06.20	Change from last week	19.06.20	Change from last week	26.06.20	Change from last week	03.07.20	Change from last week	10.07.20	Change from last week	17.07.20	Change from last week
<b>Suffolk</b>	187	5+	187	0	189	2+	192	3+	193	1+	194	1+
<b>Norfolk</b>	143	8+	144	1+	145	1+	149	4+	151	2+	151	0+
<b>Camb+ Peterborough</b>	146	7+	149	3+	152	3+	152	0+	156	4+	157	1+
<b>Essex</b>	275	8+	281	6+	284	3+	287	3+	291	4+	293	2+
<b>Hertfordshire</b>	304	4+	306	2+	311	5+	312	1+	313	1+	318	5+

In Suffolk we are continuing to see a higher percentage of Covid-19 related deaths within care homes compared to some other areas. The reasons for this are complex, but factors we think are contributing to this are more people choosing to die in their usual place of residence and the high number of nursing beds that we have within care homes. These provide care for people with complex care needs who may be coming towards the end of their life and in Suffolk we have very good practices for providing end of life care.

What we are seeing is while Suffolk has a higher percentage of Covid-19 related deaths within care homes compared with some other areas, we also have a lower percentage of Covid-19 related deaths within hospitals than some other areas.

Dying within a care home setting is often reflective of a person's wish to remain in their usual place of residence, in comfortable surroundings with people around them who are familiar, as opposed to being within a hospital setting.

Suffolk's care homes continue to care for residents with the utmost professionalism and kindness. They are following national guidance regarding social distancing, hygiene standards and the correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Testing is available for all care homes, for the entire home including staff and residents who are not displaying any symptoms. With more testing taking place, infection control and prevention measures can be more effective.

### **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.

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">Steps to take following the death of a colleague in children's services</a>	Local Authorities and Children's care services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Inform the Department for Education</li> <li>•Contact the family to offer condolences and ask for permission to share the news. Please try to assist with any questions concerning payment, pensions or accessing personal belongings</li> <li>•Tell others at work in a respectful</li> </ul>

			<p>and sensitive way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Report to the Health and Safety Executive</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">If you've claimed too much or not enough from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme</a>	Employers	<p>If you want to delete a claim in the online service, you must do this within 72 hours. If you have made an error in a claim that means you've received too much, you must pay this back to HMRC. You can either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tell them as part of your next online claim</li> <li>• contact HMRC to pay the money back (you should only do this if you're not submitting another claim)</li> </ul> <p>If you have made an error that has resulted in receiving <b>too little money</b>, you will still need to ensure you pay your employees the correct amount. You should contact HMRC to amend your claim.</p>
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested</a>	Everyone	<p>Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested. Updated to reflect that there is now a single GOV.UK testing service for people who have symptoms and want to get tested.</p>
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel corridors</a>	Everyone	<p>List of countries and territories from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate. Estonia, Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia</p>

and St Vincent and the Grenadines added to the exempt list.

### Useful Websites

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	<a href="#">NHS - COVID-19 go-to page</a>	General Public	
2	<a href="#">GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage</a>	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
3	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance</a>	Main collection of guidance for anyone in any setting	Guidance includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Guidance for the public (incl. social distancing and shielding)</li><li>- Guidance for non-clinical settings (incl. cleaning, educational settings, employees, employers, businesses, residential care, supported living and home care)</li><li>- Guidance for health professionals</li><li>- Infection prevention and control (incl. PPE)</li><li>- Sampling and diagnostics</li></ul>
4	<a href="#">Heatwave Plan for England</a>	Professionals	
5	<a href="#">Mental health support and advice from:</a>	General public, staff and carers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">WHO</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">mentalhealth.org.uk</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ipswich &amp; East CCG</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Living Life To The Full</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NHS Practitioner Wellbeing</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Samaritans</a></li> </ul>		
6	<p>Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Asthma</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Diabetes</a></li> </ul>	General public	
7	<a href="#">European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage</a>	Professionals	
8	<a href="#">Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker</a>	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.

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Public Health Suffolk's <a href="#">COVID19 RADAR</a> (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 <a href="#">Coronawatch Dashboard</a>	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.
<a href="#">Mobile Testing Units in Suffolk</a>	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 <b>Where can I get tested in Suffolk?</b>
<a href="#">Support from the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB)</a>	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.
<a href="#">Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690</a>	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.
<a href="#">New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk</a>	Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment	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.

		opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	
	<a href="#">Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership</a>	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.
	<a href="#">NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB</a>	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.
	<a href="#">Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub</a>	Everyone	This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing.
	<a href="#">Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information</a>	Everyone	Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance.
	<a href="#">Keep Moving Suffolk</a>	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 190, 28 July**

## Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

<b>Globally</b>	16 341 920 cases (226 783)	650 805 deaths (4 153)
<b>Africa</b>	726 105 cases (13 185)	12 257 deaths (357)
<b>Americas</b>	8 728 962 cases (118 828)	339 651 deaths (2 212)
<b>Eastern Mediterranean</b>	1 494 697 cases (12 382)	38 371 deaths (439)
<b>Europe</b>	3 261 042 cases (26 311)	210 897 deaths (368)
<b>South-East Asia</b>	1 838 380 cases (52 235)	41 366 deaths (751)
<b>Western Pacific</b>	291 993 cases (3 842)	8 250 deaths (26)