

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

**SCC DAILY STATEMENT 07/09/2020**

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')

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

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### Current UK Situation

- **As of 3:56pm on 6<sup>th</sup> September: 369,937 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, 41,551 have died (within 28 days of positive test) 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.

Area	Cumulative cases	Rate per 100,000 residents (2019 mid-year estimates)
Ipswich	737	538.3 per 100,000 residents
East Suffolk	924	370.4 per 100,000 residents
Mid Suffolk	357	343.6 per 100,000 residents
Babergh	288	312.9 per 100,000 residents
West Suffolk	544	303.8 per 100,000 residents
Suffolk	2,850	374.3 per 100,000 residents
East of England	27,292	437.6 per 100,000 residents
England	299,647	532.4 per 100,000 residents

### **COVID-19 related news from [GOV.UK](#)**

- [UK provides vital support to vulnerable global communities impacted by COVID-19](#): UK government invests £7.2 million in 20 new research projects to address the impact of COVID-19 on the world's most vulnerable communities. Projects include delivering mass vaccination capacity in Bangladesh, protective equipment for refugees in Jordan and remote healthcare access for patients in Nigeria.
- [Government delivers 250,000 clear face masks to support people with hearing loss](#): 250,000 clear face masks are to be delivered to frontline NHS and social care workers to support better care for people who use lip-reading and facial expressions to communicate.

### **Other COVID-related news**

BBC Health:

- [Coronavirus: Further 2,988 cases confirmed in UK](#): It is the highest number reported on a single day since 22 May and a rise of 1,175 on Saturday, according to the UK government's coronavirus dashboard.
- [Coronavirus: 'Critical moment' as students return to university](#): Dame Anne Johnson, of University College London, told the BBC data showed the highest number of detected infections was in young people.
- [NHS Kirklees plasma appeal for coronavirus recoverers](#): The blood plasma of people who have recovered from the virus could potentially save those who are ill, NHS Blood and Transplant said.

- [Coronavirus: Norfolk gets 'enhanced support' after Banham Poultry outbreak](#): More than 100 cases have been found among staff at Banham Poultry in Attleborough in Norfolk. Health officials said they could now "obtain swifter data and testing". On Tuesday it was revealed 48% of people linked to the outbreak had not been traced.

#### BBC Global News:

- [Tokyo Olympics: Games will go ahead 'with or without Covid', says IOC VP](#): John Coates confirmed to news agency AFP that the Olympics would start on 23 July next year, calling them the "Games that conquered Covid". They were originally scheduled to start in July 2020, but were postponed due to Covid-19 fears.
- [Covid recovered patients volunteer in Israeli hospital](#): Under the pilot scheme, they visit patients in moderate or serious condition, who would otherwise be in isolation. The volunteers help the patients eat or just lend a listening ear.
- [Coronavirus: Russian vaccine shows signs of immune response](#): The report published by medical journal The Lancet said every participant developed antibodies to fight the virus and had no serious side effects.
- [Coronavirus: India overtakes Brazil in Covid-19 cases](#): India has recorded more than 90,000 new cases of Covid-19 in the past 24 hours, taking its total above that of Brazil.
- [Covid: Australia hopes to roll out almost 85 million vaccine doses](#): Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the country had struck two deals that would allow free doses to be rolled out in 2021 if they were approved for use.
- [Delhi metro: India's largest subway reopens with masks and distancing](#): It's India's largest rapid transport system - it carried 2.7 million passengers a day before the lockdown. Masks, social distancing and temperature checks are mandatory according to the new rules.
- [Coronavirus: Melbourne lockdown extended by two weeks](#): A strict lockdown in the Australian city of Melbourne has been extended by two weeks, with officials saying new Covid-19 cases had not dropped enough.
- [BBC live global updates](#):
  - France spike takes toll on hospitals
  - Namibia trains dogs to sniff out coronavirus
  - Ethiopia launches virus messaging service

#### Other News:

- [Flu Season and Covid-19 Are About to Collide. Now What?](#): Hospitals in the US are already stressed. Now, they must brace for a wave of flu patients needing more beds, lab tests, and ventilators.

#### Suffolk

- **Samuel Ward Academy closure**: You may be aware of the closure of Samuel Ward Academy following several members of staff testing positive for Covid-19. Since the press release was issued, it has been confirmed that the number of staff testing positive is now seven.

The school is hoping to re-open on Tuesday (8 September) following a deep clean and will notify parents by 5pm today. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Pupil wellbeing top priority for Suffolk as children head back to school:** Education and health colleagues have come together to support education settings and promote wellbeing amongst pupils as thousands of children return to school. The initiative will run over the next year as the Covid-19 pandemic continues and more is learnt about the impact on children and young people, and education. [Click here](#) to read more

### Key National Guidance updates

	Title	Who For	Comments
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">COVID-19 surveillance in school KIDs (sKIDs): pre and primary schools</a>	Educational settings and public health.	A report on the preliminary results of the COVID-19 testing and antibody prevalence surveillance in schools programme, colloquially known as sKIDs. The report concludes that COVID-19 infection and transmission rates were low in preschool and primary schools under surveillance during the summer.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">The R number and growth rate in the UK</a>	Everyone.	The R number range for the UK is 0.9-1.1 and the growth rate range is -1% to +2% per day as of 4 September 2020.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Initial teacher training (ITT): criteria and supporting advice</a>	Accredited ITT providers and their partner schools. Organisations seeking ITT accreditation and Ofsted.	This guidance sets out what accredited ITT providers must do to comply with the law. Updated temporary guidance changes due to coronavirus (COVID-19).
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents</a>	Visa customers and applicants in the UK. Visa customers outside of the UK	Updated to clarify for those whose visa or leave expires after 31 August 2020.

		and British nationals overseas who need to apply for a passport affected by travel restrictions associated with coronavirus.	
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Early years foundation stage statutory framework (EYFS)</a>	School leaders and staff. Childcare providers and childminders.	Updated to reflect new regulations which allow temporary coronavirus (COVID-19) disapplications to re-apply if a provider is prevented from complying with the EYFS due to coronavirus (COVID-19) related restrictions or requirements. They also add disapplications around paediatric first aid to the transitional period, which originally only applied to disapplications around staffing levels.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Get laptops and tablets for children who cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19)</a>	Schools, academy trusts, local authorities, parents, and carers.	Guidance on how schools can access digital devices for children requiring access to remote education due to shielding or local coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. Updated clarification of eligibility criteria.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">North of England: local restrictions</a>	People living in Greater Manchester, East Lancashire, Preston and West Yorkshire.	Updated with information on the restrictions that will lift from 8 September.

<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Blackburn with Darwen, Oldham, Pendle: local restrictions</a>	People living in Blackburn with Darwen, Oldham, and Pendle.	Updated with information on the restrictions that will lift from 8 September.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">Leicester lockdown: what you can and cannot do</a>	People living in Leicester.	Updated with information on the restrictions that will lift from 8 September.

### Useful Websites

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	<a href="#">NHS – Your COVID Recovery</a>	General Public	Your COVID Recovery helps you to understand what has happened and what you might expect as part of your recovery.
2	<a href="#">NHS - COVID-19 go-to page</a>	General Public	
3	<a href="#">GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage</a>	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
4	<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> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infection prevention and control (incl. PPE)</li> <li>- Sampling and diagnostics</li> </ul>
5	<p>Mental health support and advice from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <a href="#">WHO</a></li> <li>· <a href="http://mentalhealth.org.uk">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>	General public, staff and carers	
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.

	Title	Who For	Comments
	Public Health Suffolk's <u>COVID19 RADAR</u> (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 <u>Coronawatch Dashboard</u>	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.
	<u>Mobile Testing Units in Suffolk</u>	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>
	<u>Support from the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB)</u>	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="#"><u>Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690</u></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="#"><u>New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership</u></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="#"><u>NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB</u></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="#"><u>Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub</u></a>	Everyone	This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing.
<a href="#"><u>Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information</u></a>	Everyone	Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance.
<a href="#"><u>Keep Moving Suffolk</u></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 Weekly Epidemiological Update** – 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

**Table 1. Newly reported and cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths, by WHO Region, data as of 30 August 2020\*\***

WHO Region	New cases in last 7 days (%)	Change in new cases in last 7 days	Cumulative cases (%)	New deaths in last 7 days (%)	Change in new deaths in last 7 days*	Cumulative deaths (%)
Americas	854 959 (48%)	-1%	13 138 912 (53%)	23 178 (61%)	-4%	461 754 (55%)
South-East Asia	539 341 (30%)	9%	4 073 148 (16%)	7 821 (21%)	3%	75 276 (9%)
Europe	220 777 (12%)	5%	4 205 708 (17%)	2 723 (7%)	12%	219 131 (26%)
Africa	44 134 (2%)	-20%	1 044 513 (4%)	1 401 (4%)	-24%	21 722 (3%)
Eastern Mediterranean	87 340 (5%)	-6%	1 903 547 (8%)	2 273 (6%)	-9%	50 466 (6%)
Western Pacific	36 260 (2%)	-13%	487 571 (2%)	692 (2%)	20%	10 562 (1%)
<sup>†</sup> Other	-	-	741 (0%)	-	-	13 (0%)
<b>Global</b>	<b>1 782 811 (100%)</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>24 854 140 (100%)</b>	<b>38 088 (100%)</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>838 924 (100%)</b>

\*Percent change in the number of newly confirmed cases/deaths in past seven days, compared to seven days prior.

\*\*See [data, table and figure notes](#)