

Please remember to **STAY AT HOME. PROTECT THE NHS. SAVE LIVES.**

With best wishes,

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Current UK Risk Level: HIGH

The risk to the UK has been raised to high (as of 13/03/2020).

As of 13 Mar, UK is in the 'delay' phase of the government's action plan to limit the spread of the virus.

Current UK Situation

- As of 9am on 13 April, 290,720 people have been tested, of whom 88,621 tested positive. As of 5pm on 12 April, of those hospitalised in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus, 11,329 have died. Full details and latest numbers are available [here](#).
- In Suffolk we have 458 confirmed cases. However, with routine community testing discontinued, these figures will not describe the full extent of cases locally. You can view the latest UK dashboard of cases by local authority [here](#).
- Government's daily press conference (13 April 2020) – as of 9AM 14 April, transcript not available
 - **The foreign secretary Dominic Raab said that the country was "still not past the peak of this virus" and made clear there'll be no change to restrictions any time soon.** (the foreign secretary said in an earlier press conference that the measures will have to stay in place, until we've got the evidence that clearly shows we have moved beyond the peak)
 - Press conference slides with the latest data from COBR coronavirus fact file (transport use, new cases, hospital admissions, deaths) and datasets available [here](#).
 - View past press conferences on [YouTube](#).
- [Chancellor provides over £14 billion for our NHS and vital public services](#)
- [Home Secretary outlines support for domestic abuse victims](#)
- [UK-wide plan announced to ensure personal protective equipment \(PPE\) gets to where it is needed most](#)
- [Up to £8 million in funding for adoptive families to meet needs arising from coronavirus outbreak](#)

- [NHS England](#): Almost 5,000 former staff are now back on the NHS front line after coming out of retirement to support the coronavirus effort.
- [NHS England](#): New NHS Nightingale hospitals will be opened in Sunderland and Exeter to provide extra beds for patients with coronavirus symptoms if they are needed in the weeks ahead.

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COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing information Hub: A new information Hub, containing resources to support emotional wellbeing and mental health has been launched. COVID-19 is creating many pressures on individuals, employees and families. With the current and ongoing government measures urging people to stay at home, it is increasingly clear that people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing is of paramount importance. The Information Hub brings together guidance, tips and support in one place on the Healthy Suffolk website and can be accessed at: www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/COVIDHub. This page will be continually reviewed and updated as the situation unfolds and more information becomes available.

PPE Scam: Suffolk Trading Standards have been alerted by the care sector to calls from scammers claiming to be genuine suppliers of PPE. Staff noted follow up emails displayed a number of differences in those usually seen and that it was a scam. Any scams should be reported to Suffolk Trading Standards via 0808 223 1133.

Highways update: Councillor Andrew Reid has written about how Suffolk Highways are working to keep the county safe and accessible during this challenging time. Read the article here; <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/column-by-andrew-reid-suffolk-county-councils-cabinet-member>

Community response group resources: Based on questions and their experiences the Community Action Suffolk volunteering team has come up with six priority areas to guide COVID-19 Community Response Group in your work, with accompanying information. For more information visit <https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/community/>

Primary School National Offer Day: Primary School National Offer Day is going ahead as usual on Thursday 16 April 2020. Information on primary school places can be found here; <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-20202021/>

Useful Websites (any new guidance is in RED)

The existing guidance is being updated extremely regularly (*and in some cases daily*) so please check any guidance relevant to your area to ensure that you are accessing the most up to date version. I will only be able to highlight new published and some other key published guidance in this bulletin.

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NEW	Coronavirus (COVID-19): personal protective equipment (PPE) hub	health and social care and other non-health sectors	<p>Collection of guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE), and infection prevention and control (IPC).</p> <p>We are currently experiencing sustained transmission of COVID-19 across the UK.</p>
NEW	Coronavirus (COVID-19): looking after people who lack mental capacity	health and social care	<p>Emergency guidance for health and social care staff who are caring for, or treating, a person who lacks the relevant mental capacity.</p> <p>During the outbreak, the principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) and the safeguards provided by the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) still apply.</p>
NEW	Children's Commissioner: Children's guide to coronavirus	children	<p>Aimed at children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Answer your questions about coronavirus - Tell you how to stay safe and protect other people - Help you make the best of your time at home <p>Information correct as of 27 March 2020</p>
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance	<p>Main collection of guidance for anyone in any setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance for the public - Guidance for non-clinical settings - Guidance for health professionals - Infection prevention and control - Sampling and diagnostics 	<p>Added COVID-19: Guidance for stepdown of infection control precautions within hospitals and discharging COVID-19 patients from hospital to home settings</p>

UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings	staff, parents and carers, pupils and students.	Updated 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): school closures' information on mental health issues, educational staff from overseas, primary school place offers for April 2020, exclusion and the governing board's duty to reinstate excluded pupils.
UPDATED	Closing certain businesses and venues	businesses	Updated designation letter including additional details on which authorities are designated under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020.
1	NHS - COVID-19 go-to page	General Public – this is the only site we should be promoting to the public for information	
2	GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
3	Full guidance on staying at home and away from others	Everyone	The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.
4	COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	households with possible infection	
5	Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do	Everyone	
6	Coronavirus: How to help safely	Everyone	
7	COVID-19: guidance on social distancing and for vulnerable people	Everyone	
8	COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable	All adults and children who should be shielded and their family, friends, and carers	

9	COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing	Everyone	
10	COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing	parents and carers on looking after children or young people	-
11	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	
12	Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
13	COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings	non-healthcare settings	
14	COVID-19 essential travel guidance	Public	
15	Further businesses and premises to close	businesses	
16	COVID-19: infection prevention and control	health and care systems and providers	updated guidance from Public Health England on PPE, including: Table 1 - Recommended PPE for healthcare workers by secondary care clinical context Table 2 - Recommended PPE for primary, outpatient, and community care Table 3 - Recommended PPE for ambulance, paramedics, first responders and pharmacists

			Table 4 - Additional considerations for COVID-19
17	COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for non-aerosol generating procedures	health and care professionals	Added updated PPE video.
18	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for children's social care services	local authorities and their partners	Advice about coronavirus (COVID-19) for local authorities and their partners to help support and protect vulnerable children.
19	Coronavirus (COVID-19) information leaflet	UK households	<p>This leaflet has information on what everyone must do to help stop the spread of coronavirus. There is also information on spotting the symptoms, advice for vulnerable groups, and information about government support for businesses and workers.</p> <p>This information is available in different languages and alternative formats and can be ordered from campaign resource centre.</p> <p>This leaflet was prepared for distribution to UK households from 3 April 2020, and was in line with the latest guidance at that point.</p>

20	Coronavirus (COVID-19): transport and travel guidance	everyone using transport or working in the transport sector during the coronavirus outbreak.	Information for people using transport or working in the transport sector during the coronavirus outbreak, including: -Using public transport -Driving private vehicles - cars, vans, motorbikes -Bus and lorry drivers -Freight, bus and road transport businesses -Transport workers -Maritime and shipping -Aviation and flying -Overseas travel
21	COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses	employees, employers and businesses	Added links to the business grant funding guidance, and the expanded retail discount guidance for local authorities.

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.
- There is no evidence that the Bacille Calmette-Guérin vaccine (BCG) protects people against infection with COVID-19 virus. Two clinical trials addressing this question are underway, and WHO will evaluate the evidence when it is available. In the absence of evidence, WHO does not recommend BCG vaccination for the prevention of COVID-19.

Situation in Numbers WHO SitRep 84, 13 April *(new since last 24hrs)*

Location	Confirmed	Deaths
Globally	1 773 084 confirmed (76 498)	111 652 deaths (5702)
European Region	913 349 confirmed (33 243)	77 419 deaths (3183)
Regions of the Americas	610 742 confirmed (36 804)	23 759 deaths (2228)
Western Pacific Region	121 426 confirmed (1310)	4125 deaths (67)
Eastern Mediterranean	99 713 confirmed (3768)	5107 deaths (164)

Region		
South-East Asia	16 883 confirmed (842)	766 deaths (38)
African Region	10 259 confirmed (531)	464 deaths (21)