

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

SCC DAILY STATEMENT 09/09/2020

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

 

Current UK Situation

- As of 6:01pm on 8th September: 352,560 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, 41,586 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	741	541.2 per 100,000 residents
East Suffolk	926	371.2 per 100,000 residents
Mid Suffolk	357	343.6 per 100,000 residents
Babergh	291	316.2 per 100,000 residents
West Suffolk	557	311.1 per 100,000 residents
Suffolk	2,872	377.2 per 100,000 residents
East of England	27,516	441.2 per 100,000 residents
England	304,269	540.6 per 100,000 residents

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

- [New action to prevent the spread of coronavirus in Bolton](#): In an Oral statement to Parliament, Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock spoke about new measures introduced in Bolton to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Measures, which include a ban on mixing outside households in homes and in public outdoor settings, will be enforceable by law. This was followed by a [press release](#). It comes as cases in Bolton reach 120 per 100,000 – the highest in the country.
- [Coronavirus: Five reasons why rise in cases is not all it seems](#): Newly diagnosed cases have topped 2,000 for the past three days. The average rate of new infections is now four times higher than it was in mid-July. But is the rise in cases quite as sharp as it looks? Data suggests that while cases may be rising, the level of infection being seen is still very low compared with the peak.
- [Coronavirus: Oxford University vaccine trial paused after participant falls ill](#): Final clinical trials for a coronavirus vaccine, developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University, have been put on hold after a participant had an adverse reaction in the UK.

Other COVID-related news

BBC Health:

- [Coronavirus: People without symptoms 'misusing testing'](#): Health Secretary Matt Hancock said increasing numbers of people in England were seeking tests when they didn't have any Covid-19 symptoms. He said this "inappropriate" use of the system was making it harder for people who needed tests to get one.
- [Coronavirus: Social gatherings above six banned in England from 14 September](#): A new legal limit will ban larger groups meeting anywhere socially indoors or outdoors, No 10 said. However, it will not apply to schools, workplaces or Covid-secure weddings, funerals and organised team sports.

Suffolk

Samuel Ward Academy reopening latest: Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill has reopened today (Wednesday 9th September), initially on a rota basis. There will be a significant number of staff self-isolating until Sunday 20th September. With that reduced number of teachers, the school won't be able to open fully until Monday 21st September. Until then, they will operate a rota system. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Key National Guidance updates

	Title	Who For	Comments
NEW	Educational psychologists: support for coronavirus (COVID-19) recovery	Educational Psychologist	<p>The Department for Education wants to build temporary educational psychologist (EP) capacity to support children and young people in England when schools, colleges and other educational settings return in September 2020.</p> <p>Opportunities for EPs will last up to 13 weeks. The closing date for EPs to express their interest with local authorities (LAs) is 30 November 2020.</p>
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel corridors	Everyone	Crete, Lesvos, Mykonos, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos and Zakyntos removed from the travel corridor list at 4am Wednesday 9 September 2020.

UPDATED	Guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings	Special schools and other specialist settings	Updated guidance to reflect the actions special schools and other specialist settings need to support full opening from the start of the autumn term. The main changes are listed at the start of the document.
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Useful Websites

	Title	Who For	Comments
1	NHS – Your COVID Recovery	General Public	Your COVID Recovery helps you to understand what has happened and what you might expect as part of your recovery.
2	NHS - COVID-19 go-to page	General Public	
3	GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
4	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
5	Mental health support and advice from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · WHO · mentalhealth.org.uk 	General public, staff and carers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ipswich & East CCG · Living Life To The Full · NHS Practitioner Wellbeing · Samaritans 		
6	<p>Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
7	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage	Professionals	
8	Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker	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 COVID19 RADAR (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 Coronawatch Dashboard	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 commissioned by DHSC through G4S and regularly appear across Suffolk. Please share details of the testing sites with your local community – see under Where can I get tested in Suffolk?
<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.
<u>Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690</u>	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.
<u>New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk</u>	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.
<u>Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership</u>	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.
<u>NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB</u>	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.
<u>Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub</u>	Everyone	This page contains links to a wealth of resources and support for your health and wellbeing.
<u>Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information</u>	Everyone	Suffolk County Council coronavirus (COVID-19) information, including health advice, service changes, business support and schools guidance.
<u>Keep Moving Suffolk</u>	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 6 September 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	862 478 (46%)	1%	14 001 390 (52%)	22 325 (59%)	-4%	484 079 (55%)
South-East Asia	616 795 (33%)	14%	4 689 943 (18%)	8 124 (22%)	4%	83 400 (10%)
Europe	247 125 (13%)	4%	4 475 267 (17%)	3 015 (8%)	9%	222 279 (25%)
Eastern Mediterranean	92 699 (5%)	6%	1 996 246 (8%)	2 244 (6%)	-1%	52 710 (6%)
Africa	38 639 (2%)	-12%	1 083 152 (4%)	1 207 (3%)	-14%	22 929 (3%)
Western Pacific	28 907 (2%)	-20%	516 478 (2%)	644 (2%)	-7%	11 206 (1%)
[†] Other	-	-	741 (<1%)	-	-	13 (<1%)
Global	1 886 643 (100%)	5%	26 763 217 (100%)	37 559 (100%)	-2%	876 616 (100%)

*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