

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

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

With best wishes,

**Matthew Hicks**  
Leader, Suffolk County Council

**Nicola Beach**  
Chief Executive, Suffolk County Council

**Stuart Keeble**  
Director of Public Health, Suffolk County Council



**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

HM Government

STAY ALERT · CONTROL THE VIRUS · SAVE LIVES

- **Current UK Situation**
- **As of 4:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> September: 337,168 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, 41,504 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.
-

- There remains an issue with the data download from the national site, we anticipate this should be resolved shortly. However, we cannot currently provide robust comparisons to previous case numbers, therefore these columns have been temporarily removed.

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

- [Kickstart Scheme opens for employer applications](#): As part of the government's Plan for Jobs, a new £2 billion Kickstart Scheme will create hundreds of thousands of new, fully subsidised jobs for young people across the country.
- [UK announces funding to boost COVID-19 preparedness in Pacific](#): UK Minister for the Pacific, Lord Zac Goldsmith announces £1.8m funding to strengthen COVID-19 health sector preparedness and response in the Pacific.
- [Call for tender: rebuilding better: opportunities and risks in the context of COVID-19](#): The British Embassy to France is seeking (a) partner organisation(s) to deliver an innovative and exciting research project.

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

BBC Health:

- [Millions of pupils return after historic shutdown](#): Millions of pupils in England are returning to school after the unprecedented shutdown linked to the coronavirus pandemic. Schools will look different, with one-way systems, screens keeping pupils apart and staggered start times.
- [Coronavirus: What do schools look like now?](#): There's never been a new school year quite like it. For many children, the autumn term is about to begin after months of disruption and time at home. They will return to classrooms rather different to the ones they left.
- [Parents get advice for first-day nerves at school](#): It's more than 160 days since schools sent home pupils at the beginning of the lockdown. No-one at the time, in those bewildering March days, could have known when children would return. An educational psychologist says children might be worried going back after such a long time at home.
- [Greater Manchester coronavirus rules 'illogical' - mayor](#): Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham has blasted the easing of coronavirus restrictions in parts of northern England as "completely illogical". Measures were lifted overnight in Bolton, Stockport and Trafford despite concerns from some local councils.
- [Coronavirus: Concern over virus cases in Glasgow area](#): Talks will be held to decide if action is needed to tackle the spread of coronavirus cases in the Glasgow area, Nicola Sturgeon has said.
- [Tens of thousands of Scottish pupils absent from school](#): More than 100,000 pupils in Scotland are absent from school with attendance down to 84.5%, according to Scottish government figures.

BBC Global News:

- [Coronavirus: Tui halts trips to Zante resort of Laganas after virus clusters](#): Travel company Tui has cancelled all holidays to a party resort on a Greek island because of customers failing to follow coronavirus safety measures.
- [Coronavirus: Case identified on Tui flight from Zante to Glasgow](#): A passenger who flew to Glasgow from a Greek island has tested positive for coronavirus.
- [Coronavirus: Quarantine restrictions for travellers from Greece](#): Quarantine restrictions will be imposed on people travelling from Greece to Scotland, the Scottish government has announced. They will be required to isolate for 14 days if they arrive in Scotland after 04:00 on Thursday.
- [Coronavirus: Travellers from Zante to Wales told to self-isolate](#): Travellers arriving to Wales from Zante are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Wales' Health Minister Vaughan Gething said there are six clusters of cases, amounting to 30 infections, linked to flights from the Greek island.
- [Coronavirus: UK considers putting Portugal back on quarantine list](#): Ministers are considering reimposing quarantine measures for those arriving in the UK from Portugal as coronavirus cases rise, sources have told the BBC.
- [The nudists spreading coronavirus in a French resort](#): For many of Europe's naturists, and the tens of thousands of swingers among them, Cap d'Agde has become a traditional summer destination, but a coronavirus outbreak here has shone an uncomfortable light on their alternative lifestyle.
- [Hong Kong embarks on mass Covid testing amid criticism](#): Hong Kong has begun a free universal Covid-19 testing programme, despite criticism that it is not effective and could be misused for surveillance.
- [BBC live global updates](#):
  - The US says it will not join an international search for a vaccine. It did not want to be "constrained" by the "corrupt World Health Organization and China". The international effort is meant to speed up vaccine efforts and distribute it equally
  - Millions of pupils in England are returning to school after the unprecedented shutdown
  - Australia has plunged into its first recession in nearly 30 years as it suffers the economic fallout from the coronavirus
  - A rise in infections in the elderly in South Korea leads to a surge in critical Covid-19 cases
  - Antibody levels against the virus rose and then held steady for up to four months in recovered patients, a study finds

## Suffolk

**Ipswich Park & Ride has reopened**; After a prolonged suspension due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Park & Ride in Ipswich opened again on Tuesday 1st September, in time for the return of schools, colleges and many offices, and as leisure visitors to Ipswich continue to increase as a result of the relaxing of the lockdown measures. [Click here](#) for more information.

**SCC funded school travel;** In this week's Column, Councillor Mary Evans Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills talks about home to school travel for the start of the school term. To read [click here](#)

### **Key National Guidance updates**

	Title	Who For	Comments
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">FCDO privacy notice: coronavirus emergency loans abroad</a>	Everyone	How the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office processes your data if you apply for an emergency loan to return to the UK, or if you are waiting to return during coronavirus.
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">FCDO privacy notice: coronavirus (COVID-19) repatriation support</a>	Everyone	How the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office processes personal data when we are supporting British people travelling to return to the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">FCDO privacy notice: visitors to diplomatic missions and residences during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic</a>	Everyone	How the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) processes your data if you visit our embassies, high commissions, residences and other offices abroad during coronavirus.
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#">Check if you can apply for a grant through the Kickstart Scheme</a>	Employers	If you are an employer looking to create job placements for young people, check if you can apply for funding as part of the Kickstart Scheme.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#">PPE Portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment</a>	Healthcare providers	Added children's care homes and secure homes and children's residential special schools to the categories of provider that can order from the

			portal. Updated the order limits for GPs and pharmacies.
UPDATED	<a href="#">School attendance: guidance for schools</a>	Schools	Added 'Securing full attendance: support for schools and local authorities' and updated details text to clarify how these documents can be used.
UPDATED	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): changes to the Care Act 2014</a>	Local Authority	'Care Act easements: guidance for local authorities' has been updated to include reference to advocates, introduce the Care Act easements notification form and reflect changes to other published guidance. The Care Act easements notification form and 'Care Act easements: supporting guidance' have been added to the page.
UPDATED	<a href="#">What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak</a>	Parents and carers	Updated information about the use of face coverings.
UPDATED	<a href="#">Action for FE colleges and providers during the coronavirus outbreak</a>	Further education colleges and providers	We have updated content on implementing risk assessments, face coverings, ventilation, managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), managing local outbreaks, public transport, music, performing arts and physical activity, remote and blended learning, health and safety and equalities duties, educational visits, the 16 to 19

tuition support fund and funding audits.

### Useful Websites

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

5	<u>Heatwave Plan for England</u>	Professionals	
6	<p>Mental health support and advice from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <u>WHO</u></li> <li>· <u>mentalhealth.org.uk</u></li> <li>· <u>Ipswich &amp; East CCG</u></li> <li>· <u>Living Life To The Full</u></li> <li>· <u>NHS Practitioner Wellbeing</u></li> <li>· <u>Samaritans</u></li> </ul>	General public, staff and carers	
7	<p>Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Asthma</u></li> <li>• <u>Diabetes</u></li> </ul>	General public	
8	<u>European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage</u>	Professionals	
9	<u>Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker</u>	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>1</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](#)