

SCC COVID-19 ebulletin 14 August 2020

Dear all

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

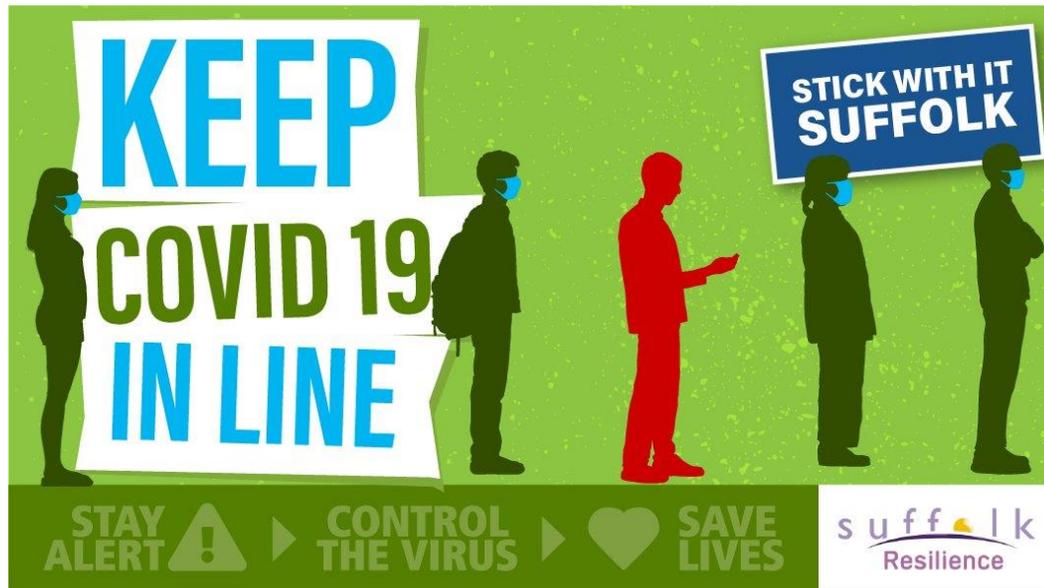
Please remember to **STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS, SAVE LIVES**

With best wishes,

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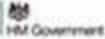


Current UK Alert Level: 3

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*')

COVID Alert Levels	
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

COVID-19 related news from GOV.UK

- [Prime Minister announces stronger enforcement measures as easements resume](#): The Government has announced a series of tough new enforcement measures targeting the most serious breaches of social distancing restrictions. Fines will double to a maximum of £3,200 for those who repeatedly flout face covering rules. New fines to be introduced for people hosting raves or other unlawful gatherings of more than 30 people.
- [France, the Netherlands, Monaco, Malta, Turks and Caicos Islands and Aruba to be removed from travel corridors list](#): France, the Netherlands, Monaco, Malta, Turks and Caicos Islands and Aruba removed from list of travel corridors for England following data showing a significant increase in COVID-19 risk, with passengers required to self-isolate when returning from these countries from 4am on Saturday 15 August
- [Test and Trace service reaches more than 250,000 people since launch](#): New NHS Test and Trace app begins trial phase, as latest statistics show the service is consistently reaching the majority of people testing positive and their contacts

Current UK Situation

Please note that there is currently an issue with the data download from the national GOV.UK site. The data was last updated on Wednesday 12 August 2020 at 4.00pm. The GOV.UK website suggests advises that 'We have not received the latest data for cases and tests in England. We will update today's records as soon as they become available'. As of 11:30 am this morning the data had not been updated, latest figures are as those below:

- **As of 4:00pm on 12th August: 313,798 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, 46,706 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 (10 August 2020) the cumulative number of cases has increased by 12 (over 2 days). These cases were added within the last two weeks.** These numbers are depicted in the two additional columns shaded in grey below.

Please note that the data below cover two days since the previous update on 10th August due to technical issues on the gov.uk website that have now been resolved.

			These columns may help in interpreting the data, they will only be calculated for Suffolk.	
Area	Cumulative cases	Rate per 100,000 residents (2019 mid-year estimates)	New or removed cases added since previous briefing:	Are these added cases more than 2 weeks old?
Ipswich	717	523.7 per 100,000 residents		
East Suffolk	893	358.0 per 100,000 residents	+2	No
Mid Suffolk	334	321.5 per 100,000 residents	+2	No
Babergh	276	299.9 per 100,000 residents	+3	No

West Suffolk	506	282.6 per 100,000 residents	+5	No
Suffolk	2,726	356.5 per 100,000 residents	+12	No
East of England	25,403	407.4 per 100,000 residents		
England	270,971	481.4 per 100,000 residents		

Other COVID-related news

COVID-19 related publications:

[the National Employers have issued guidance related to COVID-19](#): Employer circular on Coronavirus and relaxation of shielding return to work

BBC Health:

[Fewer hospital patients in Covid-19 hotspots](#): The number of people in hospital with Covid-19 fell in coronavirus hotspots in June and July, according to data released by NHS England.

BBC Global News:

- [New Zealand extends Auckland lockdown for 12 days](#): New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has announced a 12-day extension of the country's Covid-19 restrictions, after a cluster of cases grew to 29
- [Coronavirus: Lockdowns in Europe saved millions of lives](#): Lockdowns have saved more than three million lives from coronavirus in Europe, a study estimate.
- [BBC live global updates](#) :
 - More than 100,000 new cases have been reported in nine of the past 10 days - WHO chief

- People coming to the UK from France and the Netherlands must quarantine for 14 days from Saturday
- UK records its lowest daily rise in coronavirus deaths since before lockdown on 23 March

Suffolk

Great East Run: The Great East Run, which was scheduled to take place on Sunday 20 September 2020 in Ipswich has been cancelled. The decision to cancel the event has been taken given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic meaning that going ahead with the event will be impossible. Runners who had a place in this year's event will be given the option to roll it over to the next Great East Run, currently scheduled to take place on 26 September 2021, or receive a refund of their entry fee.

SCC funded School Travel: SCC is making preparations to ensure that all pupils who are eligible for SCC funded school travel can get to school safely. This week the Department for Education published official guidance on the measures that SCC need to put in place to ensure that school transport is covid-19 safe. On vehicles carrying only school children social distancing will not be required. This means the one metre plus rule will not apply on these routes. SCC also arranges and funds travel to school eligible pupils on public transport. The government have advised councils to dedicate routes to school children where possible and have announced £40million of funding to help local authorities create extra capacity and allow more students to use alternatives to public transport. Therefore, SCC are undertaking a route by route review of about 90 bus routes with transport operators to determine where routes can be dedicated to carry just school children. SCC is also exploring other options such as providing additional buses and zoning of buses. SCC will keep parents informed as plans progress. For more information [click here](#)

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.

	26/05/2020		02/06/2020		09/06/2020		16/06/2020		23/06/2020		30/06/2020	
	Providers affected	Suspected and confirmed cases										
Ipswich and East Suffolk	30	136	31	119	27	110	22	70	17	54	12	38
West Suffolk	17	73	11	51	10	26	9	15	9	16	10	16
Waveney	10	56	11	33	11	29	7	24	4	22	1	6
Total	57	265	53	203	48	165	38	109	30	92	23	60

07/07/2020		14/07/2020		21/07/2020		28/07/2020		04/08/2020		11/08/2020	
Providers affected	Suspected and confirmed cases										
10	27	11	28	6	7	8	18	9	12	9	13
7	12	5	6	5	6	7	11	7	8	8	11
1	6	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
23	45	16	34	12	14	16	30	18	22	18	26

<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 - 7 August 2020.														
	26.0 6.20	Chang e from last week	03.0 7.20	Chang e from last week	10.0 7.20	Chang e from last week	17.0 7.20	Chang e from last week	24.0 7.20	Chang e from last week	31.0 7.20	Chang e from last week	07.0 8.20	Chang e from last week
Suffolk	189	2+	192	3+	193	1+	194	1+	194	0+	194	0+	194	0+
Norfolk	145	1+	149	4+	151	2+	151	0+	151	0+	151	0+	152	1+
Camb+ Peterborough	152	3+	152	0+	156	4+	157	1+	157	0+	157	0+	157	0+
Essex	284	3+	287	3+	291	4+	293	2+	293	0+	293	0+	294	1+
Hertfordshire	311	5+	312	1+	313	1+	318	5+	320	1+	322	2+	322	0+

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.

	Title	Who For	Comments
NEW	COVID-19: reducing transmission - what you can do to help	Everyone	The actions outlined in this guidance will reduce chances of catching COVID-19 or passing it on to others.
NEW	Testing and contact tracing in the UK: summary of data	Professionals	A summary of the data available on testing and contract tracing in the UK.
UPDATED	Meeting people from outside your household	Everyone	Added information that the government will be introducing fines for those who facilitate or organise illegal gatherings of over 30 people, and updated guidance on shielding.
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): countries and territories exempt from advice against 'all but essential' international travel	Everyone	The FCO advises against all but essential travel to The Netherlands, Aruba, Malta, Turks and Caicos Islands, France and Monaco.
UPDATED	Coronavirus cases in the UK: daily updated statistics	Everyone	13 August 2020 Updated daily figures.
UPDATED	COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable	Everyone	Last updated 13 August 2020
UPDATED	COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	Everyone	13 August 2020 Updated translated versions to reflect changes to core guidance.

UPDATED	Young carers and young adult carers: providing care during coronavirus	Everyone	Updated several sections of the guidance to reflect the most recent government advice.
UPDATED	Work and financial support during coronavirus	Everyone	Working safely during coronavirus, updated 13 August 2020

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<u>Heatwave Plan for England</u>	Professionals	
6	<p>Mental health support and advice from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>WHO</u> · <u>mentalhealth.org.uk</u> · <u>Ipswich & East CCG</u> · <u>Living Life To The Full</u> · <u>NHS Practitioner Wellbeing</u> · <u>Samaritans</u> 	General public, staff and carers	
7	<p>Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Asthma</u> • <u>Diabetes</u> 	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 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 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 206, 13th August

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	20 439 814 cases (276 398)	744 385 deaths (6 933)
Africa	916 644 cases (7 070)	17 557 deaths (359)
Americas	10 950 220 cases (151 158)	398 229 deaths (4 502)
Eastern Mediterranean	1 683 511 cases (13 578)	44 661 deaths (373)
Europe	3 668 652 cases (26 107)	218 255 deaths (504)
South-East Asia	2 830 404 cases (72 582)	56 636 deaths (1 072)
Western Pacific	389 642 cases (5 903)	9 034 deaths (123)

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