

SCC COVID-19 EBULLETIN DATED 24 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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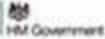


Current UK Alert Level: 3

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

Current UK Situation

- **As of 4.00pm on 23rd August: 325,642 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, 41,429 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 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.
- **There remains an issue with the data download from the national site. This is currently being checked. We anticipate this should be resolved by the next briefing. However, today's briefing data has not been compared to Friday's due to this reason.**

Area	Cumulative cases	Rate per 100,000 residents (2019 mid-year estimates)
Ipswich	725	529.5 per 100,000 residents
East Suffolk	902	361.6 per 100,000 residents
Mid Suffolk	343	330.1 per 100,000 residents
Babergh	276	299.9 per 100,000 residents
West Suffolk	520	290.4 per 100,000 residents
Suffolk	2,766	363.3 per 100,000 residents
East of England	25,990	416.8 per 100,000 residents
England	281,457	500.0 per 100,000 residents

COVID-19 related news from GOV.UK

- [Study finds very low numbers of COVID-19 outbreaks in schools](#): Public Health England detected only 0.01% of open educational settings had an outbreak in schools across England in June. Out of more than 1 million children attending pre-school and primary school in June, just 70 children were affected. Children were more likely to acquire covid-19 infection at home than in school.
- [More targeted action in local areas to curb the spread of coronavirus](#): Government and local leaders in Oldham, Pendle and Blackburn have agreed additional measures to curb the spread of the virus, while removing Wigan, Darwen and Rossendale from intervention. Businesses including restaurants and pubs, workplaces and childcare including nurseries to remain open. Birmingham added to this week's watch list as an 'area of enhanced support' and Northampton becomes an 'area of intervention'
- [NHS Test and Trace successfully reaches over 80% of close contacts since launch](#): Since 28th May 2020, more than 272,000 people have been reached by NHS Test and Trace. The service has reached 88.6% of close contacts where communication details have been provided, and 78.4% people who have tested positive.

Other COVID-related news

BBC Health:

- [Coronavirus: Missing school is worse than virus for children - Whitty](#): Children are more likely to be harmed by not returning to school next month than if they catch coronavirus, the UK's chief medical adviser says.
- [Coronavirus will be with us forever, Sage scientist warns](#): Coronavirus will be present "forever in some form or another and people would need to be vaccinated at regular intervals", Sir Mark Walport, a member of the government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (Sage) has said.

Suffolk

- **Stick with it Suffolk**: Suffolk County Council have put together the following video to highlight the importance of wearing a mask and sticking with it Suffolk; www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCtD89Mn1NQ

Key National Guidance updates

	Title	Who For	Comments
NEW	Northampton: what you can and cannot do	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified in Northampton associated with the Greencore factories. • The government and local authority are acting together to control the spread of the virus. • Find out what you can and cannot do if you are a worker at the Northampton Greencore factories during the local outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).
NEW	Blackburn with Darwen, Oldham, Pendle: local restrictions	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified in parts of Blackburn, Oldham and Pendle. • The government and relevant local authorities are acting together to

			<p>control the spread of the virus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in areas of the north of England.
NEW	Working safely during COVID-19: enforcement agents (bailiffs)	Those using the taking control of goods process – including all enforcement agents (both public and private), their employers and the creditors that use their services	<p>COVID-19 secure guidance for enforcement agents (also known as bailiffs) using the Taking Control of Goods process.</p> <p>The government is clear that no one should be forced to work in unsafe conditions and that the health and safety of workers and the public should not be put at risk.</p>
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for local government	Local councils	<p>Added links to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcement: New NHS Test and Trace app launched Announcement: Stronger enforcement measures as easements resume Guidance: Transport demand management toolkit Research: Local authority COVID-19 financial impact monitoring information.
UPDATED	PHE data series on deaths in people with COVID-19: technical summary	Everyone	Related deaths time series spreadsheet updated with latest figures.
UPDATED	Leicester lockdown: what you can and cannot do	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to provide additional information on how people in Leicester are advised to gather.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added new section to guidance 'Can I go to a wedding or funeral?'
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel corridors	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austria, Croatia and Trinidad and Tobago removed from the travel corridor list at 4am Saturday 22 August. Portugal added to the list at 4am Saturday 22 August.
UPDATED	NHS Test and Trace: how it works	Everyone	Added a link to a customer logging toolkit.
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers	Everyone	Added information on areas with local restrictions.
UPDATED	COVID-19: personal protective equipment use for aerosol generating procedures	Healthcare Professionals	Updated headings on instruction sheets, in line with the written guidance, to include airborne precautions.
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer transport guidance for operators	Everyone	<p>Information added on areas with local restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public are advised to follow local advice when travelling into, out of and within areas with local restrictions. Transport operators providing services through or within these areas should continue operating services as normal. You should review risk assessments regularly to ensure they remain relevant and appropriate.

UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): testing data methodology	Everyone	Updated to reflect that the page 'Coronavirus cases in the UK: daily updated statistics' is no longer updated with daily statistics.
UPDATED	Coronavirus cases in the UK: daily updated statistics	Everyone	Updated to reflect that the page is no longer updated with daily statistics.
UPDATED	COVID-19: background information	Everyone	Updated global case numbers
UPDATED	Face coverings: when to wear one and how to make your own	Everyone	Added that face coverings are required in sports stadiums. Updated exemptions to show when face coverings are not required.
UPDATED	The R number and growth rate in the UK	Everyone	The R number range for the UK is 0.9-1.1 and the growth rate range is -3% to +1% per day as of 21 August 2020.
UPDATED	COVID-19: infection prevention and control (IPC)	Everyone	Added COVID-19 risk pathways to support returning services.

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	<u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance</u>	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	<u>Heatwave Plan for England</u>	Professionals	
6	Mental health support and advice from: <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> 	General public, staff and carers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samaritans 		
7	<p>Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
8	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage	Professionals	
9	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 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 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

Weekly Operational Update on COVID-19

21 August 2020



Confirmed cases^a
21 294 845

Confirmed deaths
761 779

Countries, areas, or territories affected
216

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