

**SCC COVID-19 ebulletin: 3 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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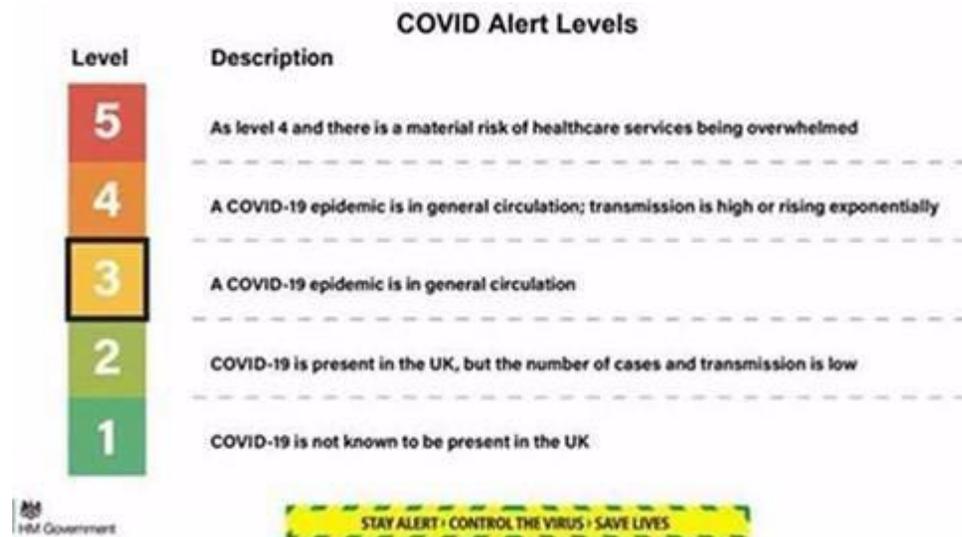
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Current UK Alert Level: 3

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*’)



### Current UK Situation

- As of 4pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> August: 302,695 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, 46,201 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 (31 July 2020) the number of cases has increased by 8. All except one of these cases were added within the last two weeks. These numbers are depicted in the two additional columns shaded in grey below.**

These columns may help in interpreting the data, they will only be calculated for Suffolk.				
Area	Cumulative cases	Rate per 100,000 residents	New or removed cases added since previous briefing:	Are these added cases more than 2 weeks old?
Ipswich	713	518.4 per 100,000 residents	+2	1
East Suffolk	888	357.7 per 100,000 residents	+4	
Mid Suffolk	329	321.0 per 100,000 residents		
Babergh	267	292.1 per 100,000 residents	+1	
West Suffolk	493	275.6 per 100,000 residents	+1	
Suffolk	2,690	354.6 per 100,000 residents	+8	
East of England	24,873	401.1 per 100,000 residents		
England	262,746	469.4 per 100,000 residents		

### **COVID-19 related news from GOV.UK**

- [Roll-out of 2 new rapid coronavirus tests ahead of winter](#) - Millions of new rapid coronavirus tests will be rolled out across NHS hospitals, care homes and labs from next week.
- [Eat Out to Help Out launches today – with government paying half on restaurant bills](#) - Diners across the UK will see their restaurant bills slashed by as much as 50% from today as the government's landmark Eat Out to Help Out scheme officially opens for business.
- [Government further boosts UK vaccine manufacturing capacity](#) - Pharmaceutical and biotech organisation Wockhardt will carry out the crucial 'fill and finish' stage of the vaccine manufacturing process.

### **Other COVID-19 related news**

- [The current Southern Hemisphere influenza season](#) - The Outbreak Observatory provides insights into the current state of seasonal influenza
- [The New York Times](#) - Reports that more than 6,600 coronavirus cases have been linked to to about 270 colleges over the course of the pandemic.

### **NHS England News:**

- [NHS Rolls Out 'Covid-friendly' Cancer Treatments](#) - 'Covid-friendly' cancer treatments that are safer for patients during the pandemic will be expanded and extended through a £160 million initiative, NHS chief executive Sir Simon Stevens announced today.

### **BBC News:**

- [New 90-minute tests for Covid-19 and flu 'hugely beneficial'](#) - New 90-minute tests that can detect coronavirus and flu will be rolled out in care homes and laboratories from next week.

### **BBC Global News**

- More than 100,000 new cases have been reported in nine of the past 10 days - WHO chief
- Lockdowns have saved more than three million lives in Europe, an Imperial College study estimates
- Global economy tipped to contract by 5.2% this year - World Bank
- UK records its lowest daily rise in coronavirus deaths since before lockdown on 23 March
- Most people arriving in the UK have to quarantine for two weeks

- New York City begins reopening, with as many as 400,000 people getting back to work

### **Suffolk**

**Mobile Testing Units:** visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/testing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/testing) for newly published dates for mobile testing units across Suffolk. These dates are for the week commencing 10 August and are subject to change, so please check back regularly. 99.9% of households in Suffolk are located within 30 minutes drive (89% within 20 minutes) of one of our local drive-through testing sites. It is important that anyone with coronavirus symptoms starts isolating and gets tested. Tests can be booked at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. If you need to get tested, but do not have a booking, our local drive-through testing sites will still aim to offer you a test if capacity is available on the day.

**Lockdown Advice:** Support and advice for families concerned about leaving lockdown and the loosening of covid-19 related measures has been made available by Home Start in Suffolk. The service provides informal, friendly family support via the telephone on 01473 621104 or on their website [www.homestartinsuffolk.org/](http://www.homestartinsuffolk.org/).

### **Key National Guidance updates**

The existing guidance is being updated extremely regularly so please check any guidance relevant to your area to ensure that you are accessing the most up to date version. We are not including in this table all the published material but some of the key guidance that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners.

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<a href="#"><u>Nightingale courts</u></a>	For anyone working in or needing to access HM Courts and Tribunals Services	Provides details of additional facilities opening to support the courts and tribunals estate during the coronavirus outbreak. HMCTS have also published <a href="#"><u>guidance if you've been asked to attend a hearing in person at a court or tribunal during the coronavirus outbreak.</u></a>
<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#"><u>PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment</u></a>	Healthcare providers	Provides details on how healthcare providers can order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the portal to top up their existing supplies for COVID-19 in an emergency.  <u>Changes made:</u>  Added pharmacies and larger social care providers to the categories of provider that are invited to order from the portal. Update

			to the amount of visors that GPs, domiciliary care providers and residential care homes can order. The customer service team opening hours are now 7am to 7pm.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<u>COVID-19: background information</u>	Everyone	Information on COVID-19 including epidemiology, virology and clinical features.  <u>Changes made:</u>  Updated global case numbers.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<u>DVLA Coronavirus (COVID-19) update</u>	Everyone	An update from the DVLA that their online services have not been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are running as normal.  <u>Changes made</u>  Removed MOT extension information
<b>UPDATED</b>	<u>Types and uses of coronavirus (COVID-19) tests</u>	Everyone	Updated guidance to reflect current advice to self-isolate for 10 days from when symptoms start.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<u>COVID-19: Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms</u>	For owners and operators of playgrounds and outdoor gyms to enable their use while minimising the transmission risk of coronavirus	<u>Change mades</u>  Updated to reflect additional requirements on face coverings.
<b>UPDATED</b>	<u>COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings</u>	Religious organisations, attendees, local authorities	Updated guidance to include additional requirements on face coverings and amendments to 1 August 2020 easings.

<b>UPDATED</b>	<a href="#"><u>COVID-19: Guidance for small marriages and civil partnerships</u></a>	For people planning to get married or form a civil partnership in England	Updated to reflect additional requirements on face coverings. Amendments to the roadmap for wedding receptions.
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### Useful Websites

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	<a href="#"><u>NHS - COVID-19 go-to page</u></a>	General Public	
2	<a href="#"><u>GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage</u></a>	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
3	<a href="#"><u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance</u></a>	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
4	<a href="#"><u>Heatwave Plan for England</u></a>	Professionals	
5	Mental health support and advice from:	General public, staff and carers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">WHO</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://mentalhealth.org.uk">mentalhealth.org.uk</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ipswich &amp; East CCG</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Living Life To The Full</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NHS Practitioner Wellbeing</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Samaritans</a></li> </ul>		
6	<p>Chronic disease self- care during COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Asthma</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Diabetes</a></li> </ul>	General public	
7	<a href="#">European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) COVID-19 homepage</a>	Professionals	
8	<a href="#">Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker</a>	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.

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Who For</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Public Health Suffolk's <a href="#">COVID19 RADAR</a> (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.

<p><a href="#"><u>Public Health Suffolk's Coronawatch Dashboard</u></a></p>	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Mobile Testing Units in Suffolk</u></a></p>	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>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></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Support from the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB)</u></a></p>	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>SGPB is a partnership of all Suffolk local authorities, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, University of Suffolk and New Anglia LEP. In Suffolk our Economy &amp; 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.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690</u></a></p>	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk</u></a></p>	<p>Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership</u></a></p>	<p>Everyone</p>	<p>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.</p>

<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 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 195, 2nd August**

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## Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

<b>Globally</b>	17 660 523 cases (262 929)	680 894 deaths (5 851)
<b>Africa</b>	802 792 cases (14 344)	13 779 deaths (234)
<b>Americas</b>	9 476 763 cases (156 433)	359 180 deaths (3 963)
<b>Eastern Mediterranean</b>	1 554 065 cases (9 071)	40 386 deaths (367)
<b>Europe</b>	3 375 535 cases (17 419)	213 284 deaths (323)
<b>South-East Asia</b>	2 131 165 cases (58 971)	45 837 deaths (937)
<b>Western Pacific</b>	319 462 cases (6 691)	8 415 deaths (27)

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