

SCC COVID-19 e-bulletin 10 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'*)

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

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Current UK Situation

- As of 4:00pm on 9th August: 310,825 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, 46,574 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 (data from pm, 6 August 2020) the cumulative number of cases has increased by 15 (over 3 days). 15 cases were added within the last two weeks, 1 historical case was removed (West Suffolk). 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	717	523.7 per 100,000 residents	+4	No
East Suffolk	891	357.2 per 100,000 residents		
Mid Suffolk	331	318.6 per 100,000 residents	+2	No
Babergh	272	295.5 per 100,000 residents	+2	No
West Suffolk	501	279.8 per 100,000 residents	+7	No – but note 1 case removed from 13 May
Suffolk	2,712	356.2 per 100,000 residents	+15	
East of England	25,230	404.6 per 100,000 residents		
England	268,312	476.7 per 100,000 residents		

COVID-19 related news from GOV.UK

- [Research study into long-term health impacts of COVID-19 launched in the UK](#): One of the world's largest comprehensive research studies into the long-term health impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on hospitalised patients has been launched, the Health and Social Care Secretary, Matt Hancock has announced.
- <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>: 8 deaths daily in the last 24 hours, last updated on Sunday 9 August 2020 at 7:01pm. 142 most recent daily admissions, 67 patients on ventilation.

Other COVID-related news

NHS News:

- [Heat-health watch alert: Level 3 – heatwave action](#): There is a 90% probability of Heat-Health criteria being met between 9am on Monday and 9am on Friday in parts of England. Hot weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable patients.

COVID19 related publications:

- [COVID-19 study in Australia confirms low transmission in educational settings](#): New research from Australia finds COVID-19 transmission rates in New South Wales schools and early childcare education and care settings were minimal, particularly between children and from children to adults.
- [How fit were public services for coronavirus?](#): Local government had reasonably good plans for delivering emergency support in a crisis and could draw on well-established local relationships and command structures. However, central government plans for adult social care had not fully taken on board the lessons from the last major planning exercise, communication channels with local government – which commissions publicly funded care – were often poor, and the diversity of the adult social care market made it harder to implement plans quickly once the crisis began. Most local services were also less resilient after a decade of austerity, and some aspects of performance had declined. Staffing weaknesses have caused problems for adult social care, in particular, while children's social care could well face workforce difficulties as coronavirus measures are further eased. Care homes, among other social care providers, have found it difficult to work effectively while observing social distancing, which has been compounded by a

lack of investment in ICT in the last few years making it harder to operate remotely. The more prominent role directors of public health now play in local authorities improved local authorities' ability to plan for public health emergencies such as coronavirus.

BBC Health:

- [Coronavirus in Scotland: Care home residents to be allowed more visitors](#): Visiting rules at care homes are to be relaxed from Monday, the Scottish government has announced. Health Secretary Jeane Freeman said up to three outdoor visitors from two households would be allowed. Infection control measures, including face coverings and physical distancing, will need to be in place.
- [Coronavirus: Randox recalls up to 750,000 test kits over safety concerns](#): The government said it was a "precautionary measure" and the risk to safety was low.
- [Coronavirus: Has Covid-19 exposed UK's underlying ill health?:](#) Covid-19 has taken a disproportionate toll on those with underlying health conditions.
- [Coronavirus: NHS England scales back private sector deal](#): NHS England has announced it is to end the deal that gave it access to more than 90% of private hospitals' beds, staff and equipment. However, it plans to move towards local agreements with the private sector in what it describes as the "next phase of the response to coronavirus". This will involve local commissioning groups paying for the number of extra beds and staff they think they'll need, rather than having access to a block of beds on standby.
- [Virus cases 'may be levelling off' in England, figures suggest](#): The number of people in England testing positive for coronavirus may be levelling off, according to a household survey by the Office for National Statistics.

BBC Global News:

- [Coronavirus: Australia records deadliest day but fewer new infections](#): Australia has recorded its deadliest day of the coronavirus pandemic amid a second wave of infections in Melbourne.
- [Coronavirus: Brazil passes 100,000 deaths as outbreak shows no sign of easing](#): The virus killed 50,000 people in three months, but that number doubled in just 50 days. There have been more than three million confirmed cases so far.
- [Coronavirus: New Zealand marks 100 days without community spread](#): The last case of community transmission was detected on 1 May, days after the country started easing its lockdown.
- [Coronavirus: Masks made mandatory in parts of Paris as infections rise](#): Wearing a face mask will be compulsory in busy parts of Paris from Monday amid a rise in coronavirus infections in and around the French capital.
- [Coronavirus: Face coverings advised in Republic of Ireland's secondary schools](#): The Irish government has recommended that secondary school students and teachers should wear face coverings when a distance of two metres cannot be maintained.
- [BBC live global updates](#):
 - Zimbabwe Covid-19 patients 'are dying at home': Coronavirus cases in Africa have now passed the one-million mark. South Africa, where testing has been widespread, makes up half of all cases.
 - Coronavirus: The impact on Nigeria's airlines: According to Captain Musa Nuhu, director general of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the pandemic has cost the airline industry almost \$1bn (£766m), while the loss to Nigeria's economy is \$800bn.

Suffolk

Queuing outside pubs and bars: **Suffolk’s resilience partners urge people to queue responsibly outside bars and pubs. Although the restrictions on lockdown have been relaxed over the past two months, Covid-19 still represents a serious risk to the public, no matter what their age. For more information [click here](#)**

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.

	Title	Who For	Comments
NEW	Guidance on holidays in areas with local coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions	Everyone	Guidance for people planning holidays in an area with local coronavirus restrictions and for people living in areas with restrictions who plan on taking a holiday outside the area.
UPDATED	The R number and growth rate in the UK	Everyone	Updated R number and growth rate. Latest R number 0.8-1. Latest growth rate range for the UK 0% to -5%.
UPDATED	Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)	Accommodation providers	Updated to include guidance on local restrictions for accommodation providers.
UPDATED	Guidance for full opening: schools	All schools in England	Updated 'Remote education support' in 'Section 5: Contingency planning for outbreaks'.
UPDATED	North of England: local restrictions	People living in Greater Manchester, East Lancashire, Preston and West Yorkshire.	Updated to include Preston in the areas covered by these local restrictions. Restrictions on household gatherings to be brought in for Preston, as the city is added to JBC and PHE’s watch list as an ‘area of intervention’
UPDATE	Coronavirus (COVID-19): providing home care	Social care staff, registered providers, local authorities and commissioners.	Updated 'shielding and care groups' section (now titled 'Clinically extremely vulnerable people and care groups') and ‘annexes A and B’ to reflect wider changes to shielding advice. Updated 'social care recruitment' section to

			include further details about the new online recruitment platform for social care.
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Useful Websites

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · WHO · mentalhealth.org.uk · 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.

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<p>Public Health Suffolk's <u>COVID19 RADAR</u> (Research Action Digest And Review)</p>	<p>Professionals</p>	<p>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>
<p>Public Health Suffolk's <u>Coronawatch Dashboard</u></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><u>Mobile Testing Units in Suffolk</u></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 Where can I get tested in Suffolk?</p>
<p><u>Support from the Suffolk Growth Programme Board (SGPB)</u></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 & 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><u>Suffolk Domestic Abuse 24/7 Helpline – Freephone 0800 977 5690</u></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><u>New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk</u></p>	<p>Individuals and Businesses wanting to</p>	<p>The New Anglia LEP - alongside other partners including local authorities - have pulled together</p>

		know what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	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 202, 9th August

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	19 462 112 cases (273 552)	722 285deaths (6 207)
Africa	884 990 cases (12 489)	16 403 deaths (362)
Americas	10 447 261 cases (156 817)	385 076 deaths (4 182)
Eastern Mediterranean	1 634 940 cases (11 489)	43 080 deaths (321)
Europe	3 562 774 cases (16 762)	216 426 deaths (326)
South-East Asia	2 565 800 cases (69 799)	52 569 deaths (961)
Western Pacific	365 606 cases (6 196)	8 718 deaths (55)

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