

Local context

Local Covid-19 data

The County Council will today (10 May) [publish](#) the latest weekly Covid-19 data summary.

The total number of cases in Hampshire since March 2020 is now 63,971 and there have been 172 cases confirmed in the last 7 days.

The county's case rate in the last 7 days has decreased to 11.6 per 100,000 population which is below the England case rate at 21.4.

There have been 2,824 Covid-19 associated deaths in Hampshire since March 2020 and 1 death reported in the last 7 days.

A total of 796,606 people are vaccinated with at least one dose, and a total of 350,760 people are vaccinated with 2 doses in Hampshire.

The full data dashboard is available on the [Keep Hampshire Safe webpage](#)

Election results

The votes for the County Council election on Thursday 6 May have been counted and the Conservative Party has retained overall control of Hampshire County Council – view the results on the [County Council's website](#). The turnout for the 2021 County Council elections was 38 per cent of the electorate.

John Coughlan, County Returning Officer and Hampshire County Council Chief Executive confirmed the next steps for the County Council: “The majority party will now meet to consider its key appointments. The Annual General Meeting of the County Council on 27 May will appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Leader of the County Council, and the newly elected Leader will confirm appointments to the Cabinet... Despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, I am pleased that the County Council elections have run smoothly during these unprecedented times, and I would like to thank all the staff in the district and borough councils, and the County Council for their contribution in the process. These have been the most complicated elections to administer, and those staff deserve great credit for the way they quietly but skilfully support democracy.”

Results for district and borough elections are available on the respective district and borough council websites. The Police and Crime Commissioner results will be announced later today (10 May) and will be available [online here](#).

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Wellbeing Hampshire is supporting the Mental Health Foundation's *Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW)* (10-16 May). This year's theme is 'nature' as the Foundation's own [research](#) on the mental health impacts of the pandemic showed going for walks outside was one of the nation's top coping strategies, and 45% of respondents reported being in green spaces had been vital for their mental health. In addition, they found websites which showed footage from webcams of wildlife saw hits increase by over 2000% and wider studies also found that during lockdowns, people not only spent more time in nature but were noticing it more.

For more information on Mental Wellbeing Hampshire, a partnership of organisations working to support good mental health and wellbeing in our communities, visit [County Council's website](#), and for more information on MHAW and connecting with nature, visit the [Mental Health Foundation's website](#).



National context

National Covid-19 cases, deaths and vaccines data

The Covid-19 vaccination daily data shows that up to 8 May, a total of **35,371,669** people have received a 1st dose and a total of **17,669,379** people have received a 2nd dose.

As of 4pm on 9 May, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **4,434,860** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **1,770**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **127,605** with **2** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **0.8 to 1.0** and the growth rate range is **-3% to 0%** per day as of 7 May.

Communities

Queen's Speech

The Government has [confirmed](#) that the new legislative programme will focus on supporting the nation's recovery, the NHS, levelling up and spreading opportunity. The State Opening of Parliament is tomorrow (11 May).

Pet theft

A Pet Theft Taskforce has been [launched](#) to investigate the recent reported rise in pet theft since the start of lockdown. It will be made up of officials from Defra, Home Office and Ministry of Justice and operational partners including the police. It will also seek input from animal welfare groups and experts in relevant fields.

Children and education

Mental health funding

The Department for Education has [announced](#) over £17m funding for mental health and wellbeing support in schools and colleges.

Special schools

The government has [updated](#) the guidance for special schools and other specialist settings to include information on the introduction of nasal swab only tests at asymptomatic testing sites.

Adults' social care and public health

Alert level

The UK Chief Medical Officers have today (10 May) [published](#) a joint statement recommending that the UK Covid-19 alert level move from level 4 to level 3.

Vaccination programme

The Government has [confirmed](#) that two-thirds of UK adults (35 million people) have been vaccinated with a first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine. The Government remains on track to offer a first dose to all adults by the end of July

Surge testing

It has been confirmed that NHS Test and Trace is providing additional testing and genomic sequencing in targeted areas within the HA4 postcode in Ruislip, Hillingdon and the BL3 postcodes in Bolton.

Environment, transport and travel

International travel

On Friday (7 May), the Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, [provided](#) an update on international travel, he confirmed that international travel can gradually resume from 17 May but broader control measures will remain in place. The list rating countries as red, amber or green has been [published](#) and will be reviewed by the Joint Biosecurity Centre every three weeks.

Vaccination status for travel

The Department of Health and Social Care has [issued](#) guidance on demonstrating Covid-19 vaccination status when abroad. It will be possible to access vaccination status through the free NHS App from 17 May. People who do not have access to a smartphone can call the NHS helpline on 119 (from 17 May) and ask for a letter to be posted.

Additional links

- NHS information on the Covid-19 vaccination programme: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination
- Hampshire County Council webpages on coronavirus (including links to press releases): <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus>
- Latest information on coronavirus: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- NHS information on coronavirus: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- FAQ from the Cabinet Office:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>
- PPE guidance hub: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>
- Guidance for local government:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-government>
- County Councils Network (CCN) coronavirus information pages:
<https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk/coronavirus-information-for-local-authorities/>
- Local Government Association (LGA) councillor guidance: <https://www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-outbreak-councillor-guidance>

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