

## Local context

### Community Transport Service

Following the Covid-19 outbreak, the Community Transport service was suspended in March, however services are now starting to resume throughout July. Hampshire County Council has created [an informative leaflet](#) and has prepared an accompanying template letter for operators to send to their regular service users. These documents provide information and reassurance on the changes that have been made to ensure that the service is safe for staff including: reduced capacity, adjusted travel times to allow for queues at stores, keeping windows open and more regular cleaning.

Regular service users across the county were recently asked to complete a short survey on their expectations of service resuming. 80% of those surveyed said that they would use the service upon restarting in July and 84% would wear or supply their own face covering. The majority (73%) of users would also start paying by contactless if possible.

### Hampshire Music Service

Over 200 Hampshire Music service ensemble members and their teachers have virtually performed 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman, the [video is available to watch on YouTube](#) and is being shared across social media platforms.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Hampshire Music Service has added content to the [Virtual Learning Platform](#) for students to continue practicing at home and many young musicians have collaborated online so they can stay in touch and in tune with each other.

### Oscar Kilo Awards

Hampshire Police have been awarded the [Oscar Kilo Mental Health award](#) for their 'PPE for the Mind' project. The project addresses psychological and behavioural skills with the aims of improving psychological flexibility and increased personal resilience. It enables individuals to manage the impact of continual exposure to difficult and traumatic experiences. In addition, the programme creates greater awareness of mental health wellbeing and breaking down barriers. The award was expected to be announced in March but was postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

### COVID ZERO campaign

University Hospital Southampton has [launched](#) a new Covid Zero campaign, which aims to wipe out the transmission of Covid-19 in hospitals. The message for the community and the Trust's staff is: *Walk, Wear, Wash*. People are urged to mirror protective measures in place across hospital sites in their own communities and follow government guidance by walking apart, wearing a mask where contact cannot be reduced, and continue following good hand hygiene. An [open letter](#) signed by the Senior Clinical Leads for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been published online and in local papers.

### Care home apprenticeship opportunities

Hampshire County Council has [confirmed](#) that over £500,000 has been invested in employment training in the first half of 2020, under a County Council scheme that aims to

create more apprenticeship opportunities in the county – with care homes by far the biggest beneficiary. The funding forms part of a £900,000 transfer from the County Council’s Apprenticeship Levy made available to help fund new apprenticeships until 31 March 2021. Of the 120 transfers approved by the end of June, 91 went to applicants in the care sector.

In the [press release](#), the Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans, comments: “One lesson of the Covid-19 pandemic has been a new appreciation of good-quality care, and investment in these apprenticeships will build on the delivery of high-quality care throughout the county.”

To find out more and apply for a Levy Transfer, email [apprenticeships@hants.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@hants.gov.uk).

## National context

### Communities

#### Recreational team sport

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has [announced](#) that recreational team sports will be permitted to begin returning outdoors, starting with cricket from 11 July, under [a new framework](#).

#### Performing arts

DCMS has [announced](#) that performing arts can take place outdoors from 11 July with a socially distanced audience present and guidance has been [published](#). The Government will also work with the sector to pilot several small indoor performances with a socially distanced audience to help inform plans about indoor venues returning.

#### Disclosure and barring service (DBS)

The DBS has [announced](#) that due to the increased length of time it is currently taking to process UK passport applications, they will temporarily allow expired UK passports to be used for ID checking purposes, if within 6 months of their expiry date.

#### Social housing

The Regulator of Social Housing has [published](#) the [results](#) of its third monthly survey of housing associations and local authorities about how they are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic. The responses indicate the sector is continuing to maintain adequate levels of service delivery in the areas surveyed and has begun work towards recovery.

#### Extremism

The Commission for Countering Extremism has [published](#) a report which considers the way in which extremists have sought to exploit the current pandemic. Through the use of conspiracy theories and fake news, the Commission has found that hateful extremists have used divisive, xenophobic and racist narratives to create division.

#### Prisons

The Ministry of Justice has [updated](#) the guidance for prisons with new information on visits.

### **Places of worship**

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance for places of worship with new information about singing, chanting and the use of musical instruments. This includes, from 11 July, small groups of professional singers will be able to sing outdoors in front of worshippers.

### **Funerals management**

Public Health England (PHE) [updated](#) the guidance on managing a funeral during the Covid-19 pandemic. PHE have committed to continue reviewing the guidance as necessary.

### **Deaths of homeless people**

The Office for National Statistics has [published](#) statistics on Covid- related deaths of homeless people registered in England and Wales between 26 March and 26 June. 16 Covid-19 victims were identified as homeless, most were men and the mean age was 58 years.

## **Economy and business**

### **Beauty salons**

The Government has [announced](#) that beauty salons, nail bars, tattoo and massage studios, physical therapy businesses and spas will be able to reopen safely from Monday 13 July. [Updated](#) Covid-19 secure guidance sets out the measures that businesses providing close contact services should follow to protect staff and customers.

### **Gyms, pools and leisure centres**

The Government has [announced](#) that from Saturday 11 July, outdoor pools and waterparks will be allowed to reopen, and from Saturday 25 July, gyms, indoor pools and leisure centres will be able to reopen. The guidance for people who work in sport and leisure facilities has been [updated](#).

### **Eat Out to Help Out Scheme**

HMRC has [issued](#) guidance about the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme, in addition they have published guidance on [how to register for the scheme](#).

## **Children and education**

### **SEND systems**

Ofsted and Care Quality Commission have [confirmed](#) that they have been commissioned by the Government to visit local areas to help improve their SEND systems following the Covid-19 disruption. They will work collaboratively with local areas to understand the experiences of children and young people with SEND and their families during the pandemic, and to support local areas to prioritise and meet their needs.

### **Nursing**

The Government has [confirmed](#) that the latest UCAS statistics show that applicant numbers for nursing and midwifery courses are up 16% year-on-year, reaching 47,320 by the end of June. The number of new applicants between January and June was 68% higher than the same period last year.

### **School funding**

The Department for Education has [updated](#) the guidance on funding available to schools with new information about costs relating to the summer holidays that are not covered by the national voucher scheme, and ordering vouchers for the summer holidays.

## **Adults' social care and public health**

### **NHS Test and Trace**

The Department of Health and Social Care has [released](#) the statistics covering the 5th week of operation of the NHS Test and Trace service. The statistics show that between 25 June to 1 July, 303,409 new people were tested for Covid-19 under pillars 1 and 2 in England and 3,903 new people tested positive. 4,347 people had their case transferred to the contact tracing system - more people were transferred to the contact-tracing system than tested positive because this includes some cases from the previous week. As a result of this, between 25 June and 1 July, 14,892 people were identified as close contacts. Of these, 10,547 people (70.8%) were reached and asked to self-isolate.

### **Caring during the pandemic**

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has [published](#) analysis on the impact of Covid-19 on caring. The report shows almost half (48%) of people in the UK said that they provided help or support to someone outside of their household in the first month of lockdown in April. In April, around one-third (32%) of adults who reported giving help or support, were helping someone who they did not help before the pandemic. However, Covid-19 also prevents some people from providing their usual role as a carer; almost half (47%) who said their caring responsibilities had been affected said they were unable to care for someone they usually supported.

## **Environment, place and travel**

### **Package holidays**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has [published](#) an open letter to all package holiday businesses due to the high volume of complaints they have received. The open letter to the sector, sets out the CMA's concerns and what it expects businesses to do.

### **Cruise ship travel**

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has [updated](#) the guidance to recommend against cruise travel following the changes to the global advisory against non-essential travel.

### **Space enabled technology**

The Government has [announced](#) details of three new projects that have been selected as part of a joint initiative between the UK Space Agency and the European Space Agency to support the NHS response to Covid-19. The projects include: *Space-Enabled Delivery Drones for the Covid Response* which will use drones to deliver medical supplies to islands in the Highlands; *Stay* which is an app supporting young people's mental health using satellite communications to reward positive behaviour and; *Isolation +* which uses advanced space data analytics combined with relevant ground information, to identify "hidden" vulnerable communities.

# National Covid-19 data

## Latest R number range

The R number range for the UK is 0.7-0.9 and the growth rate range is -5% to -2% per day as of 10 July 2020. The data is available to [view online](#).

## Cases

As of 4pm on 10 July, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was **288,133**. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **512**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths was **44,650**, with **48** new deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

## Additional links

- 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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