

## Local context

### Mourning the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

A period of national mourning started in Hampshire following the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh last Friday (9 April). Information for residents, including a link to the online Book of Condolence, has been published on the County Council's website - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/>

In remembrance of the Duke, wreaths were laid inside Winchester's Great Hall by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and the Hampshire County Council Chairman on Saturday. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, residents are politely discouraged from laying their own floral tributes. Instead, the Royal Family [ask](#) that members of the public consider donating to a charity.

### Winchester Cathedral online service of commemoration – 16 April

HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and The Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral are inviting all to join them for an online Service of Commemoration broadcast from Winchester Cathedral to give thanks for the life of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Details of the online service will be made available shortly.

### Local Covid-19 data

The County Council will today (12 April) [publish](#) the latest weekly Covid-19 data summary.

The total number of cases in Hampshire since March 2020 is now 63,126 and there have been 168 cases confirmed in the last six days.

Note that the total number of cases is lower than last week (63,164), this is because 206 cases have been removed due to a change in the way cases are now being reported. Now “cases that have been identified through a positive rapid lateral flow test will be removed for people who took Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests within 3 days that were all negative.”

The county's current weekly case rate has decreased to 16.8 per 100,000 population and remains below the England case rate at 29.3.

There have been 2,801 Covid-19 associated deaths in Hampshire since March 2020 and 7 deaths reported in the last seven days.

A total of 743,010 people have been vaccinated with at least one dose in Hampshire, and 15,301 people have been vaccinated with at least one dose in the last 7 days.

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

### Local elections

The [list of candidates for each electoral division](#) is now available to view on the County Council's [elections webpages](#).

Residents are [reminded](#) that there is a week until the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming elections (19 April). The County Council is also reminding people that once registered, they have different options for voting – in person, by post or by proxy. Covid-safe measures, in line with official Public Health guidance will be in place at polling stations, making them safe places to vote in May. Voters can also keep themselves and others safe by wearing a face covering and bringing their own pen or pencil.

## Shop local, shop safe

As non-essential retail opens today (Monday 12 April), in line with the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, the County Council is [urging](#) residents to 'Shop Local, Shop Safe'. The campaign urges residents to follow the key public health safety message of hands, face, space and fresh air, to support local businesses and #KeepHampshireSafe.

The County Council is also advising people who are clinically extremely vulnerable or who were formerly shielding to take extra care when out, and to consider shopping at quieter times if possible.

## Hampshire Constabulary

The Assistant Chief Constable, Maggie Blyth, has [issued](#) a message today (12 April) as lockdown restrictions ease further. The message outlines that the police will continue to use the tried and tested approach of engaging, explaining, and encouraging. Enforcement will only be used as a last resort, but those involved in blatant breaches of the Health Protection Regulations, such as at indoor parties, can expect to receive a fine. In addition, it is highlighted that the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams have identified areas that may see increased numbers of people outdoors, and regular patrols have been put in place to provide support to businesses and individuals as needed.

## National context

### National Covid-19 cases, deaths and vaccines data

The Covid-19 vaccination daily data shows that up to 10 April, a total of **32,121,353** people have received a 1<sup>st</sup> dose and a total of **7,466,540** people have received a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

As of 4pm on 11 April, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **4,369,775** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **1,730**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **127,087** with **7** 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 **-4% to 0%** per day as of 9 April.

## Communities

### Further easing of restrictions

From today (12 April), some of the rules have changed including: non-essential retail, personal care services, public buildings, outdoor hospitality venues, most outdoor attractions and indoor leisure facilities reopening. The guidance on what you can and cannot do has been [updated](#).

### Compliance with guidelines

The Office for National Statistics has [published](#) findings from a study exploring the attitudes and behaviours of different social groups in relation to compliance with Covid-19 government guidance.

## Benefits

The guidance for people who were receiving benefits before the Covid-19 outbreak has been [updated](#) with the latest rates, effective from today (12 April).

## Adults' social care and public health

### Vaccination during Ramadan

The NHS is [promoting](#) advice that getting the vaccine does not break the fast observed by Muslims during daylight hours over Ramadan. The British Islamic Medical Association, an affiliate of the Muslim Council of Britain, has issued [specific advice](#), recommending the vaccine and insisting it is okay to have during Ramadan as it is not nutritional, nor does it contain any animal products.

### Visa extensions

Free [one-year visa extensions](#) will be automatically granted to eligible overseas health and care workers whose visas were due to expire before 1 October 2021.

### Asymptomatic testing

From Friday 9 April, everyone in England has been able to access free, regular, rapid Covid-19 testing. Information on the tests is available on the [NHS website](#).

## Environment, transport and travel

### Global travel

On Friday (9 April), the Global Travel Taskforce [published](#) a framework to safely reopen international travel. A traffic light system, which will categorise countries based on risk alongside the restrictions required for travel, is recommended alongside the introduction of travel certification.

## Additional links

- NHS information on the Covid-19 vaccination programme: [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://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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