

## Local context

### 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.

The Service will take place online on Friday 16 April at 5.30pm and will be broadcast live via the [Cathedrals website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). More information is available in the Cathedral's [press release](#).

### Hampshire Hospitals virtual Health Focus event

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) is [promoting](#) an event for the community to learn about the trust's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Monday 26 April at 6.30pm, Alex Whitfield, HHFT chief executive, Dr Avneet Shahi and clinical matrons, Sarah Gold and Natalie Doney, will reflect on the Trust's response to the pandemic and the lessons learned.

For more information and to book a free ticket, please visit the [HHFT website](#).

### Hampshire Libraries

In line with the Government's Covid-19 roadmap, Hampshire Libraries re-opened for browsing on Monday 12 April. There are extra safety measures in place to provide reassurance to staff and customers. The 'fines holiday' which began on 29 March will run until Tuesday 1 June 2021 to allow time for customers to safely return all overdue items.

A [video](#) has been released by the Library Service which explains what customers can expect when they visit the libraries again and outlines the range of Covid-safety measures in place.

## National context

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

The Covid-19 vaccination daily data shows that up to 12 April, a total of **32,250,481** people have received a 1<sup>st</sup> dose and a total of **7,857,396** people have received a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

As of 6pm on 13 April, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **4,375,814** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **2,472**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **127,123** with **23** 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

## Community facilities

The guidance for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities has been [updated](#) on safely re-opening to reflect changes to national lockdown rules which came into effect on Monday (12 April).

## Green spaces

The guidance for using green spaces safely has been [updated](#) to reflect the new national restrictions.

## Religious services, weddings and funerals

The guidance for the safe use of places of worship and special religious services and gatherings during the pandemic has been [updated](#). In addition, the guidance for people planning to get married or form a civil partnership has been [updated](#), also [updated](#) is the guidance for arranging or attending a funeral.

## Charity donations

The Charity Commission is [encouraging](#) donors to take simple steps to ensure their donations reach the intended cause. Increased online giving is expected during Ramadan, however criminals may take advantage of public generosity, using various methods such as fake appeal websites, email appeals that falsely use the name of genuine charities, or appeals from fake charities.

# Children and education

## University return

All university students who have not yet returned to campus and in-person teaching will be able to do so from 17 May, at the earliest, the Government [confirmed](#) yesterday (13 April).

# Adults' social care and public health

## Vaccination programme

Phase 2 of the NHS Covid-19 vaccination programme has started, as people aged 45 to 49 in England can now book appointments through the [NHS booking service](#).

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) [published](#) its final advice on phase 2 yesterday (13 April), which the Government accepted. The JCVI recommended that adults aged 18 to 49 are prioritised in descending age order:

- all those aged 40 to 49 years
- all those aged 30 to 39 years
- all those aged 18 to 29 years

## Moderna vaccine

NHS England [announced](#) that the first Moderna vaccinations were administered yesterday (13 April). For those aged 18-29 who are eligible for a vaccine, the Moderna vaccine provides another alternative to the AstraZeneca vaccine, in line with updated MHRA guidance last week.

## Vaccination and blood clotting

Public Health England has [issued](#) an updated information leaflet on the extremely rare condition of blood clots after vaccination.

## Care home staff vaccination

A five-week consultation will [launch](#) today on requiring care home providers, caring for older adults, to deploy only those workers who have received their Covid-19 vaccination to further protect residents who are among the most vulnerable to Covid-19, and staff.

### Surge testing

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has [announced](#) that, working in partnership with councils, additional surge testing and genomic sequencing is being deployed in parts of South London, predominantly in the boroughs of Southwark, Wandsworth and Lambeth.

### Unpaid carers

The guidance for anyone who provides unpaid care for a friend or family member has been [updated](#) to reflect changes to national lockdown rules. It includes guidance for those under 25 who provide care for someone else.

## Environment, transport and travel

### Quarantine compliance

A new service has been [launched](#) to carry out further visits on people who have a duty to quarantine following international travel.

## 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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