

## Local context

### Governing bodies

The County Council's Governor Support Service has continued to offer support, advice and training to governing bodies, advisory boards and their clerks throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. They are available: [online](#), by phone on 02380 814820, and via email at [governors@hants.gov.uk](mailto:governors@hants.gov.uk). The service also produces a fortnightly update which highlights changes in good practice, legislation and guidance, as well as an on-line magazine, 'Hampshire Governor', twice a year.

The service has recently been supporting schools and governing bodies to understand and apply the [latest Department for Education governance guidance](#) (July 2020). With regards to meetings of governing bodies this term, the service has sought clarity from the DfE, who have stated that boards should continue to take a pragmatic approach to meetings. The DfE would expect the Chair to keep the conversation open with governors, to continue to test their views on how they wish to meet, and make arrangements as necessary, whilst observing social distancing. Arrangements for meetings must facilitate all members' needs, so that boards can function both effectively and safely. Governing bodies are expected to speak with school leaders, to work out a pragmatic solution which takes into consideration the school's risk assessment, and how the health and safety of any visitors, alongside staff and pupils, will be protected. Depending on their risk assessment, schools may choose to continue to host governor meetings virtually.

### Southampton boat shows

Two Southampton boat shows, [BOATS2020](#) and [MDL Ocean Village Show](#), due to start today (11 September) have been [cancelled](#). The events, which were expected to draw around 20,000 visitors to the city over the next ten days were cancelled yesterday evening by Southampton City Council due to the risks caused by the rising number of Covid-19 cases nationally.

### Fostering

Throughout September and October, Hampshire County Council is hosting a series of virtual events to provide information and advice to people who are interested in fostering. In the [press release](#), Councillor Patricia Stallard, the County Council's Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People, is quoted: "Finding homes for [children in care] has been especially challenging during the pandemic. So, I would encourage anyone thinking of opening their home to a child to put these session dates in their diary. It is a chance to find out how you could make a huge difference to a child's life."

The 'Cuppa with a Carer' events will take place every Wednesday from 6:45pm throughout September and October on Microsoft Teams. More information is available on the [hants.gov.uk/fostering](https://www.hants.gov.uk/fostering) website, the [@HampshireChildren](#) Facebook page, by calling 01489 587052 and in the associated [information pack](#).



## National context

### Communities

#### **Social distancing**

Following the Prime Minister's statement on 9 September, the Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock yesterday (10 September) [delivered](#) a statement to Parliament elaborating on the new social distancing rules.

#### **Renting**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has [confirmed](#) additional and continued support for renters. Emergency legislation has increased notice periods to six months, apart from in certain cases (i.e. fraud or anti-social behaviour). Evictions will not be enforced in local lockdown areas, and £180 million of funding for Discretionary Housing Payments is available for local authorities to support vulnerable renters this year.

#### **Sport and recreation**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has [updated](#) the guidance for the public, providers of outdoor sport facilities, elite athletes, personal trainers and coaches on the phased return of sport and recreation to include the changes announced on 9 September on social contact.

#### **Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities**

The MHCLG has [updated](#) the guidance for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities on safely re-opening multi-purpose buildings. The guidance has been amended to reflect up-coming changes to rules on social gatherings.

#### **North of England: local restrictions**

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance on what you can and cannot do if you live, work or travel in areas of the north of England with a link to the 'Bolton local restrictions' guidance.

#### **Support bubbles**

The Department of Health and Social Care has [published](#) new guidance on how to safely make a support bubble during the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **Volunteering**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has [updated](#) the guidance on how to volunteer safely and how to keep safe if you are being helped by volunteers.

# Children and education

## **Higher Education campuses**

The Department for Education (DfE) has [updated](#) the guidance for higher education (HE) providers in England on when and how to reopen their campuses and buildings. The HE provider guidance has been updated and the HE Covid-19 NHS Test and Trace handbook has been added.

## **School meals**

The DfE has [updated](#) the guidance for schools and councils on school meals arrangements during the Covid-19 outbreak to temporarily extend free school meal eligibility to include no recourse to public funds groups.

## **Stay alert and safe**

The Cabinet Office has [updated](#) the social distancing guidance for young people to be in line with the latest government guidance.

## **Children displaying symptoms**

The DfE has [issued](#) an updated guide for early years providers, schools and further education providers on what to do if a pupil is displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

# Adults' social care and public health

## **Testing demand and capacity update**

NHS Test and Trace have [issued](#) an update for local authorities on managing testing demand in local areas.

## **Households with possible Covid-19 infection**

Public Health England has [updated](#) the stay at home guidance for households with possible Covid-19 infection with new links on support bubbles in guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together.

## **Rates of infection**

The [latest findings](#) from the REACT-1 study on Covid-19 transmission by Ipsos Mori and Imperial College London show the virus is now doubling every 7 to 8 days. For the period between 22 August and 7 September, it is estimated 13 people per 10,000 were infected, compared with 4 people per 10,000 between 24 July and 11 August.

## **Abortion**

The DHSC has [published](#) statistics on abortions performed during the Covid-19 pandemic from January to June 2020.

## Economy and business

### Testing guidance for employers

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has [published](#) guidance for employers and third-party healthcare providers on the regulations and legal obligations of running testing programmes. The guidance is for employers that may want to introduce their own internal testing programmes outside of the NHS Test and Trace service.

### NHS Covid-19 app

The DHSC is [urging](#) businesses including pubs, restaurants, hairdressers, cinemas and other venues to download QR codes to prepare for public rollout of new NHS Covid-19 app which will launch on Thursday 24 September and will include a QR check in at venues.

### Working safely

The Government has [updated](#) the working safely guidance to align with the 9 September social distancing measure.

### Impact on the economy

The Office for National Statistics has [published](#) an analysis of monthly growth for the production and services industries between June 2020 and July 2020, highlighting the impact from Covid-19.

## Environment, transport and travel

### Safer public places – urban centres and green spaces

The MHCLG has [updated](#) the guidance on safer public places to provide the owners and operators urban centres and green spaces with information and examples of measures that may be undertaken to adapt and manage public spaces in order to help social distancing.

### International travel

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has [issued](#) an update stating that French Polynesia, Hungary, Reunion and mainland Portugal (not including Madeira and the Azores) are no longer on the travel advice exemptions list. People arriving in England from these destinations from 4am Saturday 12 September will need to self-isolate for 2 weeks. Sweden has been added to the travel advice exemptions list.

## National Covid-19 data

As of 4pm on 11 September, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was **361,677**. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **3,539**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **41,614**, with **6** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **1.0-1.2** and the growth rate range is **-1% to +3%** per day as of 11 September.

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## 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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