

Local context

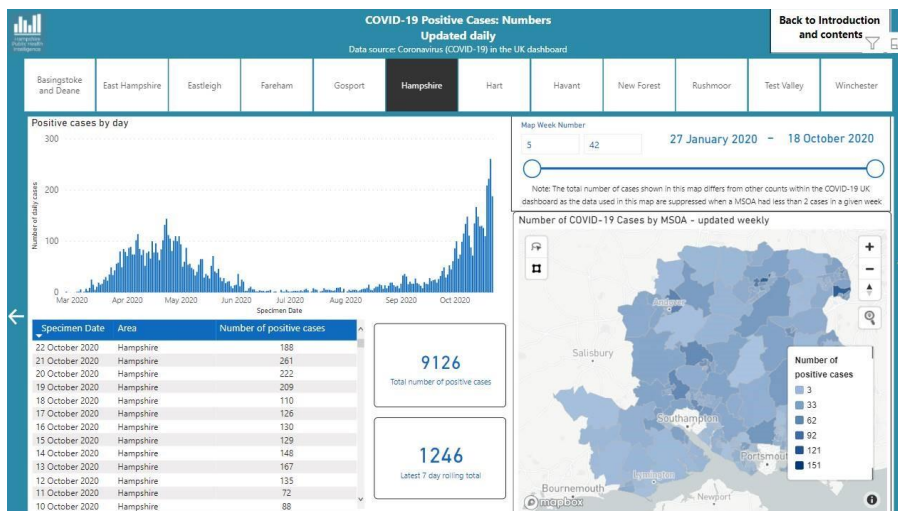
New Covid-19 local data dashboard

Public Health Hampshire has added further Covid-19 data and information to the JSNA webpages. The new dashboard presents the number of positive Covid-19 tests, case rates and the weekly deaths for each district in Hampshire. The dashboard has three main pages:

- Positive Cases: Numbers - This presents the number of people with a lab-confirmed positive Covid-19 test on or up to the specimen date or reporting date (depending on availability) for the district. It also includes a map shows the weekly number of cases by Middle Super Output Area.
- Positive Cases: Rates – presents the 7-day rolling positive cases rate per 100,000 population and a cumulative rate since the pandemic began.
- Mortality - The number of deaths by week of occurrence and place of death.

Due to daily changes and fluctuations in the data, it is important to consider the trend and how this trend is changing when looking at the data.

Access the dashboard [online here](#).



Local support for families in need in Hampshire this half-term

Hampshire County Council is working with partners to immediately distribute £150,000 of funding which the Authority [announced](#) on Monday (26 October) to support food banks and charities that are helping support the most vulnerable families in Hampshire this half-term.

In the [press release](#), the Executive Member for Communities, Partnerships and External Affairs, Councillor Andrew Joy, is quoted: “We are very grateful for the support of the voluntary sector in helping us to reach the families in most need. In particular, our thanks go to Community First who will distribute this funding via the established local networks. This will ensure that the money is targeted and allocated swiftly to existing food assistance projects and organisations across Hampshire.”

Any vulnerable family in need of support with food at this time can visit the [Hampshire County Council webpages](#) where they will find local contact details for their nearest source of support.

Testing sites

New Covid-19 Local Testing Sites are due to open in Aldershot and Winchester this week. The walk-through, appointment only LTS facilities are located at Parsons Barracks Car Park (Aldershot) and Worthy Lane Car Park (Winchester).

The indicative start date for testing at both locations is Thursday 29 October, with appointments booked online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

A total of [five new Local Testing Sites](#) are being established in Hampshire this autumn, to enhance testing capacity, help control the virus and support the health of residents.

The provision and availability of testing is led by the Department of Health and Social Care. Hampshire County Council, working closely with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum partners, is responsible for arranging the testing locations in the area. The County Council is working closely with District partners, to ensure that communities and residents are appropriately informed about the establishment of Local Testing Sites in their area.

Halloween

Hampshire County Council is offering advice and tips to families on how to safely enjoy Halloween this year. In the press release, the Director of Public Health, Simon Bryant, is quoted: “Local coronavirus infection rates are on the rise, and Hampshire’s Covid alert level is at Medium. This means that whatever your plans for half-term and Halloween, we must all continue to observe social distancing, keep washing our hands frequently, and wear a face covering wherever required to do so. Anyone wishing to meet others should follow the Rule of Six.”

The County Council has also produced a short and informative animation, aimed at families, which suggests alternative activities to stay safe at home this Halloween.



National context

Communities

NHS Test and Trace in the workplace

The Department of Health and Social Care has [updated](#) the guidance on NHS Test and Trace for employers, businesses and workers to reflect employers' legal duties around staff who are self-isolating.

Town Deals

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has [announced](#) the first seven towns which have been offered funding to boost regeneration - The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced the first seven towns which have been offered funding to boost regeneration - Barrow-in-Furness, Blackpool, Darlington, Peterborough, Norwich, Torquay and Warrington. Although the funding was announced in July 2019, it is now being linked to Covid-19 recovery.

Black and Asian family helpline

A [Black and Asian family Covid-19 helpline](#) and webchat facility has been set up by Barnardo's, encouraging children, young people and families from these communities who have been impacted by Covid-19 to speak about their worries and stresses. It provides therapeutic support, as well as signposting to other organisations who can provide further help.

Children and education

Remote education lesson plans

The Department for Education (DfE) has [published](#) guidance on lesson plans shared by

schools to help teachers adapt their practice for remote education. DfE is also offering several school-led [webinars](#) on remote education to help share good practice.

Childcare and early years providers survey

A survey of childcare and early years providers, assessing their response to the Covid-19 pandemic, has been [published](#) by DfE. The survey noted that 76% of group-based childcare providers had made use of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme since the pandemic started and the majority of those open at the time of the survey had around half of the attendance they normally would. At the time of the survey, only around half of providers felt it was financially sustainable to open for another year or longer.

Exemptions for adopters

The new regulations setting out the three tiers of Covid-19 restrictions provide exceptions to the rule of six and the rule of household mixing for the purposes of prospective adopters (including their household) meeting children who may be placed with them. This aims to prevent unnecessary delays to children moving in with their adoptive family.

Adults' social care and public health

REACT-2

The Imperial College London and Ipsos MORI have published the latest results of real-time assessment of community transmission from their antibody study, REACT-2. The findings show the number of people with antibodies fell by 26.5% over 3 months, suggesting antibodies reduce in the weeks or months after a person is infected.

Economy and business

Financial support for businesses

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance on financial support for businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic with further details about the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme grant extension.

Environment, transport and travel

Active travel

Highways authorities have received a letter from the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps. The letter outlines concerns with some of the schemes that were funded through the Covid-19 emergency active travel fund. The letter also highlights the importance of a timely decision on the allocations for the next tranche of funding.

National Covid-19 data

As of 4pm on 27 October, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was 917,575. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was 22,885. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was 45,365, with 367 deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is 1.2-1.4 and the growth rate range is +3% to +6% per day as of 23 October.

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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