

Local context

Local Covid-19 data

The County Council will today (8 March) [publish](#) the latest weekly Covid-19 data summary. Hampshire is seeing a continued steady decrease in the number of positive cases but is urging residents to keep following the rules.

The total number of cases in Hampshire since March 2020 is now 61,465 and there have been 528 cases confirmed in the last seven days.

The county's current weekly case rate has decreased to 41.9 per 100,000 population and remains below the England case rate at 69.9.

There have been 2,635 Covid-19 associated deaths in Hampshire since March 2020 and 72 deaths reported in the last seven days.

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

Schools

As schools open to all pupils from today (8 March), the County Council is reminding pupils and their families to follow the government guidance to keep themselves and others safe. Watch the short and informative [video](#), and view related social media posts on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

To support the safe return to education - parents, carers and anyone in a support or childcare bubble with school staff or a pupil - can collect test kits to use at home, and government advice is that households test themselves twice each week. More information on preparing for a safe return to school, including lateral flow testing, is available [online](#).



Translated materials

The County Council continues to add resources to its [online hub for Covid-19 materials](#) in alternative languages and accessible formats. The webpage has links to translated materials from NHS and government covering a wide range of guidance, including information about test and trace, support for the clinically extremely vulnerable and the Covid-19 vaccination. It also includes British Sign Language resources and alternative language social media assets from Public Health England, which can be downloaded for community use.

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National context

National Covid-19 cases, deaths and vaccines data

The Covid-19 vaccination daily data shows that up to 6 March, a total of **22,213,112** people have received the 1st dose and a total of **1,122,402** people have received the 2nd dose.

As of 8pm on 7 March, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **4,218,520** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **5,177**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **124,501** with **82** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **0.7 – 0.9** and the growth rate range **-5% to -3%** per day as of 5 March.

Communities

May elections

The Electoral Commission has [published](#) guidance to support candidates and agents through election activities during the pandemic ahead of the May 2021 elections. The guidance covers all

aspects of the electoral process from briefing candidates to the declaration of results, except for campaigning. Specific [guidance on campaigning](#) was published by the Cabinet Office at the end of last week. In addition, the LGA has relaunched the [LGA Election May 2021 Hub](#).

Gender Equality Advisory Council

The Government has [announced](#) the creation of a new advisory council – led by Liz Truss at ministerial level – to drive the UK’s gender equality work at the G7. The Gender Equality Advisory Council will produce recommendations to drive women’s empowerment across the world with the aim of ensuring women are at the centre of the Government’s build back better agenda during recovery from Covid-19.

Children and education

Local restrictions in education

The Department for Education has [issued](#) new guidance outlining how education and childcare settings can prepare for local restrictions to help contain community transmission of Covid-19.

Adults’ social care and public health

Care home visiting

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance on care home visiting in England.

The guidance applies from today (8 March) and replaces previous guidance on care home visiting. It applies to care homes for working age and older adults.

Lateral flow testing in care settings

The Department of Health and Social Care has [issued](#) guidance outlining how adult social care services can prepare and manage rapid lateral flow tests on site.

Vaccination programme

The NHS has [confirmed](#) that people aged 56 to 59 are now being invited to book a Covid-19 vaccination this week.

Economy, business and finance

Pavement licences

The Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick, has [announced](#) that he intends to extend pavement licences for a further 12 months with the aim of helping the hospitality industry recover once lockdown restrictions are lifted – subject to parliamentary approval. [online here](#)

Regular workplace testing

The Department of Health and Social Care has [announced](#) that workplace testing is now available to all businesses, including those with fewer than 50 employees. Businesses have until 31 March to register for the scheme, which will remain free until the end of June.

Additional links

- NHS information on the Covid-19 vaccination programme: 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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