

## Local context

### National lockdown and service updates

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Keith Mans, is urging Hampshire residents to continue complying with government guidance to ensure “we can get back to local decision making” and get out of lockdown after 2 December. The [press release](#) confirms that Hampshire is well prepared to respond to the changes in circumstances, both to protect the health and wellbeing of local residents, as well as to ensure the ongoing provision of vital essential services, including education, highways maintenance, waste recycling and support for the most vulnerable.

The County Council continues to respond to new national guidance and will update its [webpages](#) with information on any further changes to services. Press releases will also be issued on key topics when updates are available, these are published on the [news pages](#).

### Support for vulnerable residents

Hampshire County Council has issued a checklist (image below) for vulnerable residents to help them stay safe during this upcoming period of enhanced national restrictions.

Individuals who are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable can access support by:

- Registering online via [www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support) as detailed in the letter from government
- Requesting a call from Hampshire County Council via an [online request form](#)

Those unable to register online, will receive either a text message, email or letter from the County Council and be asked to confirm their support needs.

Anyone who needs help can also call the [Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline](#) on **0333 370 4000**. The helpline is open 9am to 5pm weekdays and to support the national restrictions, will also be open on Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November and Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 November from 9am to 5pm.

## Advice for clinically extremely vulnerable people



Current alert level in Hampshire:

National restrictions



**Social contact** – stay at home as much as possible, and try to stay 2 metres away from other people, including those within your household or support bubble



**Shopping** – ask your family and friends to collect items for you or order online



**Travel** – avoid all non-essential journeys by private or public transport



**Work** – work from home, but if this is not possible, seek further advice from your employer



**Staying active** – you can continue to take regular exercise outdoors, taking care to stay safe



**Accessing care and support** – continue to access any care, medical services and essential or urgent care when you need to



**Mental health** – take steps to look after your mental health and seek help from a health professional if needed



**Support and advice** – look out for contact from the County Council asking if you need extra support, or you can register at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-shielding-support)

Call the Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline if you need help on **0333 370 4000**

Other people who may be at greater risk – if you are over 60, or have health conditions that make you vulnerable, you may find this advice helpful

## Meals on wheels

The County Council is [reminding](#) residents that the Meals on Wheels service continues to provide essential nutrition and social contact to its users. In response to the impact of Covid-19, the eligibility criteria has been temporarily broadened to include those who are under 55 years, classed as highly vulnerable to the virus, unable to leave the house and unable to reheat a pre-prepared meal. Further information is available on [our Meals on Wheels pages](#).

## Remembrance Day

Due to new national restrictions, the County Council is [asking](#) residents to pay their respects on Remembrance Day safely and stay at home where possible. The County Council will be commemorating all those who have fallen in conflict virtually through a special remembrance video for 2020.

On Wednesday 11 November, residents will be able to go online and join the County Council in paying their respects to those who have fallen. The video will be available to view on the County Council's social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#)) and on the [County Council's website](#).

## #stayloyalstaylocal

Hampshire County Council is [urging](#) people to support local businesses during the second national lockdown by shopping locally where possible. The County Council is also supporting [Hampshire Fare's initiative](#) to buy one local gift this Christmas as part of its ongoing campaign #stayloyalstaylocal.

## Enjoy Summer Safely - 'Unlock Summer' evaluation

Earlier this year, a successful bid for Government funding, led by [Visit Hampshire](#), the County Council's tourism promotion service, resulted in a £300,000 campaign funded by the Cabinet Office - to encourage visitors to Hampshire for day trips and overnight stays.

Hampshire County Council collaborated on the bid with a number of partners - Portsmouth City Council, Go! Southampton BID, Go New Forest CIC, Winchester City Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, East Hampshire District Council, Havant Borough Council, and the South Downs National Park Authority. The Isle of Wight was also successful in winning funding, meaning that 12% of the total spend available in England was targeted on supporting the local tourism economies of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The resulting campaign used billboards, print advertising (including half page adverts in the Sunday Times and the Observer) and social media centred on two geographic areas - Hampshire residents and visitors within a 2-hour drive time. Over 2.3 million people saw the billboard adverts during the four week campaign, with the Visit Hampshire website page attracting 176,000 visitors during that time – a 75% increase year on year, and the campaign landing web page attracted 117,000 visitors – an increase of 876% compared with the same period the previous year month.

## National context

### Communities

#### **Rough sleeping**

The Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick, has [announced](#) a new £15 million scheme to protect rough sleepers this winter, which will run alongside the ‘Everyone In’ campaign. The scheme called the ‘Protect Programme’ will mean that areas with high numbers of rough sleepers will receive extra targeted support to provide accommodation for those currently sleeping rough.

#### **Prisons**

The Government has [confirmed](#) that they are taking further action within prisons to stop the spread of infection. Actions include: introducing routine testing of frontline staff and prisoners who transfer from court or other prisons; increasing the availability of PPE and; temporarily stopping social visits for adult prisoners in in line with the new national restrictions, however, visits for compassionate reasons, visits to children in custody and official or legal visits will continue.

#### **Renters**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has [announced](#) additional protection for renters while the national restrictions are in place. Evictions will not be enforced whilst national restrictions are in place and they will not be enforced by bailiffs until 11 January 2021 at the earliest.

### Children and education

#### **Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak**

The Department for Education (DfE) has [updated](#) the guidance on what schools will need to do during the Covid-19 outbreak to reflect new national restrictions guidance.

#### **Education and childcare settings**

The DfE has [published](#) new guidance on the new national restrictions to control the spread of Covid-19 and the impact on education, childcare and children’s social care settings.

### **EdTech Week**

The EdTech Demonstrator Network are hosting [EdTech Week](#) between 9 - 14 November. This free virtual event will aim to support teaching staff and leaders from schools and colleges in bringing technology into the classroom and using it remotely.

## **Adults' social care and public health**

### **NHS Test and Trace**

The Department of Health and Social Care has [released](#) the latest figures on NHS Test and Trace which reveal more than 10 million people in the UK have now been tested at least once.

### **General practice and community pharmacy staff**

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care, Jo Churchill, has [written](#) letters of thanks to GPs, general practice staff, community pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and their teams for their work throughout the pandemic.

## **Economy, business and finance**

### **Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme**

Yesterday (5 November), the Government [announced](#) a five-month extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) scheme until the end of March 2021. It was also announced that the support provided through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) will be increased, with the third grant covering November to January calculated at 80% of average trading profits, up to a maximum of £7,500 (was previously 55% of profits).

### **Food businesses**

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance for all workplaces involved in the manufacturing, processing, warehousing, picking, packaging, retailing and service of food in line with the new national restrictions commencing on 5 November.

## **Environment, transport and travel**

### **Travel corridors**

The Department for Transport has [announced](#) that Denmark has been removed from the travel corridor list. Passengers arriving into the UK from Denmark from 4am on Friday 6 November 2020 (today) will need to self-isolate for 14 days by law.

In addition, Germany and Sweden have been removed from the list of UK travel corridors. Passengers from these countries who arrive from 4am Saturday 7 November, will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

## National Covid-19 data

As of 4pm on 6 November, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **1,146,484** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **23,287**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **48,475**, with **355** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **1.1-1.3** and the growth rate range is **+2% to +4%** per day as of 6 November.

## 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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