

Local context

Keep Hampshire Safe - self-isolation campaign

The County Council has released a new campaign to inform residents when they should self-isolate to reduce the spread of Covid-19. A short and informative animation clearly and concisely outlines the Government guidance. The [video](#) will be promoted across social media platforms, including YouTube and Facebook this month.

HHFT maternity departments

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) has [announced](#) that partners of women being cared for by HHFT's maternity teams will be able to attend additional appointments from this week. After initially allowing one other person to attend the obstetric ultrasound scan at 12 and 20 weeks, the decision has been made to welcome partners back into the booking, additional scan appointments and antenatal clinics. Guidelines remain in place for people entering hospitals to ensure the safety of patients and staff, including following social distancing measures, wearing a face mask and regular hand washing.

Hampshire schools

Attendance at Hampshire schools remains exceptionally good and above the national average. The latest figures (1 October) show that 96% of primary aged children are in school, compared to 93% nationally. 92% of secondary school pupils are in school, compared to 86% nationally.

The County Council has developed a range of assets to support schools to stay Covid safe. A flowchart outlining 'when to send your child to school' has been added to the [Covid-19 schools' webpage](#) and has been circulated to schools for them to distribute more widely. In addition, a poster has been created which can be displayed on school grounds to remind parents and carers to continue to maintain social distancing when dropping off and picking up children.

When to send your child to school

SAFE This flow chart may not cover all scenarios. Please refer to detailed guidance at nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus

Does your child/household member have one or more of the following common coronavirus symptoms?

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

YES

Do not send your child to school. Arrange for them/household member to be tested at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119. Notify school.

Self isolate child at home until test result is received. If test is positive, tell school at once.

Unless advised otherwise by a health professional, your child should self isolate for 10 days from the first day they had symptoms. Your child should self isolate for 14 days if a household member has symptoms.

Child can return to school if:

- child/household member test is negative,
- self-isolation period is over,
- if child is well enough.

NO

Does your child have symptoms? For example, sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, vomiting and diarrhoea.

YES

If your child is too ill to attend school, tell your school. They can return to school when well enough to do so.

Not sure? Search NHS advice: Is my child too ill to go to school? If further medical help is needed, contact your local pharmacy or GP.

Only use NHS 111 (phone) or for an urgent medical problem or if you are unsure what to do.

Do not get your child tested unless they have one or more coronavirus symptoms.

NO

Send your child to school.

Further guidance and help

Search nhs.uk/coronavirus for guidance on what your test result means and on self isolate.

Hampshire helpline if you feel you need support to self isolate: 0233 379 4000

Hampshire County Council hants.gov.uk/coronavirus

Make space

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When dropping off and picking up children

Let's work together to keep our children and communities COVID-safe

Hampshire County Council hants.gov.uk/coronavirus

National context

Prime Minister's statement – 30 September

On Wednesday 30 September, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, chaired a Covid-19 televised press conference. In his [statement](#), Johnson provided an update on the rate of infection, confirmed that the Government is on track to meet the target of 500,000 tests a day by the end of October, explained why the Government announced the package of restrictions and stronger enforcement last week, and paid a particular tribute to students and assured them that plans are being put in place to allow them to go home safely for Christmas.

The slides and datasets to accompany the press conference are available to [view online](#).

Communities

Local restrictions

The Government has [confirmed](#) further restrictions in parts of the North East and North West in response to rising infection rates. Residents will be restricted by law from mixing with people outside their household in any indoor setting.

Coronavirus Act

The Department of Health and Social Care has [issued](#) the third two-monthly report on which powers in the Coronavirus Act 2020 are currently active.

Sport and recreation

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation to include additions to elite sport – return to cross border competition guidance, including FAQs.

Children and education

Remote education support

The Department for Education has [announced](#) extra resources to support the delivery of remote education, including 100,000 additional devices and increased peer to peer support for teachers.

The Government has also published a Temporary Continuity Direction, regarding the provision of remote education in schools, under the Coronavirus Act 2020. The Direction means schools have a duty to provide education to children at home, as they do when children are in the classroom.

Adults' social care and public health

Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund: round 2

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed the allocations and grant conditions in relation to the recently announced £546m extension to the infection control fund. Unlike the previous fund, 71% (£387.5m) is allocated on the basis of the number of care home beds, and 29% (£158.5m) is allocated on the basis of users supported by community care providers. Hampshire has been allocated £15,615,706.

The Government has [published](#) guidance on the second round of the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund. The guidance sets out the infection control measures that the new infection control fund will support, including information on the distribution of funds and reporting requirements.

In addition, Helen Whately, Minister for Care, has [written](#) to councils to outline the purpose of the fund, which is to support adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of Covid-19 transmission within and between care settings.

NHS Test and Trace

DHSC has [published](#) the latest statistics on NHS Test and Trace which reveal that one in eight people in England have now been tested for Covid-19 at least once since the service launched. The latest weekly figures show testing capacity for pillars 1 and 2 has increased by 25% since mid-August.

Immigration health surcharge reimbursement

DHSC has [confirmed](#) that overseas NHS and care workers can now claim their reimbursement from the immigration health surcharge. This delivers on Prime Minister's commitment made in May in recognition of their work supporting the Covid-19 response.

REACT programme

Interim results from the UK's largest Covid-19 study, REACT, have been [published](#). The study examines levels of infection in the general population in England by testing over 150,000 participants each month over a 2-week period. The report shows that the prevalence of infection increased across all age groups and regions. Infection was highest in those aged 18 to 24 with 1 in 100 people infected, and cases increased seven-fold in those aged over 65.

PPE portal

DHSC has [updated](#) the guidance on the PPE portal, with new order limit information for all sectors.

Testing survey

DHSC has [published](#) survey findings on reasons for getting a Covid-19 test. The survey was conducted at several regional and local testing sites in England between 1 and 4 September.

Environment, transport and travel

Travel corridor list

The Government has [announced](#) that Turkey, Poland, Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba have been removed from the travel corridor exempt list. People arriving in the UK from these destinations from 4am Saturday 3 October will need to self-isolate for two weeks.

People and nature survey

Natural England has [published](#) the results of its *People and Nature Survey*, which show that four in 10 adults reported spending more time in nature than before the Covid-19 pandemic, with health and wellbeing being amongst the main reasons for getting outside.

National Covid-19 data

As of 4pm on 2 October, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was **467,146**. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **6,914**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **42,202**, with **66** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **1.3-1.6** and the growth rate range is **+5% to +9%** per day as of 2 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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