

Local context

Local Covid-19 data

The County Council will today (28 September) [publish](#) the latest weekly Covid-19 data dashboard. The data shows a total number of cases in Hampshire of **5,923** and **201** cases confirmed in the last seven days, which is an increase of **94**.

Hampshire's overall infection rate is **419.9** cases per 100,000 population. The county's current weekly rate stands at **8.1** cases per 100,000 population, compared to the England weekly rate of 35.7.

There have been **1,066** Covid-19 associated deaths in Hampshire since March, and **1** death in the last seven days.

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

Campaigns

The County Council continues to promote and proactively target key public health messages to Hampshire residents. The below shows relevant activity over the last week (18- 25 September).

Social media campaigns

Themes covered

- Self-isolation
- Car sharing and safer travel advice
- Rule of six
- Hands-face-space
- NHS Test & Trace app
- COVID-19 data dashboard

17

Social media posts

147,323

People reached

26,997

Video views

Example posts

Car sharing



Most successful non-paid post



COVID-19 data dashboard

28,000

People reached

Self-isolation



New Forest Fairy Festival

To protect Hampshire residents and stop the further unnecessary spread of Covid-19, the County Council [issued](#) a formal direction last Friday (25 September) for the closure of the New Forest Fairy Festival. The Fairy Festival was due to take place 26-27 September in Burley and would have attracted an expected 1,500 visitors.

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust update

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust continues to respond to Covid-19 while simultaneously planning for winter. The Trust, working with partners across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, has identified its priorities for planning patient care over the next six months as: accelerating the return of non-Covid health services; preparing for winter alongside a possible resurgence of Covid-19 and; locking in beneficial changes and tackling fundamental challenges.

The Trust also reports the success of the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire (PSEH) health system trial of an enhanced NHS 111 service, which allows patients in need of urgent (but not life threatening) medical care to call 111 and book a timeslot to attend the Emergency Department (ED) at Queen Alexandra Hospital. More than 1,200 patients have accessed a booked slot at the ED via 111 since the pilot launched at the end of June.

The Solent LEP's Plan for Economic Survival, Stability and Growth

The Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has [launched](#) its Economic Recovery Plan. The plan outlines how the LEP will work with local partners to support the economy and businesses as they continue to address challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. The plan sets out a three-stage approach to recovery: Survival, Stability and Growth.

Member Queries

The dedicated Covid-19 inbox remains open for County Councillors to submit queries, comments and other items for attention. All emails will be responded to within the standard timeframe and serious matters will be escalated to relevant senior officers.

Members are kindly reminded to utilise this resource, rather than contacting officers directly. Members will appreciate that demand on officer capacity must be managed very carefully during this extraordinarily busy time.

coronavirus.memberqueries@hants.gov.uk

National context

Communities

Local restrictions

In discussion with local leaders, the Government has agreed to introduce local measures in parts of the North West and Yorkshire and the Humber. In addition, Wigan, Stockport, Blackpool and Leeds have been escalated to areas of intervention and London has been added as an area of concern. Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton-on-Tees, Darlington, Redcar & Cleveland (Teesside) have been escalated to areas of enhanced support.

COVID-19 Honours

The Government has confirmed that the Queen's Birthday Honours list, which was due to be published in June, will be released on Saturday 10 October. The list will recognise individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the UK's Covid-19 response.

Adults' social care and public health

Self-Isolation

The new [Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Self-Isolation\) Regulations](#) come into effect in England today (28 September). This requires people to self-isolate if they test positive or are asked to do so by NHS Test and Trace. Breaches of the new regulations are subject to Fixed Penalty Notices on a sliding scale from £1,000 to £10,000 for repeat offences. People on lower incomes who cannot work from home and have lost income due to self-isolating may be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.

NHS Covid-19 app

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has [confirmed](#) that on Sunday 27 September at 12pm, there had been over 10 million downloads across compatible Google and Apple devices in England and Wales. Over 460,000 businesses have also displayed QR code posters that can be scanned using the app to check-in to the premises.

DHSC has also [announced](#) that people across England and Wales will receive emails and text messages to inform them of the new app to encourage more people to download it.

Covid-19 Infection Survey

The Office for National Statistics has [published](#) data about the characteristics of people testing positive for Covid-19 from the Infection Survey. The survey is being delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford, the University of Manchester and Public Health England.

Economy and business

Financial management data collection

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has launched the sixth round of its Covid-19 data collection to gather information about the financial pressures councils are experiencing as a result of the pandemic. As with previous rounds, the information collected is to be used for planning purposes, and to identify where the greatest pressures are likely to be.

Environment, transport and travel

Portsmouth and South East Hampshire transport network

The Transport Minister, Baroness Vere of Norbiton, has [announced](#) that local transport hubs in Portsmouth and South East will receive £56 million from the Transforming Cities Fund. The funding will support several local transport projects, including moving the Gosport bus station and taxi rank with the aim of helping the area 'build back better from Covid-19'.

Active travel

The Department for Transport has [announced](#) a new £2 million programme to encourage more children and young people to cycle or walk to school. As part of the programme, cycle repair workshops will be set up in primary schools and local neighbourhoods to ensure students' bikes are safe.

National Covid-19 data

As of 4pm on 28 September, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was **434,969**. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **4,044**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **41,988**, with **13** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **1.2-1.5** and the growth rate range is **+4% to +8%** per day as of 25 September.

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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