

Local context

Covid tiers for Hampshire from Saturday 19 December

Central Government has confirmed that the local authority areas of Havant Borough and Gosport Borough will be in COVID [Tier 3 \(Very High\)](#) restrictions from Saturday 19 December. Other parts of the Hampshire County Council local authority area remain in [Tier 2 \(High\)](#). These are listed below:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- East Hampshire District Council
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Hart District Council
- New Forest District Council
- Rushmoor Borough Council
- Test Valley Borough Council
- Winchester City Council

The decision to keep the majority of Hampshire in Tier 2 (High) and place two Boroughs in Tier 3 (Very High) is a stark reminder that cases of the virus continue to rise. Hampshire's shared goal must be to bring the infection rates down across the county as a whole and get back to a lower Tier as quickly as possible - especially heading into the colder months when people's health can be more at risk. Residents are being urged to continue following the Tier rules and to think very carefully about the additional risks associated with establishing a Christmas Bubble, particularly those who are elderly or clinically extremely vulnerable. Please do share messages posted on the County Council's social media with your communities.

The next Government Tier review is expected on 30 December, and we will communicate any change in Tier guidance to all stakeholders and residents, promptly.

Covid-19 vaccinations

Following the update in Wednesday's briefing, more GP practices across Hampshire Wight will be starting to vaccinate patients in our communities over the next few days. There will be vaccination clinics at the following sites:

- Solent View Medical Practice, Gosport
- Portchester Practice
- Brune Medical Centre, Gosport
- Brook Lane Surgery, Fareham
- Waterlooville Health Centre
- Royal South Hants Hospital (for Southampton Central Primary Care Network)
- Totton Football Club
- Applemore Leisure Centre, Hythe
- Park Surgery, Chandlers Ford

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list – we are sharing information, as we receive it, from the NHS.

The NHS will contact people in the priority groups when it is their turn to receive the vaccine. People should not contact their surgeries - the vaccination service is available strictly by invitation only.

Keep Hampshire Safe campaigns

The Keep Hampshire Safe Christmas campaign continues to roll out throughout the festive period. The latest element, *Yule Rules*, urges residents to think carefully about the risks of seeing elderly or vulnerable loved ones over the Christmas season and provides a link to Government guidance about forming Christmas bubbles. This will be shared across the County Council's social media and complements existing campaign messages which are being shared via a range of digital and offline tactics, including outdoor posters, bus sides and local press adverts.

In addition to this, a new Keeping Hampshire Safe animation has been launched on social media explaining guidance for staying safe indoors over Christmas.



Your Hampshire

The latest edition of [Your Hampshire](#) has been published. This edition provides an update on Tiers in Hampshire, as well as guidance on keeping safe over Christmas. It also provides information on grants available to community and voluntary organisations to help fund activities in their area that aim to combat food and fuel poverty.

Tips for a waste free Christmas are included in this edition, along with festive ideas from the Countryside Service on how to bring nature into the home.

Where to find the latest information and guidance

- 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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