

## Local context

### Armistice Day

This morning (11 November), the County Council [released](#) a special commemorative film to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have served and continue to do so, to defend our democratic freedoms. Watch the short film [online](#).

### Hampshire Highways

The County Council has [confirmed](#) that the Hampshire Highways' winter teams have been out on their first runs of the season, salting the priority routes as temperatures begin to drop. In the [press release](#), the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Councillor Rob Humby, is quoted: "While some people are able to work from home, there are still many people travelling to work places such as hospitals, supermarkets and construction sites, as well as young people attending schools and college, so our winter highways teams have been out overnight this week to salt the roads ahead of icy conditions."

### Registration Service

In line with national Covid-19 restrictions, the County Council's Register Offices are continuing to provide certain core services throughout lockdown, either over the phone or by pre-booked appointment.

In line with the current national lockdown restrictions, the service is:

- continuing to register births by pre-booked appointment
- continuing Citizenship ceremonies
- delivering death registrations by telephone
- suspending weddings and civil partnership ceremonies

For further information about the Registration Service, please see the [press release](#) and visit the County Council's [births, deaths and ceremonies webpages](#).

### Accessing local Covid-19 data

There are a wide range of sources available to access Covid-19 data. The County Council [publishes](#) a weekly data dashboard which contains the latest county-wide figures. For those looking for district level data, and for more regular data updates, Public Health Hampshire recommend accessing the data available on the official [GOV.UK Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) in the UK](#) website – which is a reliable source for both national and local data.

On the Gov.uk website, local level data is published on cases and deaths and can be viewed and monitored at both a county and district level. Although there are many other sources available, the information is generally a reproduction of government data – therefore, accessing it direct from the Gov UK website will ensure that you have the most up to date figures.

### Crowdfunder Solent

Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has [announced](#) that it is relaunching its Crowdfunder Solent scheme to support micro and small businesses which have had to close their premises again due to further national restrictions. The funds have been opened up to ensure businesses can apply for money to help them trade throughout lockdown, this might be for an e-commerce enabled website or other costs to help them to continue to operate. More information is available [online](#).

### Diwali

The County Council is reminding Hampshire residents who will be marking the five-day Diwali celebrations for the festival of light, which begin this Saturday (14 November), to keep themselves and their loved ones safe by celebrating at home and following the national restrictions.

# National context

## Communities

### Courts and tribunals

The Government has [updated](#) the guidance for all court and tribunal users during the Covid-19 outbreak to include information on when you should not come to a court or tribunal building.

The Government has also confirmed that family courts will remain open during the national lockdown and measures are being put in place to tackle the backlog of cases. The most urgent cases will continue to be prioritised.

### Refugee resettlement restarting

The refugee resettlement scheme led by councils has been paused since March because of the pandemic. It has been announced that the UK will shortly be restarting the programme, with arrivals likely to start in the new year.

## Children and education

### University students

The Government has [published](#) new guidance for students travelling home at the end of the term. In order to travel home safely, students in England will be required to follow the current national restrictions in place until 2 December, completing this four-week period in their term-time accommodation. The 'student travel window' will be between 3 – 9 December.

### School leadership support

The Department for Education (DfE) has [published](#) guidance on school leadership support. DfE are offering time-limited, school-to-school recovery support to schools and academy trusts, to help overcome the challenges faced or exacerbated as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak. Support will be in the form of dedicated time with an experienced system leader for up to five days.

### Ofsted report

Ofsted yesterday (10 November) [published](#) its second report on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic across the sectors it inspects and regulates. The report finds that some children, of all ages and backgrounds, have lost some basic skills and learning as a result of school closures and restrictions on movement.

## Adults' social care and public health

### Rapid Covid-19 tests

The Prime Minister has [announced](#) that 600,000 rapid-turnaround lateral flow tests will be sent out by NHS Test and Trace to local public health leaders this week.

Test kits will be issued to over 50 directors of public health (list at end of [press release](#) – Hampshire not included) across England to enable local teams to direct and deliver community testing based on their local knowledge. Each will receive a batch of 10,000 antigen lateral flow devices as part of a new pilot to enable them to start testing priority groups.

Directors of public health will determine how to prioritise the allocation of these new tests, based on the specific needs of their communities, and will determine how people in the local area are tested.

### Help us help you

As part of NHS England and Improvement, and PHE's [Help Us, Help You campaign](#), which looks to address the barriers that are deterring patients from accessing NHS services - people with lasting

abdominal symptoms are being urged to get checked for cancer. While there was a dip in referrals for these cancers at the peak of the first Covid-19 wave, more people are now coming forward for checks.

### Childhood vaccinations

Public Health England (PHE) is [reminding](#) parents that the national Covid-19 restrictions should not stop children from receiving life-saving vaccines. New [data from PHE](#) shows a continued recovery since April, but uptake is still behind previous years and health experts are concerned it may fall again.

## Economy, business and finance

### Takeaway services

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has [announced](#) that the temporary freedom for pubs, restaurants and cafes to provide food takeaways has been extended by another year. This was previously due to end on 23 March 2021, the Government will also consider whether to make these reforms permanent.

## Environment, transport and travel

### Travellers returning from Denmark

The Government has [published](#) guidance for the investigation and management of Covid-19 in travellers returning from Denmark and their household contacts.

## National Covid-19 data

As of 6pm on 10 November, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **1,233,775** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **20,412**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **49,770**, with **532** 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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