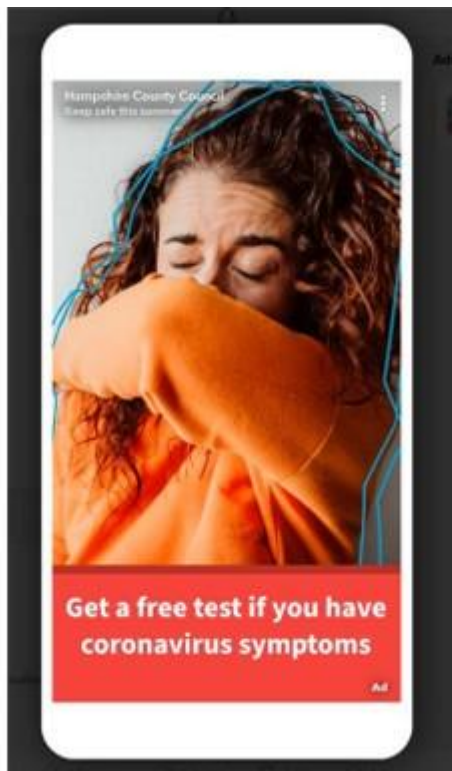


Local context

Keep Hampshire Safe

As part of the [Keep Hampshire Safe](#) (KHS) campaign, a new [data dashboard](#) will help keep the public up to date with infection rates across the county. Updated weekly, the dashboard will show how many positive cases have been diagnosed over a seven-day period, as well as how the county's cumulative infection rate compares with the English average. In addition, the new KHS web page contains a link signposting stakeholders and the public to nationally published [data for each upper tier and lower tier authority](#), and for Hampshire districts, [local data](#) is also now available.

Targeted adverts on social media have been launched today on Instagram and Snapchat. These are aimed at 18-24 years olds across Hampshire and promote universal messages that align to the Government's key lines, reminding people to follow social distancing measures, maintain good hand hygiene, wear face coverings and get a test if they have Covid-19 symptoms.



Heatwave

The Met Office has issued a Level 3 Heatwave Alert for the South East Region. Many of those who are at risk of harm from heat are also at greater risk of severe illness due to Covid-19. A [press release](#) issued by Hampshire County Council outlines advice on how to stay cool, which is particularly important for high risk groups.

Community Transport

Community Transport services commissioned by Hampshire County Council are beginning to operate again as the Government lifts more travel restrictions for residents following the Covid-19 outbreak. The first services to resume have been the Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go and Shopper services which operate across Hampshire.

The County Council has worked carefully with the community transport operators to ensure that measures are put in place to keep passengers and staff safe and to provide reassurance to passengers. Measures include reduced seating capacity, keeping windows open, and more regular cleaning of vehicles, along with adjusted travel times to allow for queues. More information community transport services is available on the [community transport webpage](#).

'The Amazing Fred'

Children's illustrator, Sir Quentin Blake, has created a new character for Southampton Children's Hospital to help reassure children undergoing operations during the Covid-19 pandemic. 'The Amazing Fred' has been designed as a theatre mascot for children with the aim of helping them deal with their anxieties, which could be heightened by nurses and doctors having to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) since the Covid-19 outbreak.



National context

Communities

Firefighters

The Home Secretary, Priti Patel, paid tribute to the work of firefighters throughout the Covid-19 pandemic as she visited Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service yesterday (6 August).

‘Frontline Project’

The Frontline, launched by StoryLab ARU, is a living digital archive collating the stories of health care practitioners and associated key workers during Covid-19. The project is inviting all healthcare practitioners and associated key workers to share their experiences from the frontline with the archive, and they particularly would like to hear from members of the armed forces community. More information is available on the [StoryLab ARU website](#).

Prison visits

The Ministry of Justice has [updated](#) the guidance on prison visits.

Social impacts

The Office for National Statistics has [published](#) indicators from the *Opinions and Lifestyle Survey* covering the period 29 July to 2 August, to understand the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on people, households and communities.

Apprenticeship training

The Education and Skills Funding Agency has [issued](#) guidance for public sector employers wanting to provide additional relief to their post-16 training providers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

DCMS Sponsored Museums and Galleries

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has [released](#) updated statistics showing the number of daily visits to DCMS sponsored museums and galleries up to 2 August.

Children and education

Appeal arrangements

Ofqual has [confirmed](#) arrangements for appeals on AS, A level and GCSE grading in summer 2020. Ofqual has also [published](#) information for students and their families to help them understand how appeals will operate this summer. In addition, they have [published](#) the final statutory guidance for exam boards on appeal arrangements for GCSE, AS and A levels.

Children’s experiences of lockdown

Save The Children have [released](#) their report on [‘Life Under Lockdown’](#) which explores children's experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. The report considers a number of factors, including family relationships, children having more time to play, children’s friendships and how they have kept in touch with each other, their health and wellbeing and provides a snapshot of life after lockdown and the priorities for children.

Children’s Commissioner briefing

Anne Longfield, Children’s Commissioner for England, has [published](#) a new briefing setting out the key actions needed to ensure children are at the heart of planning for any future Covid-19 lockdowns, including making sure all children are back in school in September. The Children’s Commissioner argues that if any local or national lockdown takes place, schools should be the last places to be locked down, after pubs, restaurants and non-essential shops.

Adults' social care and public health

Homelessness and rough sleeping

New guidance has been [published](#) that provides information on Covid-19 for commissioners and providers of hostel services for people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping.

Rates of infection study

The second monthly REACT-1 report from Imperial College London and Ipsos MORI on Covid-19 rates of infection has been [published](#), showing further decline of Covid-19 in late June and early July. The study involved 150,000 volunteers tested across England between 19 June and 8 July.

Mouth care

Public Health England has [published](#) guidance on supporting mouth care for seriously ill patients' with Covid-19 who are non-ventilated, ventilated and those having step down or end of life care.

Domestic abuse

The Home Office has [updated](#) the guidance on support available for domestic abuse victims during the pandemic to include more information about help for children and young people.

Supported living services

The Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England have [issued](#) guidance for providers of supported living settings to update and build on the previous advice, which was withdrawn on 13 May.

Economy and business

Business grant schemes

The Government has [published](#) data on the number and value of grants to small and medium sized businesses as at 5 July by local authority and parliamentary constituency.

Business loans

The Treasury has [published](#) HMT management information about the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme, Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme, Bounce Back Loan Scheme and Future Fund Scheme.

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

The [claims service](#) for the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme is now live.

Business impact

The Office for National Statistics has [published](#) information on how they are monitoring the different measures of business creation and closure to support understanding of the longer-term impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy.

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

HMRC has [updated](#) the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme guidance to clarify that supply teachers are eligible for the scheme in the same way as other employees and can continue to be claimed for during school holiday periods. In addition, the update confirms that if a furloughed employee is made redundant they are entitled to receive redundancy pay based on their normal wage and not on the reduced furlough rate.

Environment, place and transport

Travel corridors

The Government has [announced](#) that Andorra, Belgium and the Bahamas are to be removed from travel corridors list following data showing a significant increase in confirmed cases. People arriving in England from these countries from 4am Saturday 8 August 2020 will need to [self-isolate for 2 weeks](#). While Brunei and Malaysia have been added to the travel corridor list following a decrease in confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Forestry Commission

The Forestry Commission has [issued](#) an update which provides details on the their working practices during the Covid-19 outbreak, including information on how they are conducting site visits and progressing Higher Tier applications.

National Covid-19 data

Cases

As of 4pm on 7 August, the total number of lab-confirmed cases was **309,005**. The daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **871**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths was **46,511**, with **98** new deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **0.8-1.0** and the growth rate range is **0% to -5%** per day as of 7 August.

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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