

Local context

Fire safety

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service is [urging](#) the public to play their part in helping them to prevent devastating wildfires. As the weather starts to get warmer and Covid-19 restrictions ease, people are being reminded to follow simple fire safety tips when in the countryside. More information is available on the Fire and Rescue Service [website](#) and the Forestry Commission [website](#). [Keep Hampshire Safe webpage](#)

Stress Awareness Month

Hampshire County Council is aware that returning to the classroom after the Easter break may cause anxiety for some children and young people, and is therefore [promoting](#) practical advice to parents and carers to help support their children manage worry or stress and to prevent it getting in the way of enjoying school and friendships. In a series of messages during Stress Awareness Month (April), the County Council is signposting parents and carers to the Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) [webpages on anxiety](#).



National context

National Covid-19 cases, deaths and vaccines data

The Covid-19 vaccination daily data shows that up to 19 April, a total of **33,032,120** people have received a 1st dose and a total of **10,425,790** people have received a 2nd dose.

As of 4pm on 20 April, the total number of people tested positive for Covid-19 was **4,393,307** and daily number of lab-confirmed cases was **2,524**. The total number of Covid-19 associated deaths within 28 days of a positive test was **127,307** with **33** deaths reported on the day. The data is available to [view online](#).

The R number range for the UK is **0.7 to 1.0** and the growth rate range is **-6% to -1%** per day as of 16 April.

Children and education

Summer schools

Each school's individual funding allocation for providing face-to-face summer schools has now been [published](#), and schools will now be able to identify the pupils who would most benefit from the initiative.

Ofsted inspections

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) has [confirmed](#) that they will resume on-site inspections of registered early years providers under the education inspections framework from 4 May.

To support this return, Ofsted have updated the early years inspection handbook for Ofsted registered provision.

Adults' social care and public health

Pharmacies offering rapid tests

Nine in ten pharmacies across England are now distributing free rapid lateral flow tests for people to collect and use at home through the 'Pharmacy Collect' service. To help people access the service, an online checker has been [launched](#) so people can find their nearest pharmacy offering the free, rapid test kits.

Antivirals Taskforce

A new Antivirals Taskforce has been [launched](#) by the Government to identify treatments for UK patients who have been exposed to Covid-19. The Taskforce will search for the most promising novel antiviral medicines that can be taken at home and will support their development through clinical trials to ensure they can be rolled out to patients in the autumn.

Pandemic Preparedness Partnership

Yesterday (20 April), the Government [launched](#) a new Pandemic Preparedness Partnership (PPP). The PPP will advise the UK G7 Presidency on how to reduce the time to develop and deploy vaccines for new diseases from 300 to 100 days. It will be chaired by the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance.

Economy, business and finance

Grant funding

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has [published](#) data on grants distributed by local authorities to businesses in the form of Local Restrictions Support Grant, Additional Restrictions Grant and the Christmas Support Payment for wet-led pubs. As of 28 February, councils had distributed £4.3 billion worth of grants to almost two million businesses.

Environment, transport and travel

International travel red list

The Department for Transport has [announced](#) that India will be added to England's red list of countries from 4am on 23 March.

Exemptions from managed quarantine

A list of who can apply for an exemption from the requirement to enter managed quarantine on arrival in the UK on medical and compassionate grounds has been [published](#).

Additional links

- NHS information on the Covid-19 vaccination programme: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination
- 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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