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## Fw: COVID-19 Daily Bulletin - 25 March

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Dear all,

Please find below the daily C19 update. Remember, to keep up to date here <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

In the meantime, please **STAY AT HOME. PROTECT THE NHS. SAVE LIVES.**

With best wishes,

**Matthew Hicks**  
Leader, Suffolk County Council

**Nicola Beach**  
Chief Executive, Suffolk County Council

**Stuart Keeble**  
Director of Public Health, Suffolk County Council

### **Current UK Risk Level: HIGH**

The risk to the UK has been raised to high (as of 13/03/2020).

As of 13 Mar, UK is in the 'delay' phase of the government's action plan to limit the spread of the virus.

### **Current Situation**

#### **UK**

- As of 9am on 24 March 2020, a total of 90,436 people have been tested, of which 82,359 were confirmed negative and 8,077 were confirmed positive. 422 patients in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have died.

- In Suffolk we have 28 confirmed cases. However, with routine community testing discontinued, these figures will not describe the full extent of cases locally. You can view the latest UK Dashboard of cases and deaths [here](#).
- [Coronavirus: SMS messages](#) - The government is texting people across the UK to inform them of the new stay at home rules announced by the Prime Minister on 23 March 2020. This has been made possible thanks to the cooperation of mobile phone operators. The SMS message reads:
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Foreign Secretary's statement on support for British people abroad](#)
- [Briefing paper on the Coronavirus Bill: health and social care measures](#)
  - Section 2 covers the Bill's health and social care workforce measures, including provisions on emergency registration, indemnity cover, emergency volunteers and NHS pensions
  - Section 3 covers measures to reduce administrative requirements on health and social care staff.
  - Section 4 covers changes to mental health and mental capacity legislation
  - Section 5 covers other public health measures
- [Gov.uk](#) - Companies to receive 3-month extension period to file accounts during COVID-19
- [Gov.uk](#) - Government confirms £500 million hardship fund will provide council tax relief for vulnerable households

## SUFFOLK:

- **Launch of new volunteering app and phonenumber:** A new Suffolk-focused community service has been set up to support people who need help during the COVID-19 pandemic. Called 'Home But Not Alone', the service has been launched to help connect people who want to volunteer in their communities with neighbours who are most in need.  
The service will mean willing volunteers, charities, town and parish councils, community and religious groups can all log their details and offers of support on an app, while people who need help can phone to request support. As the number of offers and requests grows, they will be matched so that the right help can be given where it's most needed.  
The free app, called **Tribe Volunteer**, can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The telephone number for those in genuine need of help is freephone **0800 876 6926** and will be staffed from 09:00 to 17:00, seven days a week.
- **Children's Centres** - All Children's Centres are now closed for open access and group work. Child Health Clinics are running by appointment only from some centres and accommodating partners such as Midwives, Physios and Speech and Language Therapists to run their clinics from other centres. For more information please visit; <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/health-and-childrens-centres/>
- **Suffolk County Council buildings:** All SCC buildings are now closed to the public until further notice. If you need to contact SCC urgently please call 0345 606 6067 or email [customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk) . Please see the County Council's

website [www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus) for an update on the impact on the services.

- **Road Safety Campaign:** Suffolk Roadsafe is supporting Road Safety GB and encouraging all road users to do their bit to reduce the strain on the emergency services in the coming weeks and months, by taking extra care every time they travel. The pressure being placed on the NHS by the escalating situation with regard to coronavirus is well known – and the situation is likely to get much worse in the coming weeks and months.
- **New timetables are now in place for most public transport services** including buses, trains and community transport until further notice. SCC is doing all it can to help keep vital services going for those people who must travel - our key workers and elderly and vulnerable residents. These changes will also help ensure there are enough members of staff to keep vital services running over the coming weeks and months. SCC will continue to monitor the situation with partners.
- **Ipswich Park and Ride:** Due to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak, and in line with the government’s advice regarding non-essential travel, Ipswich Park and Ride (service 800) will be suspended until further notice from today <Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March>
- **Speed awareness courses:** All driver diversionary course delivery has stopped. More information can be found here: <https://www.suffolkroadsafe.com/>

**Useful Websites (any new guidance is in RED)**

The existing guidance is being updated extremely regularly (*and in some cases daily*) so please check any guidance relevant to your area to ensure that you are accessing the most up to date version. I will only be able to highlight new published and some other key published guidance in this bulletin.

#	Title	Who For	Comments
UPDATED	<a href="#">COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable</a>	All adults and children who should be shielded and their family, friends, and carers	Added Coronavirus (COVID-19): an easy-read guide on protecting extremely vulnerable people.
UPDATED	<a href="#">Further businesses and premises to close</a>	businesses	Added guidance on work carried out in people’s homes and additional details to the list of businesses and premises that must remain closed.
UPDATED	<a href="#">COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</a>	households with possible infection	Added <a href="#">YouTube video</a> .

UPDATED	<a href="#">COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses</a>	employees, employers and businesses	<p>Added details about protection from eviction for commercial tenants and extension of BID arrangements.</p> <p>Further guidance added about commercial insurance policies in relation to COVID-19.</p> <p>Added links to the business grant funding guidance, and the expanded retail discount guidance for local authorities.</p> <p>Guidance added for local authorities on administering Small Business Grant Fund and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.</p>
UPDATED	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings</a>	staff, parents and carers, pupils and students.	<p>Added 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing social distancing in education and childcare settings'.</p> <p>Added 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): early years and childcare closures'.</p>
UPDATED	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for UK businesses</a>	UK businesses trading internationally	Updates to guidance, including the business support helpline.
UPDATED	<p>Mental health support and advice from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">WHO</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">mentalhealth.org.uk</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ipswich &amp; East CCG</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Living Life To The Full</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">NHS Practitioner Wellbeing</a></li> </ul>	General public, staff and carers	<p>Living life to the full for Suffolk has now got special Covid modules for young people, parents, health professionals and adults</p> <p>NHS Practitioner service has support for dentists, pharmacists, health care workers, and doctors</p>
1	<a href="#">NHS - COVID-19 go-to page</a>	<b>General Public – <u>this is the only site we should be promoting to the public for information</u></b>	

2	<a href="#">GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage</a>	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
3	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance</a>	Main collection of guidance for anyone in any setting - for non-clinical settings - for health professionals	
4	<a href="#">Full guidance on staying at home and away from others</a>	Everyone	The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.
5	<a href="#">PHE Health Matters</a>	Post on General FAQs that include a section to submit questions at the bottom of the page.	
6	<a href="#">PHE Campaign Resource Centre</a>	Range of comms resources that can be used	
7	Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Asthma</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Diabetes</a></li> </ul>	General public	
8	<a href="#">COVID-19: ethical framework for adult social care</a>	adult social care	
9	<a href="#">COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings</a>	non-healthcare settings	
10	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): hospital discharge service requirements</a>	health and care systems and providers	
11	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): immigration guidance</a>	for individuals affected by travel restrictions associated with coronavirus	
12	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for local government</a>	Local councils	
13	<a href="#">Travel advice: coronavirus (COVID-19)</a>	General public travelling and living overseas	

14	<a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): scientific evidence supporting the UK government response</a>	Professionals	
15	<a href="#">COVID-19 essential travel guidance</a>	Public	
16	<a href="#">The Exercise of Commissioning Functions by the NHS Commissioning Board (Coronavirus) Directions 2020</a>	National Health Service Commissioning Board	This power will last until 31 December 2020
17	<a href="#">COVID-19: guidance on social distancing and for vulnerable people</a>	Everyone	

### [Global – WHO Situation Report](#)

- WHO RISK ASSESSMENT (Global Level) - Very High
- [WHO Corvid-19 Dashboard](#) for professionals using near real time data.
- The number of COVID-19 cases surpassed 300,000 globally.

### **Situation in Numbers WHO SitRep 64, 24 Mar** *(new since last 24hrs)*

Location	Confirmed	Deaths
Globally	372 757 confirmed (39 827)	16 231 deaths (1722)
Western Pacific Region	96 580 confirmed (943)	3502 deaths (29)
European Region	195 511 confirmed (24 087)	10 189 deaths (1447)
South-East Asia	1990 confirmed (214)	65 deaths (7)
Eastern Mediterranean Region	27 215 confirmed (1840)	1877 deaths (136)
Regions of the Americas	49 444 confirmed (12 428)	565 deaths (100)
African Region	1305 confirmed (315)	26 deaths (3)

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Public Health Suffolk

#### **Public Health Suffolk's vision statement:**

***[“We want to enhance the health and wellbeing of Suffolk residents and, working with partners, contribute to healthier, more equitable, safer, communities”.](#)***

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