

Suffolk will be in Tier 2: High alert from 2 December 2020

Government has announced as part of a relaxation of the current COVID-19 regulations that various areas of the country have been put into one of three tiers. Currently Suffolk has been put in Tier Two. This starts from 2 December and includes a range of things communities and businesses can do and not do:

- [GOV.UK - Tier 2: High alert poster with details of restrictions](#)
- [GOV.UK - Full list of local restriction tiers by area](#)
- [GOV.UK - Local restriction tiers: what you need to know](#)

You can find out more on the [Suffolk Resilience Forum news release - Current infection rates and pressure on county's hospitals among reasons for Suffolk entering tier two restrictions](#).

We know the people of West Suffolk have been working hard to reduce the spread of infection which has led to us having a low infection rate as compared across the country. Please stick with it to continue to do your bit to reduce the spread of infection which will help bring our area back down to Tier One.

The Government issued new restrictions which came into force from Thursday, 5 November

This new guidance meant some businesses had to close or others operate in other ways. The guidance can be found on the Government website:

- [GOV.UK - Work and financial support](#)
- [GOV.UK - Working safely during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- [Additional Restrictions Grant - phase one](#)

On 31 October 2020 the Government announced funding for local authorities through the Additional Restrictions Grant, to enable them to support businesses in their local economies affected by COVID-19, in particular, those who are not eligible for grant funding under the Local Restrictions Support Grant. West Suffolk Council has now launched Phase one of its Additional Restrictions Grant scheme and the deadline for applications is 2 December.

- [Local restrictions business support grants November 2020](#)
As part of its national restriction measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Government has announced grant funding to be paid out by councils to businesses that have, as a result, have been required by Government to close. These will be paid as one-off grants to cover a 28-day period from 5 November to 2 December 2020.
- [GOV.UK - National restrictions in England from 5 November: find out more](#)
- The Government has brought in a payment for those on low incomes who have been asked by the national Test and Trace service to self-isolate. Find out more on how to claim for the [Test and Trace support payments](#)
- Whether you meet the criteria or not set by Government, there is help available for those facing financial difficulty or needing support. The Suffolk Support and Advice Service helps people across the county access information or support relating to debt, benefits, housing or employment. You can contact the service on 0800 068 3131 between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or visit [Suffolk Support and Advice Service](#)

Government and medical guidance

COVID-19 case numbers are rising rapidly across the whole of the UK and in other countries. We must act now to control the spread of the virus. The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home, to protect the NHS and save lives.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why, from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, the Government is taking the following action:

1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
2. Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.

3. Closing certain businesses and venues.

For more information visit:

- [GOV.UK - National restrictions in England from 5 November: find out more](#)