

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 UK Situation

- As of 9am on 27 April, 569,768 people have been tested, of whom 157,149 have tested positive. As of 5pm on 26 April, of those hospitalised in the UK who tested positive for coronavirus, 21,092 have died. Full details and latest numbers are available [here](#).
- In Suffolk we have 936 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 by local authority [here](#).
- Government's daily press conference (27 April 2020) – informal transcript available [here](#)
 - Sadly, deaths figures include 82 NHS colleagues and 16 colleagues who work in social care.
 - Families of staff who die from coronavirus in the course of their essential frontline work will receive a £60,000 payment.
 - 42% of oxygen supported beds in the NHS now lie empty (largely due to the 10 Nightingale Hospitals across the UK).
 - We've changed forever the digital capability of the NHS. I think many people who've now used online GP consultations and online outpatient visits won't ever go back
 - Fewer people are coming to the NHS when they need to and the attendances have dropped by more than 50%. Our message is that the NHS is open. Help us to help you.
 - Press conference slides with the latest data from COBR coronavirus fact file (transport use, new cases, hospital admissions, deaths) and datasets available [here](#).
 - View past press conferences on [YouTube](#)
- [PM statement in Downing Street: 27 April 2020](#) - PM urged the nation not to lose patience with the lockdown. We are on the brink of achieving that first clear mission to prevent our national health service from being overwhelmed. We must also recognise the risk of a second spike. We defied so many predictions. We did not run out of ventilators or ICU beds. We did not allow our NHS to collapse.
- [New guarantee on death in service benefits for frontline health and care staff during pandemic](#) - The families of health and care workers on the frontline in England will benefit from a new life assurance scheme during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- [BBC: Coronavirus immunity](#) - Can you catch coronavirus again? Will it come back every winter? Will a vaccine work? Could immunity passports get some of us back to work? How do we manage the virus in the long-term?
- [Paediatric Intensive Care Society Statement \(for medical professionals\)](#) - a small rise in the number of cases of critically ill children presenting with an unusual clinical picture. Many of these children had tested positive for COVID-19, while some had not. The statement goes on to add "If you are a parent, please be assured that serious illness as a result of COVID-19 still appears to be a very rare event in children" and advises parents "to seek medical attention in the usual way".

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Coronavirus cases within care home settings: SCC will be reporting weekly on the number of suspected or confirmed cases within Suffolk care home settings, that Suffolk County Council has been made aware of. These are the number of providers affected as of 28/04/2020:

IPSWICH AND EAST 43, WEST 12, WAVENEY 14. These are the number of cases as of 28/04/2020: **IPSWICH AND EAST 209, WEST 78, WAVENEY 76.** These figures are cumulative and are listed on area basis and will not include the details of any specific care homes. These figures include care homes, extra care housing and supported housing. As a notifiable disease, care homes are required to report any potential or confirmed cases of Coronavirus to Public Health England (PHE) in order that this can be captured as part of the national reporting processes and also for PHE to provide advice and guidance on infection control. Care providers are under no obligation to report suspected or confirmed cases to the county council.

Some town roads to close during the lockdown to help residents get their daily exercise at a safe distance: SCC is taking measures to temporarily close off roads in its towns to motorised vehicles to assist local people in taking their permitted daily exercise safely, whilst maintaining social distancing. The first road to close is along Ipswich between Waterfront between Custom House and Coprolite Street. The closure will be in place daily from Wednesday 29 April for a minimum of 21 days. After this time, the closure will be reviewed in line with the country's COVID-19 response. SCC is also looking at other locations and measures it can implement in built up areas in our county towns that will allow more people to carry out their daily exercise. This could include widening existing cycle lanes and footpaths, providing temporary footpaths and cycle lanes and changing traffic signal timings to reduce waiting times for pedestrians and cyclists. SCC will consider other road closures for the same purpose on a case by case basis.

Apprenticeship updates: The Department for Education, has provide guidance for apprentices, employers and training providers about changes to apprenticeships during coronavirus/COVID-19. For more information [click here](#)

New Job Portal: New Anglia LEP alongside key partners are working to support businesses during the Coronavirus/COVID-10 pandemic. A new jobs portal is being used by businesses to find staff for available roles as well by individuals to find companies which are hiring during this difficult time. [To view roles or to advertise vacancies, please click here.](#)

Business FAQ's: There are two helpful FAQ documents available that businesses can refer to. The first, the British Chambers of Commerce and the wider chamber network put together which covers the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, whilst the other by the British Business Bank covers many of the questions raised by business in relation the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. Both can be found on the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce website: [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme FAQ](#)

Protections for companies and high-street shops: High street shops and other companies under strain will be protected from aggressive rent collection and asked to pay what they can during the coronavirus pandemic. The Government is to introduce temporary new measures to safeguard the UK high street against aggressive debt recovery actions during the coronavirus pandemic. Statutory demands and winding up petitions issued to commercial tenants to be temporarily voided and changes to be made to the use of Commercial Rent Arrears Recovery, building on measures already introduced in the Coronavirus Act. More details can be found [here](#).

Microsoft teams webinar: On Thursday 30th April at 11.00am Community Action Suffolk are hosting a webinar to demonstrate how to use the Microsoft teams platform. This webinar will be delivered by Greenshoots Learning for Community Action Suffolk and is free of charge. For more information [click here](#)

Useful Websites (any new guidance is in RED)

The existing guidance is being updated extremely regularly so please check any guidance relevant to your area to ensure that you are accessing the most up to date version. We are not including in this table all the published material but some of the key guidance that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners.

	Title	Who For	Comments
NEW	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for social landlords on essential moves	social housing landlords	Non-statutory guidance to sup landlords with allocations and during the coronavirus outbre
UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): adult social care guidance	social care	Added new COVID-19: how safely in domiciliary care Updated COVID-19: how to w care homes - Information on f simplified, flowchart removed. COVID-19 currently recomme care homes during sustained transmission, further text char additional FAQs added
UPDATED	Financial support for businesses during coronavirus (COVID-19)	businesses	Added details of the Bounce f scheme.

UPDATED	Coronavirus (COVID-19): information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses	farmers, landowners and rural businesses	Update includes: extension to application deadline, CS/ES r deadline, and legacy woodland deadline; information about certificates; farm visits and in: farm advice support for CS M details of Farming Help support who we will contact during the sending BPS and CS reminders RDPE Growth programme and temporary changes to request passport amendments.
1	NHS - COVID-19 go-to page	General Public – this is the only site we should be promoting to the public for information	
2	GOV.UK – COVID-19 homepage	Main cover webpage for all government guidance for public & professionals alike	
3	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance	Main collection of guidance for anyone in any setting - Guidance for the public (incl. social distancing and shielding) - Guidance for non-clinical settings (incl. cleaning, educational settings, employees, employers, businesses, residential care, supported living and home care) - Guidance for health professionals - Infection prevention and control (incl. PPE) - Sampling and diagnostics	
4	Full guidance on staying at home and away from others	Everyone	
5	Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do	Everyone	
6	Coronavirus: How to help safely	Everyone	
7	Mental health support and advice from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO • mentalhealth.org.uk • Ipswich & East CCG • Living Life To The Full • NHS Practitioner Wellbeing • Samaritans 	General public, staff and carers	
8	Chronic disease self-care during COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Diabetes 	General public	
9	Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested	critical workers who are self-isolating	
10	Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for children's social care services	local authorities and their partners	
11	Support for the bereaved	bereaved families, friends or next of kin	Information to help bereaved friends or next of kin make informed decisions.

Local Resources:

Below are any local resources that would be relevant to Suffolk County Council and our partners.

	Title	Who For	Comments
	New Anglia: Employment Opportunities in Key Sectors in Norfolk and Suffolk	Individuals and Businesses wanting to know what employment opportunities are available in some of our key sectors	The New Anglia LEP - alongside including local authorities - have lists and links to key employment now as part of the response to
	Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership	Everyone	The website aims to help every the signs of neglect or abuse as they are worried about a child c
	NEW ANGLIA GROWTH HUB	Businesses needing support	A one stop shop source of information government support and guidance businesses including 121 business sources of business grants and
	Healthy Suffolk: COVID-19 Emotional	Everyone	This page contains links to a w

	Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Information Hub		and support for your health and
	Suffolk County Council: Coronavirus information	Everyone	Suffolk County Council coronavirus information, including health advice, changes, business support and guidance.
	Keep Moving Suffolk	Everyone	The website contains free resources, useful links and positive stories to help people to stay active during the times. The website and our social media will be constantly updated.

Global: WHO Situation Report – reports available [here](#)

- WHO RISK ASSESSMENT (Global Level) - Very High
- [WHO Covid-19 Dashboard](#) for professionals using near real time data. The number of confirmed cases reported by countries reflects national laboratory testing capacity and strategy, thus the interpretation of the number of cases reported should take this into account.
- The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) has launched a [GOARN COVID-19 Knowledge hub](#). The hub is designed as a central repository of quality public health information, guidance, tools and webinars which can be accessed freely at any point.

Situation in Numbers WHO SitRep 98, 27 April (new since last 24hrs)

Location	Confirmed	Deaths
Globally	2 878 196 confirmed (85 530)	198 668 deaths (4982)
European Region	1 359 380 confirmed (29 659)	124 525 deaths (2307)
Regions of the Americas	1 140 520 confirmed (45 674)	58 492 deaths (2453)
Eastern Mediterranean Region	165 933 confirmed (5347)	6991 deaths (104)
Western Pacific Region	144 121 confirmed (1482)	5958 deaths (15)
South-East Asia	46 060 confirmed (2214)	1824 deaths (77)
African Region	21 470 confirmed (1154)	865 deaths (26)

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