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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #20



Dear partners

Local outbreaks and lockdowns have become a regular feature in the news and you will have seen in the local news this week that the High Peak has been mentioned following an increase in cases. The issue of rising cases in the High Peak/Glossop area is now receding and cases are likely to be back within normal ranges this week. We have also seen a small [outbreak being managed in Ilkeston](#), linked to a group who visited three public houses.

Local outbreaks are inevitable as lockdown restrictions are eased and remaining vigilant is what helps to reduce the risk of a local outbreak or manage one. I know it can be difficult to keep up with all the government guidance that is released, but if we remember to wash our hands regularly as we were encouraged to do at the start of the pandemic, cover our faces when in enclosed spaces, especially shops, healthcare settings and on public transport and make space, keeping a social distance when we're out, then we will be half way there with keeping local outbreaks to a minimum.

We are hearing fairly regularly that some people think that their GP surgery is closed or only interested in COVID related issues. Our GP practices have remained open throughout the pandemic and continue to remain open for all health matters as well as COVID-19. We provide more information on this issue in the 'health services' section below and I would welcome any support you can give to help us promote this important message as it is so important that people seek medical attention should they require it.

As always, below you will find a useful round up of local and national updates along with news from our

partners and sources for advice, support and guidance to support wellbeing.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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National update

Friday 31 July Downing Street briefing delivered by the Prime Minister

On Friday the Prime Minister confirmed that the easing of some lockdown restrictions that were due to come into effect over the weekend would need to be postponed. He covered a number of other issues including increases in infection rates, targeted measures in specific areas, testing, shielding and more. [Click here](#) to read the BBC's coverage of the briefing.

New restrictions introduced for parts of northern England bordering Derbyshire

On Thursday 30 July new restrictions were introduced for a number of areas in the north of England – with some areas bordering Derbyshire. Find out more [here](#). For the latest information [click here](#).

Schools 'must come before pubs and restaurants in future'

On Wednesday, England's children's commissioner said that [schools should be the last places to shut](#) in future lockdowns, after non-essential shops, pubs and restaurants.

New tests to give results in 90 minutes

On Monday it was confirmed that [new swab and DNA tests](#) offering results in 90 minutes would be rolled out to NHS hospitals, care homes and labs from next week.

New slogan – wash hands, cover face, make space

At the Downing Street briefing on Friday, the Prime Minister [unveiled a further three-part message](#) - wash hands, cover face, make space.

Virus isolation period extended from seven to 10 days

On Thursday 31 July, the UK Chief Medical Officers [announced](#) that the self-isolation period has been extended to 10 days for those in the community who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or a

positive test results.

Number of COVID-19 cases in England

Data [released by the ONS](#) on Friday 31 July shows that the number of COVID-19 cases in England rose from 2,800 to 4,200 in the previous week. The rate of infection for the country is estimated to be between 0.8 and 1.

NHS announces 'COVID-friendly' cancer treatments

'[COVID-friendly cancer treatments](#) that are safer for patients during the pandemic will be expanded and extended through a £160 million initiative. The funding will pay for drugs that treat patients without having such a big impact on their immune system or offer other benefits such as fewer hospital visits.

Shielding ends for 2m people in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Changes in [guidance](#) for those identified as clinically extremely vulnerable and 'shielding' came into effect on Saturday 1 August. More information on how to keep safe outside your home can be found [here](#).

'Let's Get Back' | NHS Test and Trace

NHS launches '[Let's Get Back](#)' campaign to encourage members of the public to get a test should they experience coronavirus symptoms. [Click here](#) for more information about NHS Test and Trace, including details of how they make contact with people they need to speak to and what they **won't** do.

Sewage testing for COVID-19 begins in England

Sewage testing is [being conducted](#) across England in a bid to develop wastewater-based COVID-19 surveillance.

Eat out to help out

The '[eat out to help out](#)' scheme began on Monday and will continue until 31 August. The scheme entitles customers to a 50% discount (up to a maximum of £10 discount per diner) at participating restaurants.

Statistics

As of 9am on 6/8/2020, there have been 17,515,234 tests (either processed or sent out) in the UK. Of these, 12,748,043 tests have been processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 308,134; of which 265,849 positive cases have been identified as being in England.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Restoration and recovery

Please see the welcome to this bulletin for an update on the restoration and recovery work in Derbyshire following receipt of the [phase three letter](#) from NHS England and NHS Improvement.

Infographic highlighting key outputs delivered in Derby and Derbyshire during the COVID-19 pandemic 2020

[Click here](#) to download an infographic highlighting some of the key outputs delivered as part of the response to Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Derby and Derbyshire.

Winter planning

Our winter plan will be reviewed by the A&E Delivery Board at the end of August and by the Joined Up Care Derbyshire Board in mid-September. Our flu vaccination plans has been submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement for their consideration.

Statistics

As at 4pm on 12 August 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 24,479 cases. As at 2pm on 12 August 2020 there were 1,352 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,511 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,511 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 424; NE Derbyshire: 616; High Peak: 449; Erewash: 425; Derbyshire Dales: 264; Chesterfield: 521; Bolsover: 357; Amber Valley: 455.

Sadly 5,883 deaths in the Midlands region have been reported as of 12 August 2020. Figures from 8 - 12

August are subject to change.

*Figures as reported at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/cases>

Health services

Access to primary care services (GP, Pharmacy, Dentist and Opticians)

[This document](#), produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, provides helpful information about how primary care services are currently operating.

Hospitals

Since 15 June it became mandatory for all hospital staff to wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients to wear face coverings.

GP Surgeries

It is now mandatory to wear a face covering when you visit your GP surgery unless you are exempt from doing so. More information on exemptions is provided in the 'support' section below.

Help us help you

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire has done to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them please [click here](#).

Services

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information.

If you would like to access the individual websites of our hospital and community NHS partners, these are listed below:

[University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#)

[DHU Health Care](#) (provider of the NHS 111 telephone helpline for the East Midlands as well as the out of hours GP services in Derbyshire and Leicestershire)

Partner information

Survey to understand experiences of leaving hospital during COVID-19

Healthwatch England are undertaking a [survey](#) to help understand the experiences of those who were discharged from hospital during COVID-19.

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

Mental health support available 24 hours a day

24 hour support is available via the freephone number 0800 028 0077.

At home shouldn't mean at risk

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, [click here](#) for a list of organisations that can assist you.

Website to support people recovering from the long-term effects of Covid-19

[Your COVID recovery](#) includes information from rehabilitation experts about how to manage ongoing symptoms and health needs at home, and signposts to sources of support.

Face-covering exemptions

[Click here](#) for more information about face-covering exemptions.

Wellbeing, health advice and support for health, social care and community staff

Support in relation to the COVID-19 virus is available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

What you can do to help

Help us to save lives by reinforcing key messages in this bulletin with your key contacts. This should include the updated Government message to stay alert to stay safe. Please use your social media accounts to share only official messages from Government and NHS websites and accounts as there is a lot of misinformation about coronavirus being shared online.

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Contact

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk. We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within 72 hours.

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