



# Stakeholder Bulletin

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## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #29



Dear partners

The three-tier system of coronavirus restrictions came into force in England on Wednesday following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday. The tiers are medium, high and very high. At the time of writing no areas in the midlands are in the 'very high' category.

In Derbyshire, we have parts of the High Peak in the 'high' category due to ongoing outbreak issues in Glossopdale\* and it has just been confirmed that north-east Derbyshire, Erewash and Chesterfield will be moved into the 'high' category from Saturday. Despite rising numbers, other areas in Derby and Derbyshire are in the 'medium' category along with the majority of the country.

As we continue to hear about the increases in COVID-19 activity it is worth remembering, as our National Medical Director Stephen Powis pointed out at the Downing Street briefing on Monday, that the NHS learned a huge amount from the first wave and has been preparing for a second wave.

We have new treatments such as dexamethasone and improved infection prevention and control measures. Stocks of personal protective equipment are high, there is more funding to make use of the independent sector and increased investment in NHS 111. Nightingale hospitals in Manchester, Sunderland and Harrogate will soon be ready to accept patients if necessary. All these measures combined with the close working relationships of all the health and care organisations in Derby and Derbyshire will help us to care for patients with COVID-19 and those without in the months to come. All we ask is that communities follow the basic preventative measures alongside any restrictions which may be put in place by the government.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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\*While covered by Derbyshire county Council, Glossopdale falls under the remit of NHS Tameside and Glossop CCG in the

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## National update

### Monday 12 October Downing Street briefing

On Monday the Prime Minister announced further lockdown measures across the country in the [House of Commons](#) ahead of addressing the nation. The Prime Minister confirmed that there would not be a blanket national lockdown but that there would be a three-tiered system effective from Wednesday that would take account of local issues. The three tiers are [medium](#), [high](#) and [very high](#).

#### See also:

[Details](#) on the new local COVID Alert Levels.

[What local COVID alert levels mean.](#)

Check the [local COVID alert level of your local area](#) to see which level applies to you.

Use this BBC tool to check [COVID restrictions in your area](#).

### Job Support Scheme expanded to firms required to close due to coronavirus restrictions

On Friday 9 October, the Chancellor [announced](#) that the government's Job Support Scheme (JSS) will be expanded to protect jobs and support businesses required to close their doors as a result of coronavirus restrictions.

### Help Us, Help You - Accessing NHS Services campaign

The NHS has introduced a range of measures to ensure the safety of patients during the pandemic and the 'Help Us, Help You' campaign will run throughout autumn and winter to reassure patients that they can receive medical care safely. The [first phase of the campaign](#) encourages people to contact their GP if they are worried about a symptom that could be [cancer](#).

### Nightingale hospitals in northern England on standby as Covid cases rise

Three Nightingale hospitals in Manchester, Sunderland and Harrogate have been [told to mobilise](#), ready to take people with COVID-19 or other conditions.

### How self-isolating protects your friends, family and community

[This blog](#) looks at why self-isolation is still vitally important to stop COVID-19 from spreading in our community, particularly to people who could become very sick if they catch the virus.

### Covid-19 in the UK: How many coronavirus cases are there in your area?

[Find out](#) how the pandemic has affected your area and how it compares with the national average.

### Statistics

As of 4.39pm on Thursday 15 October, the total number of PCR tests processed in the UK stood at 26,301,012 with the overall daily testing capacity at 345,135. 7,325,037 Pillar 1 and 13,563,348 Pillar 2 tests have been confirmed in England. The total number of lab confirmed cases in the UK is reported as 673,622 of which 572,667 positive cases have been identified as being in England. Sadly 38,404 deaths\* in England have been reported.

## Update for Derby and Derbyshire

### Current situation

The welcome to this bulletin discusses the current position in Derby and Derbyshire in more detail. The latest national and international surveillance information relating to COVID-19 shows that there continues to be an increase in COVID-19 activity, with an estimated 8% increase in the rate of infection per day. The age groups with highest numbers are older teenagers and younger adults, with the largest numbers in the north of England and also in educational settings. The 'R rate' for Derbyshire remains at between 1.2 and 1.5.

### Dementia Support in Derbyshire during the COVID-19 pandemic

[This document](#) provides helpful information for people living with dementia and their families and carers.

### Flu vaccine

Public Health England have published guidance on why some people are being offered the vaccine, while others have to wait. [Here](#) you will find more information on how flu vaccinations are prioritised to give those most at risk theirs first and why other people may have to wait until later in the season.

### Statistics

As of 4.39pm on Thursday 15 October the East Midlands has a total of 51,398 cases with 2,377 confirmed cases in Derby and 6,767 confirmed cases in Derbyshire. Breakdown of 6,767 Derbyshire confirmed cases: Amber Valley: 925; Bolsover: 675; Chesterfield: 889; Derbyshire Dales: 453; Erewash: 947; High Peak: 1,002; NE Derbyshire: 1,102; South Derbyshire: 774.

As of 4.39pm on Thursday 15 October, 3,033 deaths\* have been reported in the East Midlands. 230 of these deaths were reported in Derby City and 588 deaths were reported in Derbyshire, of which: Amber Valley: 85; Bolsover: 38; Chesterfield: 63; Derbyshire Dales: 48; Erewash: 82; High Peak: 84; NE Derbyshire: 107; South Derbyshire: 81.

\*Deaths within 28 days of positive test

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

## 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.

### Your GP Practice continues to be open for all health matters

Your GP Practice continues to be open for all health matters as well as COVID-19.

### Hospitals

Colleagues at the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust have produced a [short film](#) so patients and visitors at their sites know what to do and expect as COVID measures remain in place.

Colleagues at Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust have a dedicated [information section](#) on their website explaining all the work they have been doing on COVID measures which you can see here.

### Help us to 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

### Universities

Public Health England (PHE) has set up a new universities advice line to provide advice to designated university coronavirus leads.

### NHS Test and Trace: how it works

Click here for an [overview](#) of the NHS Test and Trace service, including what happens if you test positive for coronavirus or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive.

### ShopAppy

'[Shopappy](#)' aims to get small businesses online.

### DCHS Chair announced as Independent Chair of Together We're Better

Chair of Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust, Prem Singh, [has been appointed](#) as the Independent Chair of the shadow Integrated Care System (ICS) for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

### Accessing green spaces safely

[Click here](#) for advice on using green spaces and protecting yourself and others from coronavirus.

### Travel corridors

[Click here](#) for a list of countries, territories and regions from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate.

### Breast cancer awareness month

[Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#) is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. Every year around 11,500 women and 85 men die from breast cancer in the UK. (Source: [breastcancer.org](#))

### Stoptober

Stopping smoking is one of the best things you'll ever do for your health. It's never too late to quit, so join in this [Stoptober](#).

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### COVID-19 Survivors Group UK

[Self Help UK](#) has set up a new service for people who have had coronavirus and survived.

### NHS to offer 'Long Covid' sufferers enhanced help at specialist centres

People suffering 'long Covid' symptoms will be offered specialist help at clinics across England, the head of the NHS [announced](#) on Wednesday 7 October.

**See also:** [Your COVID recovery](#)

### Be WeatherReady

[WeatherReady](#) is a collaboration between Met Office and Cabinet Office and provides expert advice all year round to help people to prepare for and cope with severe weather. Here's [10 things you should do now to prepare for winter](#).

### Alcohol support

For more information see [this page](#) on NHS Choices.

### Help for those experiencing domestic abuse

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

### 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](#).

## Protect the capacity of all our health and care services

- Remember the rule of six
- Isolate if ill
- Wash hands regularly
- Wear a face covering when required
- Maintain a safe social distance as appropriate

## 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.

## Download previous editions of this bulletin

You can download previous editions of this bulletin [here](#).

## Contact

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: [ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk](mailto: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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