

Covid-19 daily update

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- [COVID-19 - staying at home guidance](#)
- **Education** - A Schools and Education Recovery Planning Team is being set up from next week to consider the issues and challenges with getting schools back to full operating capacity as and when Government confirm this can happen.
- **Every Mind Matters** - We are supporting a national PHE campaign to encourage adults to take steps to look after their mental health during this difficult time, using Every Mind Matters and self-care resources. Please share Gloucestershire County Council social media posts. Additional resources such as posters can be found online here on the Covid 19 section of the [Campaign Resource Centre](#).

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **417,649**

Total UK Cases - **103,093**

Total UK Deaths - **13,729**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **3,913**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire - **768**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire - **113**

Help hub stats

- I can offer help – **2978**
- I need help – **2096**
- Someone I know needs help – **754**

- [There is now a web page with information and support for children and families during COVID-19](#)

- My business can help – **246**

National updates

- [Councils given greater financial relief against cash flow pressures](#)
- Councils will be allowed to defer £2.6 billion in business rates payments to central government, and £850 million in social care grants will be paid up front this month.
- [Council Tax information letter – 16 April 2020](#) - Provides a brief Q&A note on the technical implementation of the £500 million hardship fund.
- Yesterday, the Government announced that **current lockdown measures must remain in place for at least the next 3 weeks**. [Read the full statement here.](#)
- [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#)

Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

[Latest advice and developments from Gloucestershire NHS](#)

[Gloucestershire's Community Help Hub](#)

[Council service updates](#)

[Make an adult social care referral](#)

[Business advice and support](#)

[Looking after your wellbeing](#)

[Support for children and families during Covid-19](#)

Your questions answered

Can you confirm the additional duties Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service will be carrying out?

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service has put arrangements in place to offer further assistance to the community, while making sure that our own resilience and ability to respond to statutory responsibilities is not compromised.

The following additional duties are being carried out by GFRS:

- Assistance for packaging and delivering food and medication to members of the community who are shielding via the community resilience cell.
- A team of 20 are assisting the mortality planning cell with the collection and management of the deceased through COVID-19.
- Assistance to South West Ambulance Service Trust has been offered. Staff can assist by driving ambulances on blue lights, alongside casualty and patient care depending on the level of clinical qualification held by GFRS staff.
- Assisting in fitting and training NHS staff in the use of respiratory PPE.
- We have converted one of our Community Fire Stations into a temporary COVID-19 drive through testing station and will be supplying Firefighters to assist with the daily operation.
- We are using stations and other buildings for storage of Local Resilience Forum PPE.