

Covid-19 daily update

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- An update on Care Home cases of Covid-19 in Gloucestershire can be found below in the 'Your Questions Answered' section.
- Help us keep children safe from harm.

Just because children are out of sight during the lockdown, it doesn't mean they are out of harms way. [We are asking everyone to play their part and report any concerns they have about a child's safety or welfare.](#)

- Proud to Care have been recruiting care workers in Gloucestershire. So far there have been 42 applications, and three people have started in new posts.
Visit www.proudtocareglos.org.uk to find out more.

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **559,935**

Total UK Cases - **133,495**

Total UK Deaths - **18,100**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **5,229**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **989**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire** - **147**

*The above data reflects nationally published data [available here](#).

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Help hub stats

National updates

- [Letter to councils about extending the statutory audit deadlines for 2019 to 2020](#) - Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.
- [Local authorities have received and distributed funding to support small and medium businesses in England during coronavirus.](#)
- [Diagnostic labs in Milton Keynes, Glasgow and Alderley Park in Cheshire are now live and are already testing thousands of patient samples for coronavirus each day.](#)
- [COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#) - updated
- A selection of new social media materials have been created for BAME audiences and are now available from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#)
- A PHE Ramadan [blog](#) has been published ahead of Ramadan starting tomorrow

- I can offer help – **3118**
- I need help – **2287**
- Someone I know needs help – **871**
- My business can help – **270**

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

Care home data

As of Wednesday 22 April 2020 GCC had been notified of 55 care homes where there were more than one suspected case of Covid-19*. 37 of these settings had at least one lab confirmed case of Covid-19. Table 1 shows the breakdown of notifications by district level, with the most notifications occurring in Cheltenham and Gloucester, which reflects the fact these districts have the greatest number of care homes.

Based on Public Health England notifications the number of possible and/or confirmed cases was 236** across all care settings. Table 2 shows the breakdown by district with Gloucester and Cheltenham reporting the most cases.

Sadly there have been 50 deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19 ([Table 3](#)) however we do not have information at this time as to whether Covid-19 was a contributory factor in each of these deaths.

For confidentiality reasons, more detail in relation to individual cases or specific care homes will not be provided.

Table 1: Notifications of Covid-19 in care home settings, by district

	Total notifications of Covid-19 at care home settings	Settings with at least 1 laboratory confirmed case of Covid-19
Cheltenham	16	13
Cotswold	6	2
Forest of Dean	4	1
Gloucester	15	11
Stroud	6	4
Tewkesbury	8	6
Gloucestershire	55	37

Table 2: Number of possible and probable cases of Covid-19, by district

	Total number of possible and probable cases of Covid-19
Cheltenham	64
Cotswold	23
Forest of Dean	9

Gloucester	76
Stroud	24
Tewkesbury	40
Gloucestershire	236

Table 3: Deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19, by district ***

	Deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19
Cheltenham	22
Cotswold	<5
Forest of Dean	<5
Gloucester	6
Stroud	7
Tewkesbury	11
Gloucestershire	49

IMPORTANT:

The data provided is not a complete picture of all social care settings in the county, it only reflects the position in relation to cases of Covid-19 that the council has been notified of in settings in which they have customers, up to and including 17 April. These figures will form part of future data that will be published by the ONS, they are not additional. More detail in relation to cases or locations will not be provided as GCC do not receive details of each individual suspected or confirmed case.

* Notifications of settings where there are one or more cases of suspected or confirmed Covid-19 are reported to GCC by Public Health England (PHE).

** GCC do not receive details of each individual suspected or confirmed case and this is a snapshot of information received at the time of notification. Some of these cases may have gone onto test negative for Covid-19, tested positive for another respiratory illness, or have recovered from Covid-19. There may be more cases than those notified to GCC.

****This data is based on a snapshot of numbers of possible deaths at the time GCC is informed of the care home outbreak and may not be representative of all deaths relating to individuals with suspected CoVID-19 in care homes. The Office of National Statistics have recently released deaths registrations data by district and setting. This data is more accurate and will soon replace the above figures.*

Are GCC and the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) talking to local businesses or the university?

GCC and the LEP have good working relationships with local universities and businesses. We have recently been given a further single point of contact for the universities in Gloucestershire that our deputy director of public health will follow up in the coming days. The University of Gloucestershire dial into the Local Resilience Forum Tactical Co-ordination Group meetings, which happen twice a week to stay up-to-date with local developments.

The LEP is actively engaging with businesses. There is a considerable amount of information on their website about what they are doing - [see here for more information](#).

Are the children at schools still getting food?

All children currently attending schools are provided with free school meals.

The children who are in schools are the children of key workers, vulnerable children and children with Education Health and Care Assessments and Plans (EHCPs). There are approx. 1500 children in the county's schools currently.

Schools are also responsible for providing free school meals for all eligible children who currently remain at home, either through the provision of lunch packs, food hampers or vouchers. [Here is a recent press release with details of the provision](#).

If you know of a household where income has changed recently, they can check if their child is now eligible for Free School Meals. Please [pass on our website details where they can apply online](#).