

# Covid-19 daily update

## Key messages

### Gloucestershire updates

- County council employees joined public sector partners across Gloucestershire to mark the national one minute silence at 11am on 28 April. They were invited to pay their respects to the friends and colleagues they have lost over the last two months due to the virus.
- Between 23 March and 24 April 2020 (five weeks) we have processed **1075** new applications for eligibility for **Free School Meals**. Families who have had a change in financial circumstances and may now be eligible are encouraged to [find out more about Free School Meals online](#).
- Information on staff testing in Gloucestershire issued by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust can be found below.
- Gloucestershire GPs and care homes are developing new ways of working

## Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **719,024**

Total UK Cases - **157,149**

Total UK Deaths - **21,092**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **5,902**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire\* - **1,112**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire\*\* - **171**

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

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## Help hub stats

to offer continuing medical support to residents and keep people as safe as possible, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. [Watch a new video about 'virtual ward rounds' here.](#)

- I can offer help – **3260**
- I need help – **2469**
- Someone I know needs help – **932**
- My business can help – **300**

## National updates

- Minute's silence for staff who died with Coronavirus - national observation
- [COVID-19: how to work safely in domiciliary care](#)
- [New guarantee on death in service benefits for frontline health and care staff during pandemic](#)
- [New guidance for social landlords on essential moves](#) - Councils and housing associations should continue to support vulnerable people to move home.
- [Bounce Back Loan scheme](#) - This scheme will help small and medium-sized businesses affected by coronavirus to apply for loans of up to £50,000.

## 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

Do you have an update regarding staff testing in Gloucestershire?

Health and care organisations in Gloucestershire are continuing to test their staff for Covid-19 to ensure more can get back to work, helping local people to stay safe, healthy and well.

A drive through, appointment only testing centre is operating in Brockworth, Gloucester, where up to 160 staff or members of their household can be swabbed each day.

NHS and care staff – including NHS hospital, community and mental health staff; GPs and practice staff; pharmacists, ambulance workers and care home and domiciliary care staff are all eligible for testing through the service if they are exhibiting symptoms.

Test results are processed within the county or neighbouring laboratory and are available within 48 to 72 hours, meaning the member of staff can quickly return to work if it's confirmed they, or a member of their household, does not have Covid-19.

This service is in addition to the regional testing being provided to key workers, which is accessed via the national Gov.uk process.

The Gloucestershire service is increasing capacity to:

- Reduce journey times for staff who can use their nearest site
- Enable better data collection to identify hotspots and outbreaks
- Simplify the process to speed it up and reduce administration
- Ensure results are received as quickly as possible

Tests are available **by appointment only**, with staff being referred through their own in-house referral routes.

If capacity is reached, other local testing sites may be set up or regional sites may be used as required.

**Keyworkers who require testing who do not work for NHS or care services in Gloucestershire can visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for information on how they can be tested.**

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The data in this briefing is updated at 9am each day based on the figures released at 2pm the previous day.