

Covid-19 update: 2 April 2020



Covid-19 daily update

Headlines

Updates in Gloucestershire

[- Feeding the county - food hampers sent to children who receive free school meals](#)

- A reminder that death registration appointments will be by telephone only from today 2 April

- Our '[Looking after your wellbeing](#)' webpages are being updated regularly to support people to look after their physical and mental health

- See latest updates on the schools FAQ webpage:

[Online resources for adults and children with additional needs and learning difficulties](#)

[School hubs](#)

[Free school meals information update](#)

- Citizens Advice services in Gloucester, Tewkesbury, Forest of Dean and Cheltenham available by telephone and email. Call 01452 527202 or visit www.gloscab.org.uk to complete an enquiry form. The website also provides online advice

Daily stats

Total UK Tests -
152,979

Total UK Cases - **29,474**

Total UK Deaths - **2,352**

Total Confirmed Cases
in South West - **733**

Total Confirmed Cases
in Gloucestershire - **172**

Total Deaths in
Gloucestershire - **13***

*publicly available data
on deaths in NHS
Trusts, based on where
the patient died

Help hub stats

National updates

[- Guidance on business support grant funding](#)
- Updated information for local authorities on state aid, monitoring and reporting requirements, post payment checks, eligibility of charities.

[- Guidance about changes to newly qualified teacher \(NQT\) induction](#)

[Notification of data controllers](#) in healthcare organisations, GPs, local authorities and arm's length bodies that they should share information to support efforts against coronavirus (COVID-19).

[Early years and childcare closures](#) -Updated to clarify the income support available and the requirements for providing safe, quality care for vulnerable and critical workers' children

[Guidance on vulnerable children and young people](#) - Updated guidance on educational provision over the Easter holidays

[Information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses](#)

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](#)

The helpline is now open 8am-8pm on weekdays and 9am-4pm on weekends.

As of 1 April, the following responses have been received:

- I can offer help – 2265
- I need help – 1143
- My neighbour needs help – 400
- My business can help – 188

[Graph showing breakdown of responses by district](#)

Your questions answered

What measures are being taken by the Fire Service to ensure that preventative visits can continue with officers and members of the public being equally protected?

We have had to adapt and restrict the way in which we approach prevention activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have done this by prioritising our 'very high risk' members of the community to ensure they are still visited.

Those classified as 'very high risk' are vulnerable people we are already aware of that we know may not have a working smoke alarm, or are prone to specific threat such as arson or hate crimes.

Where a visit does take place, we are using minimal staff with appropriate safety provisions (such as FFP3 facemasks) to mitigate risk to the firefighter and the member of the community. It's important for us to bear in mind that many of those we continue to visit will be elderly with underlying health issues and must be protected from infection.

For any visit that we have regrettably had to be delay or postpone, we will be sending personal letters to each address explained the reasons why and that we will be re booking in the future. Fire safety information and advice is enclosed with each letter. We have also diverted our fire safety advice line away from our control room. It will now temporarily be staffed in day time hours, by our dedicated fire safety team who will be able to offer further advice/support over the phone.

We will also ensure that our safety messaging campaign is tailored accordingly to ensure vital fire safety messages are continually distributed whilst we know activity in people's homes will be increased significantly over the coming weeks and months.

Are people receiving care at home still receiving the same number of home visits?

Yes currently people are still receiving the same amount of visits

How much has GCC received from Central Government to financial support the activities/new systems GCC has had to implement?

GCC share of the £1.6 billion announced to help local government through the Coronavirus pandemic is £15.8m.

