

# Covid-19 daily update

## Key messages

### Gloucestershire updates

- Information on the [support available for children and families during Covid-19](#) is now available on the GCC website. This will also be shared on social media.
- Blue badges that are due to expire during Covid-19, have been 'extended'. Penalty Charge Notices will not be given to citizens using Blue Badges with an expiry date of 1 January 2020 onwards. This relaxation of enforcement against expired Blue Badges should continue initially until 30 September 2020. Residents with a blue badge due to expire are still encouraged to renew their blue badges online if possible.
- The 'This is...' campaign launched last week which aims to celebrate the hard work of individual members of staff across the county

### GCC Staffing

## Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **382,650**

Total UK Cases - **93,873**

Total UK Deaths - **12,107**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **3,578**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire - **701**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire - **98**

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

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## Help hub stats

[Link to graph showing district breakdown and types of activity.](#)

- I can offer help – 2896

- 20 staff with C19 symptoms, 221 are self isolating. Of the 221, 143 able to work at home, 98 are unable to work.
  - Workforce is total 3% reduced due to symptoms and self isolation, down slightly from 4% the previous week.
  - The majority of staff are now working from home
- I need help – 1974
  - Someone I know needs help – 718
  - My business can help – 229

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## National updates

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for schools and other educational settings](#) - Added a link to 'Admission appeals for school places' which contains guidance on the coronavirus impact on school admission appeals.

[Commission on Human Medicines advice on ibuprofen and coronavirus](#) - concludes there is currently insufficient evidence to establish a link between use of ibuprofen and susceptibility to contracting COVID-19 or the worsening of its symptoms.

[Chris Townsend OBE has been appointed to lead the government's shielding programme](#) to protect those at highest risk from coronavirus.

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## 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](#)

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## Your questions answered

### Care homes

**Will there be testing of care home staff and if so, when?**

Over the Easter weekend, the local NHS team have been able to make a small number of tests per day available for social care staff, in addition to the NHS staff testing that is already happening in the county. Currently this is only for those staff with symptoms and, due to the limited capacity of tests, will be prioritised to care homes/other social care services that need it most, for example, where there are staff shortages. There is also a drive through testing site at Bristol airport due to go live next week which may work for people living/working in the south of the county.

**What role and input do GCC have in Care Homes to ensure that they have PPE, know how and when to use it and when not to?**

All care homes use their usual routes for securing PPE. If a home is having difficulties or runs short waiting for an order to arrive then they have been contacting us and we have been providing urgent supply to get them through. We have also identified the homes most in need i.e. the homes and domiciliary care providers who have active C19 cases and we have been supplying them with PPE aprons, gloves, masks and disposable glasses from the LRF stock that has been delivered

**Do we have data on the number of cases in care homes?**

The Integrated brokerage team are in regular contact with the care providers that we contract with and we record daily the number of homes with C19 or suspected cases of C19. We triangulate this information with the information we receive from the Public Health team once they are alerted to positive cases. The Integrated Brokerage team then discuss with the home how they are managing in regards to staffing levels and PPE. With homes where there has been a high level of infection, we have requested the Care Home Support team from the CCG contact and advise on any infection control issues.

**Does GCC have specific guidelines for the use of PPE and have social care staff been trained to use PPE?**

National PHE guidance on use of PPE has been shared. Staff don't need training unless they have to use FFP3 masks that have to be fitted to the person and these are classed as essential for care providers or other care staff. There is also guidance available on when PPE is to be used.

**Have all GCC social care staff been given 'Key worker letters'?**

Yes, staff who are key workers have been provided with letters.