

## Key messages

### Gloucestershire updates

- The mobile Covid-19 testing site based at Oxstalls Tennis Centre in Gloucester will stay open for one more day. It will now close on Tuesday 12 May.
- **Reminder** - Phased reopening of Household Recycling Centres will start [from today. The two largest sites in the county at Hempsted in Gloucester and Wingmoor Farm at Stoke Orchard will re-open for essential visits only and all trips will need to be booked in advance.](#)
- Following the announcements from the Prime Minister yesterday, **we are keeping staff informed** about what these changes mean to them and the services we provide communities. We are expecting greater detail this week, and **staff are advised not to change their working arrangements.**
- The recording from the Public Q&A session last week is now [available online.](#)
- Ofsted inspectors swap their day job for roles in the children's services - they have been assigned to children's services up and down the country to support vulnerable children during the current challenging circumstances. [The inspectors will provide welcomed additional support to Gloucestershire's early years, schools and social care teams until they are able to return to their existing role.](#)

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### National updates

- [PM address to the nation on coronavirus: 10 May 2020](#) -

## Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **1,821,280**

Total UK Cases - **219,183**

Total UK Deaths - **31,855**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,006**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire\* - **1,327**

Total Confirmed Cases in:

- Cheltenham - **315**
- Cotswold - **150**
- Forest of Dean - **107**
- Gloucester - **383**
- Stroud - **195**
- Tewkesbury - **177**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire\*\* - **208**

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### Help hub stats

- I can offer help – 3382
- I need help – 2789
- Someone I know needs help – 1087
- My business can help – 336

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### Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

Establishing a conditional easing of the lockdown in stages, based on the Covid Alert Level.

- From Wednesday, people who cannot work from home are actively encouraged to return to work but not using public transport.
  - From Wednesday, unlimited outdoor exercise. driving to outdoor destinations and playing sports with members of your household permitted.
  - No earlier than 1st June - phased reopening of schools. starting with Reception, Year 1, Year 6.
  - No earlier than July - reopening some hospitality and public spaces.
- [\*\*Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do - Update\*\*](#)
  - [ONS released data for Coronavirus deaths by ethnic groups](#)
  - [£2 billion package to create new era for cycling and walking](#) - Alternative ways to travel, such as walking and cycling, could relieve the pressure on public transport.
  - [Reallocating road space in response to COVID-19: statutory guidance for local authorities](#) - Guidance for local authorities on managing their road networks in response to the coronavirus outbreak.
  - [Domestic abuse safe accommodation: COVID-19 emergency support fund](#) - how to apply for funding and how the assessment process will work.
  - [Coronavirus: guidance for people receiving direct payments](#) - The guidance attachment and the Q&A

[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](#)

attachment have been updated to make sure they're consistent with the latest PPE guidance from Public Health England.

- [Conducting a SEND risk assessment during the coronavirus outbreak](#) - Updated to reflect the SEND regulation changes.
- [Millions more items of PPE for frontline staff from new business partnerships](#)
- [Coronavirus Act 2020: status](#) - A table setting out the status of each measure in the Coronavirus Act 2020.

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## Your questions answered

### What should I do if a voluntary organisation or resident needs emergency funding?

It wouldn't be appropriate to respond to emergency or individual cases through the daily members update.

Each district council has received £50k from the county council to use as a Community Float and for other emergency needs, for example, infrastructure.

Community groups should contact their districts if they're getting into financial difficulty. Some councillors are using the Growing Our Communities fund to support charities in their response to Covid-19, but it is not a process that is particularly quick so not suitable for emergencies. A further list of emergency funding available to groups is available here: <http://www.glosvcsalliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Emergency-funding-bulletin-May-2020-3.pdf>

Front-line food aid charities can apply for a grant of up to £100,000 to help continue to provide food to the vulnerable - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-apply-for-the-food-charities-grant-fund>

Individuals needing emergency support can contact the Community Help Hub by filling in an online form here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub/i-need-help>

If they are unable to use the online forms we have a phone line available, please call 01452 583519. This is a priority telephone line for people who need help or are volunteering, please do not use it for reporting other issues. The lines are open

Monday – Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday - Sunday 9am to 4pm.

The district councils are coordinating activities on the ground and so may be able to provide you with more specific information. Though please note that all councils are bound by the [Gloucestershire Community Health Hub Privacy Notice](#) which limits what information we can share. Please see contact details below:

- Cheltenham BC (lead Richard Gibson) - [communityservices@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:communityservices@cheltenham.gov.uk)
- Cotswold DC (lead Jacqueline Wright) - [hub@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:hub@cotswold.gov.uk)
- Forest of Dean DC (lead Andy Barge) - [hub@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:hub@fdean.gov.uk)
- Gloucester City (lead Anne Brinkhoff) - [wellbeing@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeing@gloucester.gov.uk)
- Stroud DC (lead Emma Keating Clark) - [planning@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:planning@stroud.gov.uk)
- Tewkesbury BC (lead Andy Saunders) - [communityresponse@tewkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:communityresponse@tewkesbury.gov.uk)

The Covid-19 Emergency Living Fund launched on Monday 4 May and applications for help will be reviewed within 24 hours, with people who are approved for support getting the help they need another 24 hours after that.

The Welfare Support Scheme already provides practical support to those in financial hardship for things like food deliveries, rent, gas and electricity top-ups, and essential household items such as furniture and white goods.

The new fund will offer more help, and now covers the replacement of white goods that have broken down, supermarket vouchers and cash when necessary. In addition to this, another specialist support scheme for vulnerable children and families has also been extended.

Previously only social workers could refer children and families for support but this has also been changed so now any professional can refer them for help. For more information on who can receive support and how to apply or refer someone, visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-emergency-living-fund](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-emergency-living-fund)

## **When will birth registrations reopen, and what steps are being put in place to deal with the backlog?**

Birth registration appointments stopped from 24 March 2020, in line with UK Government and General Register Office restrictions.

A recent communication on 4 May 2020 (Circular No: 6/2020) from the Deputy Registrar General continues to advise that birth registration appointments should be deferred until we are through the current pandemic period so that priority can be given to death and still-birth registrations.

We are undertaking a birth registration appointment if a birth certificate is urgently required and there is no other option available. Each of these requests are considered on a case by case basis. If a birth registration is considered necessary, and it can be delivered face to face in a manner that meets with the public health guidance and local authority policy, it should be offered as an exception.

Whilst it is usual for a birth certificate to be required in order to claim for child benefit or universal credit, during this period claims can be made without one. Similarly GPs are not requiring a certificate at this time in order to receive emergency treatment.

Although death registrations can now be done by telephone, there are currently no easements that would allow for birth registrations to be conducted over the telephone in the same way. In order to prepare for a backlog of birth registrations we are considering the physical building changes required in order that we can register births safely.

Alongside this we will be opening birth only registration diaries and asking that a minimum number of people attend each appointment. If required we would be looking at extending opening hours and offering weekend bookings. We also have additional staff trained in birth registration telephone appointments and registrations.

**Please could we include the total number of tests for Gloucestershire residents in the daily update from now on.**

Testing is done through various routes in the county:

- Health and care worker staff are testing through the 'Pillar 1' testing provision provided by GHC at Brockworth.
- Care home testing is co-ordinated through Public Health England and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
- Some testing is now done through the national government testing portal 'pillar 2' testing. Pillar 2 testing includes the large sites at Worcester and Bristol Airport which are testing anyone who cannot work from home, anyone over 65 and various other groups (all with symptoms). See more here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-scaling-up-testing-programmes/coronavirus-covid-19-scaling-up-our-testing-programmes>

These figures are fed nationally to give the number of daily tests you see referenced on national briefings. We unfortunately do not receive that information yet at a local authority level and therefore cannot provide it in the daily briefing.

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

**\*\*This section contains information on deaths of patients who have died in hospitals in Gloucestershire and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death or where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. All deaths are recorded against the date of death rather than the date the deaths were announced. It is based on national NHS data [published here](#).**

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