

Covid-19 daily update

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- We are pleased to announce the mobile Covid-19 testing site based at Oxstalls Tennis Centre in Gloucester will remain open until Sunday 17th May (inclusive) The site is testing on average 170 people a day. It is delivered by the military under the Department for Health and Social Care Pillar 2 testing scheme.
- [The county council will put forward its proposal for the new Cheltenham secondary school in Leckhampton at this week's planning committee \(Thursday 14 May\).](#)
- [Dedication of foster families recognised during Covid-19; Foster Care fortnight.](#)
- [The county council will meet remotely with Gloucestershire head teachers this week to offer support for plans for getting more pupils back into school from the start of June.](#)

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **1,921,770**

Total UK Cases - **223,060**

Total UK Deaths - **32,065**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,044**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **1,328**

Total Confirmed Cases in:

- Cheltenham - **315**
- Cotswold - **151**
- Forest of Dean - **107**
- Gloucester - **383**
- Stroud - **195**
- Tewkesbury - **177**

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

- **Two Household Recycling Centres reopened yesterday.** They are working reasonably well so far, with social distancing measures and the booking system helping to keep customers and staff safe. There has been limited queueing at Hempsted and more at Wingmoor Farm. We will keep fine tuning the system to ensure things run as smoothly as possible. [Thank you to residents for using the booking system, for following the guidelines and for bearing with us while we get this new system refined.](#)

Help hub stats

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

National updates

[Staying alert and safe \(social distancing\)](#)

- People and employers should stay safe in public spaces and workplaces by following “COVID-19 secure” guidelines. This should enable more people to go back to work, where they cannot work from home, and encourage more vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to go to school or childcare as already permitted.
- You should stay safe when you leave home.
- You must continue to stay home except for a limited set of reasons but can take part in more outdoor activities from Wednesday 13 May.

[Staying safe outside your home](#)

1. Keep your distance from people outside your household
2. Keep your hands and face as clean as possible

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](#)

3. Work from home if you can
4. Avoid being face-to-face with people if they are outside your household
5. Reduce the number of people you spend time with in a work setting
6. Avoid crowds
7. If you have to travel (for example, to work or school), think about how and when you travel
8. Wash your clothes regularly
9. Keep indoor places well ventilated
10. Face coverings
11. When at work, follow the advice given to you by your employer

[Our plan to rebuild: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy](#)

[Public advised to cover faces in enclosed spaces](#) - The public is advised to consider wearing face coverings in enclosed public spaces such as shops, trains and buses to help reduce the spread of coronavirus.

[New guidance launched to help get Brits safely back to work](#) - Government publishes guidance for employers to help them get their businesses back up and running and workplaces operating safely.

[Actions for educational and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020](#)

[Government launches new portal for care homes to arrange coronavirus testing](#) - All care home staff and residents are now eligible for testing with priority for those in homes that look after the over-65s.

[Coronavirus: health and wellbeing of the adult social care workforce](#) - Advice for those working in adult social care on managing your mental health and how employers can take care of the wellbeing of their staff during the coronavirus outbreak.

[Coronavirus: Apply for the Food Charities Grant Fund](#) - If you run a front-line food aid charity you can apply for a grant of up to £100,000 to help you continue to provide food to the vulnerable.

[Updated FAQs to bring them in line with the latest announcements.](#)

Your questions answered

How many children are attending school at the moment, compared with numbers who could attend? Has this figure changed since Easter break?

We had 2752 children attending a school in county this week ending 8 May. This is significantly higher than the 1296 and 1791 on the last day of term and first day respectively (either side of the Easter break). We do not have complete oversight of the number of children who could be in school as this includes children of key workers and we have never identified this group before. However, we know that there are 4444 vulnerable children who could be taking up a school place – and we had 945 of these in school this week (21.3%).

Has there been an increase in applications for free school meals?

We have seen an increasing number of families applying for free school meals. Some of these will be families who previously relied upon the universal free school meals offer for their children and have now registered due to benefit reasons to access the national voucher, but the majority are families whose financial circumstances have changed with Covid-19 and are relying upon universal benefits.

Since the start of lock-down we have processed 1078 applications for individual children (a number will be from single families) who are now receiving support, and we are providing meals for a further 56 whilst they go through the benefits system so we can validate their eligibility.

How much income was lost from parking in March and April?

GCC can confirm that lost income from parking for March 2020 was estimated to be £91,342. We will include information in future monitoring reports.

During the lockdown we have implemented government and LGA guidance by dedicating pay and display bays near Cheltenham General Hospital for NHS workers only and by reducing parking enforcement in residential areas. Whilst both changes have undoubtedly had a financial impact they are the right thing to do to support our NHS and help residents staying at home.

*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.