

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- **Confirmed** - The Mobile Testing Unit will be staying in Gloucestershire, at the Oxstalls Tennis Centre, until **Thursday 21 May**. 242 tests were carried out yesterday. This is delivered by the military under the Department for Health and Social Care Pillar 2 scheme.
- Re-opening primary schools to year 1 and 6 pupils - meetings being held (remotely) daily to discuss implications of guidance.
- [From Monday 18 May the Household Recycling Centre at Fosse Cross near Cirencester will re-open for pre-booked visits.](#)
- Hempsted and Wingmoor Farm household recycling centres have already taken around 6,000 car bookings for the period from 11 to 29 May and the new system is working well.
- We are running a social media campaign inviting people to share the ways they are looking after their physical and mental wellbeing during lockdown. There is a new theme each week, and we are asking people to share their photographs using the hashtag #MyWayToWellbeing. This week's theme is 'keep learning'.

National updates

- [70 million face masks for NHS and care workers through new industry deal](#) following an agreement with a global technology company.
- [Preparing for the wider opening of schools from 1 June](#) - A planning

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **2,219,281**

Total UK Cases - **233,151**

Total UK Deaths - **33,614**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,187**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **1,334**

Total Confirmed Cases in:

- Cheltenham - **317**
- Cotswold - **151**
- Forest of Dean - **107**
- Gloucester - **387** (4 new)
- Stroud - **195**
- Tewkesbury - **177**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire** - **214**

Help hub stats

- I can offer help – 3399
- I need help – 2887
- Someone I know needs help – 1137
- My business can help – 338

Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

guide for primary school leaders

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): charter for safe working practice](#) co-produced by the government and the Home Building Federation
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Homelessness response fund](#) - how charitable homelessness and rough sleeping organisations can apply for funding.
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): local death management](#) - Statutory guidance for local authorities in England which provides powers to support local and national death management.
- [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care](#) - Preventing and controlling infection, including the use of PPE, in education, childcare and children's social care settings.
- [Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings](#) - List of critical workers (key workers) who can send their children to school or other educational settings (updated).
- [OPSS coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for business and local authorities](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested](#) (updated) - Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.
- [MHRA guidance on coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - guidance and information for industry, healthcare professionals and patients covering the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

[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

Will the mobile testing unit visit other parts of the county where access to private transport might be lower than in other areas for example Forest of Dean?

England's testing strategy is set out by the Government. You can find more information about it [here](#). The mobile testing units (MTUs) are part of the government's 'pillar 2' of the testing strategy, which is aimed at providing mass-swab testing for critical key workers in the NHS, social care and other sectors, or members of their households with symptoms (see [here](#)). More recently, this was extended to anyone who cannot work from home, and also over 65s.

The mobile testing units act under the auspices of the fixed regional testing sites (nearest to Gloucestershire are currently Worcester rugby club and Bristol airport). There are nine units that cover the South West. The decision on where to site these units is made by a group of people representing each of the Local Resilience Forums across the South West; for Gloucestershire this is the same footprint as the county council.

The factors that are taken into account are geographical (i.e. ensuring most of the SW has a drive time of less than 45 minutes where possible), as well as need/demand. However, as the tests need to be completed ideally within the first three days of symptom onset. This makes planning the locations of the mobile units challenging as it is difficult to predict on any one day where the highest need for tests will be. Therefore, the South West group also uses local knowledge of where there are higher rates of spread of coronavirus; for Gloucestershire we know that rates of infection have been higher in Gloucester and Cheltenham than our other districts.

All this said, we acknowledge that there are local communities that remain underserved by the current model. Therefore we are looking at how we can support our communities that are further away from the mobile unit, by exploring whether we can have a satellite centre, or transport kits to areas that are further away.

We are also continuing to look to establish a permanent regional testing site in Gloucestershire; if we do so, that would then enable us to make the case to move the mobile unit to other sites; we have already scoped fifteen other locations across the whole county. We also agree that there needs to be more home testing kits available and that they should be prioritised to those who cannot travel, but this aspect of the testing strategy is managed by Department of Health and Social Care, rather than being a matter for local decision. We continue to escalate such issues to the relevant government teams for consideration and action.

What is the availability of Household Recycling Centres in Gloucestershire?

- Hempsted (Gloucester) and Wingmoor Farm (Stoke Orchard) are open – all

site visitors **must** book in advance.

- From Monday 18 May Fosse Cross (Cirencester) will be open - all site visitors **must** book in advance.
- Plans for the safe reopening of Pyke Quarry (Horsley, Stroud) and Oak Quarry (Coleford) are being developed.
- Cheltenham Borough Council's Swindon Road site is also open, please use the following link to view restrictions and opening hours for this site:
<https://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/covid19-waste-disposal-advice>

Further information on Gloucestershire County Council's recycling centres is available here: <https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/>

*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.