

# Covid-19 daily update

## Key messages

### Gloucestershire updates

#### Covid-19 daily update changes

Whilst there continues to be lots to do related to Covid-19, the volume of information and daily updates to be shared has slowed. To take account of this change and the need to use available officer time in the most effective way, we will from next week be reducing the frequency of these updates to twice a week - Tuesday and a Friday.

You can still access information via the county council's, Gov.uk and NHS websites and if there are important update to make you aware of, we will of course do so, regardless of the day.

- [Pyke Quarry and Oak Quarry Household Recycling Centres to re-open](#)
- The Mobile Testing Unit will be staying in Gloucester, at the Oxstalls Tennis Centre until **Sunday 31 May**. This is delivered by the military under

## Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **3,090,566**

Total UK Cases - **250,908**

Total UK Deaths - **36,042**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,422**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire\* - **1,354**

Total Confirmed Cases in

Cheltenham - **318**

Cotswold - **154**

Forest of Dean - **109**

Gloucester - **398**

Stroud - **195**

Tewkesbury - **180**

the Department for Health and Social Care Pillar 2 scheme.

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire\*\*  
- **220**

## National updates

[Government to offer antibody tests to health and social care staff and patients in England](#)

- New antibody testing programme to provide tens of thousands of antibody tests per day across the UK from next week.

[Trial of rapid coronavirus test launched in Hampshire](#) - The new coronavirus test is highly effective in clinical settings and can return results on site, without being sent to a laboratory, within 20 minutes.

[Environment Agency waterways: Coronavirus update](#)

[Actions for HE providers during the coronavirus outbreak](#) - Added information about allowing students to collect their belongings or storing them until they can collect them.

[Emissions to air from Large Combustion Plant in the Transitional National Plan: RPS C18](#)

[Statistics on coronavirus funding for business](#)

## Help hub stats

- I can offer help – **3416**
- I need help – **2961**
- Someone I know needs help – **1172**
- My business can help – **357**

## 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](#)

## Your questions answered

**Please can you explain why food donations are no longer dropped off at emergency accommodation unless with prior arrangement for named individuals? Please can voluntary groups continue to provide free hot food if an individual has no access to food storage or cooking facilities?**

We are very grateful for the outpouring of support that has been given in arranging food for people in emergency accommodation. The response has been so overwhelming that we are unable to take any further donations at this time (unless it has been pre-arranged by an authority for a named individual). This is due to food being wasted and making sure that we can meet health and safety requirements regarding out of date food and correct storage. The delivery of additional food also attracted non residents which created challenges in ensuring compliance with social distancing at the hotels and surrounding areas.

Food was provided to the emergency accommodation when people were first placed due to the pressures of accommodating large numbers of people so quickly. We have now worked with each individual in the accommodation to assess their needs and the local facilities accessible to them. The majority of the hotels rooms have fridges, kettles and microwaves. One hotel does not have cooking facilities, so a hot meal is provided to all residents once a day.

Individuals who are financially and physically able will be expected to buy food as normal, to help maintain independence and routine. Public Health guidance allows individuals to leave the accommodation for daily exercise and to undertake essential shopping.

Any individuals who are shielded, symptomatic, do not have an income (No Recourse to Public Funds) or have mobility issues will continue to be provided with food while in the accommodation. This is being arranged centrally by district and county council colleagues. Each individual has a named housing officer and access to community support workers who will be their main liaison.

We have explained the position to the appropriate VCS/Faith organisations and have requested that they go through the community hubs with their offers of help so that the food is put to best use and targeted at those in need in the wider community.

\*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.