

# Covid-19 update

## Key messages

### Gloucestershire updates

- We are supporting [Learning Disabilities Week](#) between 15-19 June: theme is “Friendships during Lockdown”.
- [Council allocated extra £2.2m to support local test and trace service](#)
- The Covid-19 Mobile Testing Unit will be at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud from Thursday 18 June to Tuesday 23 June. The site will be open from 10:30am – 3:30pm. There are no concerns in the area, we are just making it as easy as possible for people to access a test. Book a test at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119.
- We are supporting the [Government's Safer Transport campaign](#) on social media, sharing the latest guidance about how to travel safely on public transport, and encouraging walking or cycling as an alternative.

### National updates

- [£63 million for local authorities to assist those struggling to afford food and other essentials](#) - new funding confirmed for local authorities to help those struggling financially as a result of coronavirus.
- [Local authorities across England receive funding to support new Test and Trace service](#)
- [Local authority test and trace service support grant](#) - information for local authorities in England about the grant, which helps local authorities make plans for local outbreaks of coronavirus.
- [Coronavirus: ministerial direction for early payment of grants](#) - letters authorising the early release of two grants to local authorities totalling £3.4 billion to allow them to act on the government’s recent announcements.

- [What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#) - updated information about which children do not need to wear face coverings when travelling to school.
- [Meeting people from outside your household](#) - updated with the changes to support bubbles that are in effect from 13 June.
- [New rules on face coverings coming in on Monday will help keep passengers safe](#) - passengers that don't follow the new rules on face coverings will be prevented from travelling.
- [OPSS coronavirus guidance for business and local authorities](#) - enforcement guidance for local authorities added on face masks and coverings.
- [NHS test and trace statistics \(England\): 28 May to 3 June 2020](#)
- [COVID-19: number of outbreaks in care homes – management information](#)
- [Coronavirus and the social impacts on disabled people in Great Britain: 14 May 2020 to 24 May 2020](#)
- [Coronavirus and household spending](#) - this analysis looks at the potential impact of the coronavirus lockdown on household spending in the UK.
- [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic](#) - this guidance is designed to assist places of worship to prepare to open for limited permitted activities on 13 June.
- [Coronavirus: safer air travel guidance for passengers](#) - how to travel safely in airports and on aircraft during the coronavirus outbreak.
- [COVID-19: using a boat inland and on the coast](#)

## Stats

Total UK Tests - **6,772,602**

Total UK Cases - **295,889**

Total UK Deaths - **41,698**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,881**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire\* - **1,380**

Total Confirmed Cases in

- Cheltenham - **323**
- Cotswold - **156**

- Forest of Dean - **117**
- Gloucester - **403**
- Stroud - **199**
- Tewkesbury - **182**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire NHS Trusts\*\* - **226**

COVID-19 deaths in Gloucestershire that occurred up to 29 May but were registered up to the 6 June\*\*\* - **568**

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## Help hub stats

- I can offer help – 3447
- I need help – 3183
- Someone I know needs help – 1285
- My business can help – 381

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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

**Please could you clarify the way the numbers of deaths are presented?  
Why are we now reporting two different stats - 'deaths in NHS trusts' and**

## **'Covid deaths In Gloucestershire'? Also, which figure is comparable with the total UK deaths figure please?**

The first Gloucestershire figure is taken from this [NHS page](#).

There is a document on the page which explains the data more fully and which we paraphrase in the daily update (please see the asterisk which refers to a footnote on the data). It records all those who died in NHS Trusts in Gloucestershire who had a positive Covid-19 test or where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. This is updated daily and until recently was the best measure we had for Covid-19 deaths at a county level so it was referred to as "Total deaths in Gloucestershire"; Covid-related being implied by the nature of the email. The footnote has always stated the caveat that these are deaths recorded in hospitals only. There is a national total which would allow for comparison.

The national total deaths figure is taken from this page on [the Government website](#).

Until 29 April, it also only recorded deaths in hospital but now records the deaths of those in all settings who tested positive for Covid-19. This is not given at a county level so unfortunately cannot be compared but it is the main figure the government publishes.

The second Gloucestershire figure is extracted from Office of National Statistics (ONS) data. The ONS has started publishing weekly death registrations in all settings where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. This does not necessarily mean that the person had a positive test for Covid-19. There is a significant time lag on this data and it is only updated weekly. Please see the footnote for more information. There is also a national total which would allow for comparison.

## **Please can you update us on the available support for mental health and wellbeing during Covid times, and will local government at district and parish level see any of the extra mental health [funding from government](#)?**

The link above refers to the Government funding for community based mental health support during Covid-19 which was announced in April. The grant scheme was administered by the national mental health charity Mind. Local authorities had no involvement. Unfortunately it is our understanding that the scheme is now closed to new applicants. We believe that a number of [Gloucestershire-based VCS](#) organisations may have submitted applications to the fund, but we aren't aware of any which were successful.

In terms of the support available locally for mental health, the county council has worked with partners to put in place a series of additional services to support mental health during the pandemic. These include:

- A new universal open access online mental wellbeing services for adults (called Qwell). Individuals can access online counselling via the website with no referral required. It is most suitable for those experiencing issues with their wellbeing, such as anxiety, stress or low mood.

- A similar open access online mental wellbeing services for young people aged 11-18 years called Kooth.
- A new anonymous mental wellbeing helpline for young people aged 9-21 years (launching in late June) and run by TIC+ (Teens in Crisis).

All the above are county-wide and will run in addition to existing mental health services in the county, such as Let's Talk.

The council has updated its [web pages with specific advice on looking after your mental wellbeing during Covid-19](#), including a list of some of the main mental health services available locally and nationally. The list is not intended to be exhaustive and we are aware that there are a range of more locally based organisations providing support. The page includes a link to Your Circle which incorporates a post code search to enable people to search for services in their local area.

The Community Wellbeing Service is still operating at the current time, and the Cotswold branch can be contacted on 01452 528491. The service (open to all Gloucestershire residents over the age of 16) can help connect people to local services, organisations and groups that can help improve general wellbeing.

[The council has also received funding under the NHS England Suicide Prevention Transformation Fund](#). It is our intention to use some of the funding to set up a grant scheme for community projects that prevent suicide and self-harm by promoting mental wellbeing and reducing social isolation. The scheme is still under development, and further details on the scheme criteria and application process will be made available in due course.

\*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.

\*\*\*Weekly death figures provide provisional counts of the number of deaths registered in England and Wales for which data are available. From 31 March 2020 these figures also show the number of deaths involving coronavirus (Covid-19), based on any mention of Covid-19 on the death certificate. The number includes deaths that occurred up to 29 May but were registered up to the 6 June. Figures by place of death may differ to previously published figures due to improvements in the way we code place of death. This figure does not include deaths of those resident outside England and Wales or those records where the place of residence is either missing or not yet fully coded. For this reason counts may differ to published figures when summed. Bank Holidays could affect the number of registrations made within those weeks.