

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- 10,469 children attended school on 1 June (12.8 per cent of our total school population) 81 per cent of schools in Gloucestershire were open to more children on 1 June. This was the highest proportion in the South West.
- [Cabinet recognises immense staff response to Covid-19](#)
- West Cheltenham Transport Improvement Scheme live Meet the Contractor event will be streamed on the [county council's YouTube channel](#), 10am Friday 12 June.
- [Trading Standards have extended their free advice scheme until 31 August for small local businesses that have been forced to close or restrict their normal activities during the Covid-19 pandemic.](#)

National updates

- [Face coverings to become mandatory on public transport](#) - from 15 June in England.
- [Coronavirus: requirements to provide public health information to passengers travelling to England](#) - information that transport operators must provide to passengers.
- [Analysis of death registrations not associated with coronavirus, England and Wales: January 2020 to May 2020](#) - this release presents findings from examining death registrations which do not mention coronavirus, to understand the apparent increase in deaths compared to the previous five-year average for deaths in the same

Stats

Total UK Tests - **5,581,073**

Total UK Cases - **286,194**

Total UK Deaths - **40,542**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,818**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **1,377**

Total Confirmed Cases in

- Cheltenham - **322**
- Cotswold - **156**
- Forest of Dean - **116**
- Gloucester - **403**
- Stroud - **198**
- Tewkesbury - **182**

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

Covid-19 deaths in Gloucestershire that occurred up to 22 May but were registered up to the 30 May*** - **554**

Help hub stats

- I can offer help – **3440**
 - I need help – **3140**
 - Someone I know needs help – **1269**
 - My business can help – **378**
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weeks.

- [Coronavirus Infection Survey pilot: England, 5 June 2020](#) - this release provides initial data from the Covid-19 Infection Survey.
- [Next steps for work on Covid-19 disparities announced](#) - following the release of the Public Health England review into disparities in the risks and outcomes of Covid-19, the Government's Equality Hub is setting out how this work will be taken forward.
- [Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain: 5 June 2020](#) - indicators from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey covering the period 28 May to 31 May 2020 to understand the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on people, households and communities.
- [PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment](#) - healthcare providers can order additional PPE through the portal to top up their existing supplies for Covid-19 in an emergency.
- [NHS volunteers extend support to frontline health and social care staff](#) - frontline health and care staff will be able to access support from the hundreds of thousands of NHS volunteer responders.
- [Covid-19 tests offered to every care home for elderly or those with dementia](#) - test kits have been offered to every care home for over-65s or those with dementia in England, reaching the testing target for 6 June.
- [Covid-19: management of staff and exposed patients and residents in health and social care settings](#) - updated flowcharts with information on self isolation for cases identified as

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](#)

contacts via the test and trace system.

- [Covid-19: number of outbreaks in care homes – management information](#)
- [Face masks and coverings to be worn by all NHS hospital staff and visitors](#) - all staff in hospitals in England will be expected to wear surgical masks from 15 June. All visitors and outpatients will be expected to wear face coverings at all times.
- [Ban on evictions extended by two months to further protect renters](#) across England and Wales until 23 August.
- [Charities to benefit from support for rough sleepers during pandemic](#)
- [Over 100 frontline domestic abuse charities given government funding](#)
- [Business Secretary launches working groups to help unleash Britain's growth potential](#)
- [Places of worship to re-open for individual prayer](#)

Your questions answered

Is there an "R" rating available for Gloucestershire? If we are going to fight this virus successfully please could this be made available?

The "R" value is currently available at South West region level, and in Gloucestershire we are monitoring a range of other information to understand the local situation.

Calculations of the reproduction number, R^* have been updated on 5 June.

The regional value for the South West is currently estimated as 1.0 (credible interval (CrI): 0.77-1.29). The South West is among the regions currently estimated to have one of the highest values for R .

When observing the credible interval, it is wider for the South West than other regions; this may be due to relatively low numbers of new infections occurring in the

region on a daily basis.

Gloucestershire has had higher confirmed cases than the South West and has been more similar to other geographical neighbours which are in other regions. The R value for these regions is lower than the South West:

- Midlands 0.9 (CI: 0.73-1.07),
- South East 0.97 (CI: 0.78-1.17)).
- The R value for Wales number is calculated through a different route, and currently is estimated between 0.7-1.0 (updated on 26th May);
- for the UK – 0.7-0.9 (updated on 5th June).

Note: Public Health England state it that the R number is only one component that determines the rate of growth of the epidemic, and does not say anything about the rate of occurrence of new infections, the prevalence of infection across communities and the current burden faced by the healthcare system. It should, therefore, not be used as the sole indicator of the current threat posed by an epidemic.

* If R value is below one, then on average each infected person will infect fewer than one other person; the number of new infections will fall over time. The lower the number, the faster the number of new infections will fall. When R is above one, the number of new infections is accelerating.

In Gloucestershire we are monitoring all of the aspects highlighted in PHE note as well as and care homes and other vulnerable groups information.

In regards to smaller geographies – it would be likely that R values at smaller geographies would have even larger range of estimates.

When should we be isolating if there is a case in a school, and what happens to class mates if a child needs to isolate? Please can you explain the testing and isolating procedure for schools, particularly what happens with cases within "bubble" groups.

Any child or member of staff who has symptoms of Covid-19 must inform their school or childcare setting immediately (even if they are not at the school/childcare setting when they become unwell) and follow the [self-isolation guidelines](#).

The school/setting will then notify the Public Health England regional Health Protection Team (HPT). The HPT will risk assess the situation and agree the best course of action (e.g. identify contacts, identify those requiring a test, identify those required to self-isolate).

Either the school/setting or HPT will then contact all individuals who need to take action and they will be told what they need to do and who to contact if they have any questions.

It is not possible to explicitly answer the questions beyond the information provided, as every situation will be different and will also be dependent on the context (so for example if there is a known outbreak in the area a higher level of testing and isolation would be required).

Public Health England HPTs are very experienced in dealing with these complex situations and they will act in the public's best interests in order to prevent transmission.

The Government has announced allocations of funding for improving light-rail services and cycle facilities at railway stations. No funding was allocated to Gloucestershire or the South West. Did we apply and if not, for what reason? If we did apply why were we unsuccessful?

The Department of Transport (DfT) guidance is somewhat unclear and we have written to them to seek clarification. However our investigations would appear to indicate that the funding allocation that you have referred to relates to the 2020 Cycle Rail Programme (the light rail aspect does not apply to Gloucestershire) and was announced at the same time as the emergency active travel funding on the 23rd May.

The Cycle Rail Programme is for Rail operating companies (GWR in our case) to apply for in order to improve cycle parking and security enhancements at stations such as Stroud which received £117,000 worth of DfT funding in 2019. However, operators that received funding for the 2019 Cycle Rail Programme (GWR) and still have outstanding works to complete are not eligible to apply for the 2020 programme.

Given that GWR is the primary Train Operating Company for the South West would explain why Gloucestershire and the South West as a whole did not receive funding this round if there was outstanding works to complete. We are continuing to look into this and will be able to provide you with a further update once we receive a response from the DfT providing clarification.

*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 15 May but were registered up to 23 May. 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.