



**Northamptonshire
Strategic
Coordination Centre**

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COVID-19 Top Line Briefing

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This document is for all members of the Northamptonshire Local Resilience Forum and the Strategic Coordination Centre, as well as colleagues in general practice.

Its purpose is to ensure colleagues are sighted on the latest local and national information and briefings regarding COVID-19 (at the time of writing). Recipients are asked to cascade this update to colleagues within their cells / teams as they deem appropriate, but please do not share outside your own organisation or distribute to the public domain.

New updates in this document are highlighted in yellow, while information unchanged from the previous day's report is unhighlighted.

Please note that the publication schedule for the Top Line Briefing has changed and it is now issued on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

Key headlines

- **Back to school for millions of pupils in England**
- **Plans to ease restrictions in parts of North West England are scrapped after a spike in COVID-19**
- **Tui halts trips to Zante resort after virus cases as some customers are not social distancing**
- **US will not take part in global vaccine search**
- **Pandemic 'causing plastic pollution explosion' according to charity Surfers Against Sewage**
- **Australia has plunged into its first recession in nearly 30 years as it suffers the economic fallout from COVID-19**
- **A rise in infections in the elderly in South Korea leads to a surge in critical COVID-19 cases**
- **Antibody levels against the virus rose and then held steady for up to four months in recovered patients, a study finds**

National position

([Latest available data published by the Department of Health and Social Care, updated 2 September 2020 unless otherwise stated](#))

UK tests processed: **16,273,209**
Confirmed UK cases: **338,676**
Daily tests carried out: **186,500**
Total UK deaths: **41,514** * (4pm, 2 September)

*deaths within 28 days of positive test

Local position

([Latest available data published by the Department of Health and Social Care, updated 2 September 2020](#))

Confirmed Northamptonshire cases: **4,400**
Northamptonshire deaths: **708**

Strategic aim

Protect and preserve by working in partnership to provide a coordinated response to slow the rate and extent of the outbreak; mitigate the impact on the community and essential services, and; start the process of planning for recovery.

Key public messaging

CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

Self-isolation

The self-isolation period has been extended to 10 days for those in the community who have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result

Full details available [here](#)

Social distancing

Latest government guidance on social distancing advises the following:

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Work from home if you can
- Limit contact with other people
- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly

Full details available [here](#).

Face coverings

The wearing of face coverings is now mandatory on all forms of public transport as well as in [shops and supermarkets in England](#). Face coverings should also be worn in enclosed public spaces where maintaining two-metre social distancing isn't possible. This is most relevant for short periods indoors and in crowded areas. [The list of places where members of the public have to wear a face covering has been expanded](#).

The public have been advised to wear face coverings when attending healthcare settings such as GP surgeries and hospitals either as a visitor or outpatient.

A face covering is a covering of any type, which covers your nose and mouth. For guidance on how to wear and make a cloth face covering please [click here](#). A cloth face covering should cover your mouth and nose while allowing you to breathe comfortably. It can be as simple as a scarf or bandana that ties behind the head.

Full details available [here](#)

Updates from system SCC cells

This section contains locally relevant information our Northamptonshire Strategic Coordination Centre cell colleagues have asked to be shared with you. Please be assured that, wherever appropriate, more urgent updates and information will be shared with colleagues directly outside this daily briefing.

PRIMARY CARE

COVID-19 Primary Care Bulletin – 27st August 2020

The [NHSE/I COVID-19 bulletin](#) from the 27st August has the latest information the shingles vaccination programme for those who missed it during lockdown or were shielding, and details on the Physician Associate (PA) supervision support programme for GPs.

Update from GOV.UK – PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment

Healthcare providers can order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the portal to top up their existing supplies for COVID-19 in an emergency.

[PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment](#)

Summary of changes made:

- Added children's care homes and secure homes and children's residential special schools to the categories of provider that can order from the portal
- Updated the order limits for GPs and pharmacies

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Announcements

- [Kickstart scheme opens for employer applications](#)
- [UK announces funding to boost COVID-19 preparedness in Pacific](#)
- [Call for tender: rebuilding better, opportunities and risks in the context of COVID-19](#)

- [Written statement from Chair of Ofqual to the Education Select Committee](#)
- [Bolton and Trafford to remain under existing restrictions](#)

Guidance

- [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)
Updated information about the use of face coverings
- [COVID-19: changes to the Care Act 2014](#)
Guidance for local authorities amended
- [School attendance: guidance for schools](#)
Added 'Securing full attendance: support for schools and local authorities' and updated details text to clarify how these documents can be used
- [PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment](#)
Added children's care homes and secure homes and children's residential special schools to the categories of provider that can order from the portal and updated the order limits for GPs and pharmacies
- [Education plans from September 2020](#)
Added links to guidance on interim activity for state-funded schools, independent schools and further education and skills providers

Data

- [Taking part web panel data: engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic – data tables](#)
- [Taking part web panel data: engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [PPE deliveries \(England\): 24 August to 30 August 2020](#)
- [COVID-19: background information](#)
- [PHE data series on deaths in people with COVID-19: technical summary](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

COVID-19 testing availability in Northamptonshire today (daily press releases)

People in Northamptonshire will be able to access coronavirus testing in the following locations today. Up-to-date details are available on the [Northamptonshire County Council website](#)

Upcoming co-ordination meetings

Meeting	Next meeting date	Time	Contact
HETCG (Health Economy Tactical Coordination Group)	Tuesday 8 September	16:30	nccg.covid19@nhs.net
SCG (Strategic Coordination Group)	Thursday 3 September	13:30	nccg.covid19@nhs.net
TCG (Tactical Coordination Group)	Friday 4 September	14:00	nccg.covid19@nhs.net

Useful links

UK government

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Latest government guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#who-can-be-tested>

World Health Organisation (WHO)

www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

NHS

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

NHS guidance for clinicians

www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus