

SUFFOLK CORONAWATCH BULLETIN

Dear all,

Welcome to the Coronawatch Bulletin. This bulletin provides an update on the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan.

With best wishes,

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Chair of the Suffolk Local Outbreak Engagement Board

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CORONAVIRUS IN SUFFOLK

Update

Suffolk Cases

As of 15 August, there have been 40,697 total lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Suffolk. In total there have been 5346.1 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people. This is the lowest overall COVID-19 case rate in the East of England.

District case rate as of 15 August 2021

Name	Daily Cases reported	Weekly Cases reported	Weekly case rate*	Trend	Total Cases	Total Case Rate	National Rate Rank (of 358)
Babergh	12	146	135.9	↓	5,308	5723.8	302
East Suffolk	48	437	181.3	↓	11,992	4789.7	329
Ipswich	28	231	178.0	↓	9,653	7098.9	253
Mid Suffolk	25	205	186.0	↓	4,677	4460.4	333
West Suffolk	61	426	232.4	↑	9,067	5113.9	320
Suffolk	174	1,445	187.7	↓	40,697	5346.1	
East of England	2,002	16,562	264.6	↑	524,698	8369.5	
England	22,859	175,523	306.1	↑	5,475,833	9683.1	

From 2 July, the number of lab-confirmed positive cases now includes those identified by testing in all settings (pillars 1 and 2). Pillar 2 refers to tests in commercial labs working in partnership with the NHS. Previously, only Pillar 1 confirmed cases were included (tests completed in NHS labs).



Self-isolation ends for double-jabbed and under-18s in England

From today, an important government Covid-19 requirement has been changed. People who have had two Covid vaccinations or are under 18 will not have to isolate for 10 days if they have been in contact with a positive case.

People are instead advised to take a PCR Covid test (but they will not have to self-isolate while waiting for the result), wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and limit contact with other people. You can find your nearest PCR testing site or book an appointment on the [Gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk).

Anyone who tests positive or show symptoms will still be legally required to self isolate for 10 days, even after this new rule change.

16 and 17 year olds can grab a jab at walk in clinics in Waveney

Sixteen and 17 year olds have been 'grabbing a jab' at vaccination centres across Waveney this week as they join the thousands already benefitting from protection against COVID19.

All young people aged 16-17 are now eligible for a vaccine as part of the largest immunisation programme the NHS has ever seen. Other groups also eligible from this week are children aged 12-15 who are at increased risk of serious illness from COVID infection or are household contacts of individuals (adults or children) who are immunosuppressed.

All information regarding the vaccination of children and young people – including who is currently eligible – is available on the NHS Norfolk and Waveney [CCG website](#).



UK Cases

As of 4.00pm on 15 August: 6,267,437 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in the UK (pillar 1 and pillar 2 testing). 130,953 have died (within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 test) across all settings in the UK. You can view the latest UK dashboard and cases by local authority [here](#).

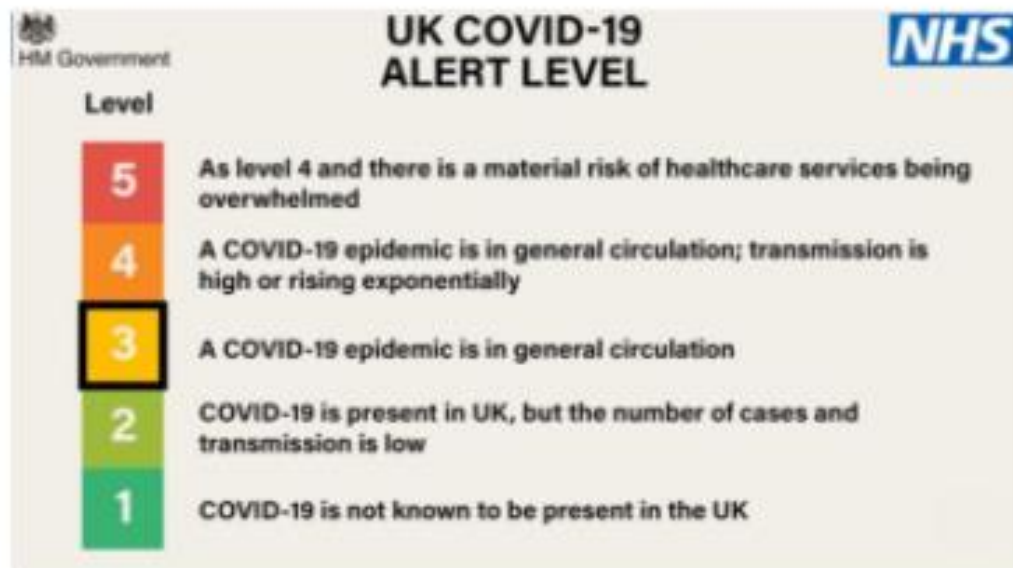
In the UK during the last 24 hours there were 26,750 new cases and 61 deaths.

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On Monday July 19, England moved to Step 4 of the roadmap which sees further restrictions lifted and removed from law. 'Let's Keep Life Moving' encourages the public to continue with simple actions to continue to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, and protect those around us.

