



# Covid-19 update

## Key messages

- Outdoor gatherings continue to be limited to six people or two households, and people must not socialise indoors with anyone they do not live with or have not formed a support bubble with. We are urging people to not be tempted to move indoors this bank holiday, as it's expected to be a wet weekend.
- Spending time outside means more fresh air circulating - making it more difficult for coronavirus to spread from person to person. Meeting up with other people in outdoor spaces also makes it easier to maintain social distance.
- Regular, rapid testing is available to everyone without COVID-19 symptoms. By making twice-weekly testing part of your everyday life you can help suppress the virus and keep each other safe. Alongside the vaccine, it is a key part of our journey out of lockdown so that we can return to as normal life as possible, as quickly as possible.
- To make it as easy as possible for everyone to access, there are a number of ways to get a rapid test, including: taking a test at a rapid testing site, picking up a testing kit from various [locations across the county](#) or ordering a kit online. If you already get tests through your workplace or school, this is still the best route for you. For more information, visit the [testing pages](#) on our website.
- A new Government campaign "Join the millions" has launched to encourage any one who hasn't already to take up the offer of the COVID-19 vaccination. Yesterday (Wednesday 28 April) Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group announced that over 145,000 second vaccination doses have been delivered in the county. Read more [here](#).

## Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) locations<sup>6</sup>

- Car Park, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, GL10 2DG (Friday)
- Lower Lode Depot, Lower Lode Lane, Tewkesbury, GL20 5TT (Friday-Monday)
- Car Park off Newerne Street, Lydney, GL15 5RA (Friday and Wednesday)
- Hartpury University & Hartpury College, Gloucester, GL19 3BE (Saturday and

Sunday)

- University Of Gloucestershire, Entrance 3, Park Campus, The Park, Cheltenham, GL50 2RH (Saturday and Sunday)
- Cinderford RFC, Dockham Rd, Cinderford GL14 2AQ (Monday-Tuesday)
- Royal Agricultural University, Stroud Road, Cirencester, GL7 6JS (Monday and Thursday)
- North RFC, Stoke Orchard Road, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 7DG (Tuesday-Wednesday)
- Dursley Rugby Club, Hounds Green, Dursley GL11 6AJ (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Stow RFC, Oddington Road, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1JJ (Wednesday-Thursday)

## **Permanent Testing Site Locations**

### **PCR Testing Sites**

#### **Gloucester RTS**

Hempsted Meadows, David Hook Way, Gloucester, GL2 5LE

#### **Cheltenham LTS**

High Street Car Park, Cheltenham, GL50 4AL

#### **Stroud LTS**

Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AF

You can [book a test here](#) for one of these sites if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.

### **Community Testing Sites (LFD)**

#### **Gloucester City**

The Friendship Café @ Chequers, Painswick Road, Gloucester, GL4 6PR

#### **Cirencester**

Royal Agricultural University, Stroud Road, Cirencester, GL7 6JS

#### **Forest of Dean**

Miners Welfare Hall, Parragate Road,  
Cinderford, GL14 2JN

#### **Tewkesbury**

The Link Youth Support Centre,  
Link Road, Tewkesbury,

GL20 5JQ

You can [book a test here](#) for one of these sites if you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms.

### **LFD Home Test Collection**

Anyone can collect LFD kits for use at home from any of the locations listed [here](#), including some pharmacies.

### **LFD Home Test Delivery**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a test kit to your home [here](#).

## **National updates**

- [Health and Social Care Secretary's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 28 April 2021](#)
- [UK secures extra 60 million Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [One dose of COVID-19 vaccine can cut household transmission by up to half](#)
- [Ofqual confirms detail on submitting grades and evidence for this year's GCSE, AS and A level grades](#)

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## **30 April 2021**

### **Gloucestershire Covid-19 stats**

[Link to graph showing daily cases by local authority](#)

(Please open in Google Chrome)

#### **Cases**

- In week 17 (Monday 19th April – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April) there were 85 confirmed cases of COVID19.

Of these cases:

- 27 were in Gloucester
- 16 were in Cotswold
- 15 were in Stroud

- 12 were in Tewkesbury
- 10 were in Cheltenham
- 5 were in Forest of Dean

\* Please note these figures are provisional and subject to change. (Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/> as at 16:00 28/04/2021)

The rate of cases in the last 7 days per 100,000 is 13.8 in Gloucestershire, 15.2 in the South West, and 24.2 in England.

#### Deaths mentioning COVID19

- In week 15 (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April– Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April) there was 1 death mentioning “novel coronavirus (COVID-19)”, which is 1.0% of all deaths, this compares with 2 (2.0% of all deaths) in Week 14

\*Please note these figures are based on all deaths registered by the 24<sup>th</sup> April, they are provisional and will be subject to change. They include deaths that make any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate. (Source: Weekly provisional figures on deaths occurring and registered in England and Wales by Local Authority)

*\*Please note the dates above, the ONS weeks run from Saturday- Friday and we are unable to change this.*

Deaths in NHS Trusts<sup>2</sup> - 612 (1 new)

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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

To make sure your questions get answered promptly by the team, please continue to send your questions directly to [democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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<sup>1</sup> The above data reflects nationally published data [available here](#).

<sup>2</sup> 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](#).

<sup>3</sup> 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. 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.

<sup>4</sup> Care homes vary in size and in the characteristics of their residents. Outbreak data is also being reported publicly here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/covid-19-number-of-outbreaks-in-care-homes-management-information>. The figures here are slightly lower than our local figures due to a time lag. The number of cases (confirmed or suspected) has not been reported due to limitations in data accuracy which means comparison is not possible. This information is being used for

operational purposes. As testing in care homes increases we will review whether adding this information will add additional strategic insight.

<sup>5</sup> CQC publish figures on deaths where Covid-19 was suspected in the notification from the care home, as well as all cause mortality (since 10 April 2020). It is probable that not all deaths due to Covid-19 will be notified as such, conversely Covid-19 may be mentioned but not have been a contributory factor in a death). While CQC numbers are more comprehensive than local reporting, they are not currently reported by district council.

<sup>6</sup> Please note that there is a possibility of last minute changes if the MTU's are diverted to assist with outbreak control both in this county or elsewhere.

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