

LOCKDOWN UPDATE 26 JUNE 2020

It's a positive end to another busy week – so let's keep up the good work!

COVID-19 Update

The cumulative cases in the county are now 1559 up from 1524 with confirmed cases in Stratford on Avon District at 371 up one from 370 since the previous week, which remains encouraging. Testing is continuing at Stratford College and the Track and Trace procedures are well underway.

Out of the 423 SWFT Hospital Beds there are currently NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 at present which is fantastic news. However with the updated ONS figures sadly the cumulative deaths across Stratford District are now 164 (an increase of three in the last week) which includes 80 from the care home settings (no increase from last week) from a cumulative of 822 'all cause deaths'. The cumulative total of all COVID-19 deaths in Warwickshire is now 542 and over the same period there have been 2698 non COVID-19 related deaths in Warwickshire. Across the county there have been 203 COVID-19 deaths in care homes settings compared to 988 non COVID-19 deaths in care homes over the same period.

The capacity in hospitals remains excellent with 0% of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients but there are 9% beds taken up with suspected COVID-19 patients. There are 36% of beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 55% reinforcing that the NHS is very much open for business!

Whilst the cases are declining there is still a serious risk of a second wave and Public Health Warwickshire are concerned that people must continue to respect social distancing measures – and where possible to keep this at two meters with continuous hand hygiene measures as these two elements of the campaign have been working well across the district as key preventive infection measures. The Outbreak Control Plan is being finalised and will be published next week. In the event of specific outbreaks occurring there could be the situation of more stringent localised lockdowns.

SDC Environmental Health

The environmental health teams at Stratford District Council are continuing to work really hard to provide advice and guidance to businesses and retail outlets including restaurants, pubs, cafes, garden centres and shops, particularly in light of the new guidelines announced this week.

In particular the EH team have been working extremely diligently with Warwickshire Trading Standards, Public Health Warwickshire and Warwickshire Police in respect of the opening of Wellesbourne Market and they are continuing to monitor this market and other markets together with outdoor events across the district. The team has also provided a wealth of information with links to government guidance which can be accessed from its website <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-recovery.cfm>

Reallocation of Roadspace

WCC has been working closely with the districts in respect of the reallocation of road space in the major towns as they are anticipating many businesses wishing to maximise outdoor seating areas hence reviewing opportunities in respect of footways and carriageway space for hospitality businesses. The temporary and flexible new road allocation scheme in Stratford-upon-Avon will therefore be continually reviewed.

Schools

Schools in Warwickshire have remained opened for key workers throughout the pandemic and have witnessed the wider opening of primary and secondary schools in the recent weeks. The schools will not remain open over the summer holidays. WCC has continued to provide extensive online support to schools with dedicated helplines for heads in respect of distance learning initiatives.

Waste Household Recycling

The online booking system continues to work really well and the sites open include Burton Farm in Stratford, Princes Drive, Leamington Spa and in Shipston: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc> New booking dates are continuing to be released by WCC but remember a household can only book on visit every two weeks. There are no plans for Wellesbourne to open in view of the difficulties of implementing social distancing procedures effectively.

Wishing you all a great weekend! Keep safe, healthy and socially distanced.

Kind regards

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