

LOCKDOWN UPDATE 26 JULY 2020

Today marks a new era in terms of going shopping with the mandatory wearing of masks ... for those of you like me who wear glasses this is very difficult as my lenses steam up! I'm still experimenting with different types of face coverings and it is certainly quite challenging. However if we want to throw them away we need to keep doing what we've all been doing to put a stop to this extremely nasty virus.

COVID-19 Update

The cumulative cases across the county are now 2538 up from 2512 with confirmed cases in Stratford on Avon District at 527 up by one case since the previous week with no new cases in the past few days. This is a reduction from last week and these cases now include data from both Pillar 1 (hospitals and NHS settings) and also Pillar 2 (community). Testing is continuing at Stratford College and the Track and Trace initiative is continuing to work well.

Out of the 424 SWFT Hospital Beds there is currently one confirmed case of COVID-19 at present and no patients are in the intensive care unit. The cumulative deaths across Stratford District remains the same as last week at 167 with the deaths in care home remaining at 82 from a cumulative of 3630 'all cause deaths'. The cumulative total of all COVID-19 deaths in Warwickshire is now 584 (up five over the week) and over the same period there have been 3046 non COVID-19 related deaths in Warwickshire. Across the county there have been a total of 209 COVID-19 deaths in care homes settings (an increase of one in the last week) compared to 1070 'all cause deaths' in care homes over the same period.

The following link will take you to more data regarding cases in Stratford-on-Avon District.

<https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/cases?areaType=Itla&areaName=Stratford-on-Avon>

The capacity in hospitals remains excellent with no beds occupied by COVID-19 patients but there are 11% beds taken up with suspected COVID-19 patients. There are 45% of beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 43% reinforcing that the NHS is getting back to business!

Whilst the cases have flattened there still remains a serious risk of a second wave with the lifting of many lockdown restrictions and so the message from Public Health Warwickshire is that it is absolutely essential to continue to respect social distancing procedures, where possible keep this at two meters apart and implement rigorous hand hygiene measures.

Just a reminder that as of today *you must wear a face covering by law* in the following settings:

- *public transport*
- *indoor transport hubs (airports, rail and tram stations and terminals, maritime ports and terminals, bus and coach stations and terminals)*
- *shops and supermarkets (places which are open to the public and that wholly or mainly offer goods or services for retail sale or hire)*
- *indoor shopping centres*
- *banks, building societies, and post offices (including credit unions, short-term loan providers, savings clubs and money service businesses)*

Wishing you all a great weekend! Keep safe, healthy and socially distanced and continue to enjoy the relaxation of the rules by supporting our local businesses.

Kind regards

Anne