

LOCKDOWN UPDATE 17th JULY 2020

Well it's that time of the week again and time for another update, albeit a bit shorter this week.

COVID-19 Update

The cumulative cases in the county are now 2512 up from 2477 with confirmed cases in Stratford on Avon District at 526 up 5 cases from 521 since the previous week. 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 423 SWFT Hospital Beds there are currently ZERO confirmed cases of COVID-19 at present and no patients are in the intensive care unit. The cumulative deaths across Stratford District has increased by two over the last week to 167 taking the number of deaths from a care home setting up two to 82 from a cumulative of 3536 'all cause deaths'. The cumulative total of all COVID-19 deaths in Warwickshire is now 579 and over the same period there have been 2957 non COVID-19 related deaths in Warwickshire. Across the county there have been 208 COVID-19 deaths in care homes settings (an increase of three in the last week) compared to 1054 'all cause deaths' over the same period.

The capacity in hospitals remains excellent with no beds occupied by COVID-19 patients but there are 16% beds taken up with suspected COVID-19 patients. There are 37% of beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 47% reinforcing that the NHS is very much open for business!

Whilst the cases have flattened there is still 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. The senior management team from Stratford District Council met with Public Health England this week to discuss its role in managing any local outbreaks should they occur.

Business Grants

SDC has now paid out £33,247,000 to 2796 businesses and Included in this are 190 discretionary grants totalling £1,197,000

SDC, Elizabeth House

Reception has now re-opened to customers this week and is open between 10am and 2pm each day. Business has been steady and has been appreciated by those who have called in.

Stratford Town Centre Works

Works to improve the appearance of the pedestrian scheme in Stratford have commenced with a number of trees installed in Bridge Street and High Street. Further improvements are planned for next week.

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, in light of the new guidelines. 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>