

LOCKDOWN UPDATE 2 October 2020

UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR - 2nd October

Whilst cases are still high for the District this week, there is an indication that the numbers are levelling off, however, the increase is still in double digit territory over the last seven days across Stratford on Avon District, but slightly lower than the previous week. Emphasizing the importance of infection control and the roles that washing your hands, wearing a face covering and keeping your distance are having.

COVID-19 Update

The cumulative cases across the county as of today are now 3440 up from 3250 (an increase of 190 and down by 35 on last week's figure) with confirmed cases in Stratford on Avon District increasing by 29 to 657 since last week (two less than last week),

Out of the 423 SWFT Hospital Beds there remains five confirmed cases of COVID-19 at present and NO patients are in the intensive care unit. The cumulative deaths across Stratford District remains at 168 with the deaths in care home remaining at 82 from a cumulative of 1164 'all cause deaths' in the district. The cumulative total of all COVID-19 deaths in Warwickshire has increased by one to 601 in the last week and over the same period there have been 3988 non COVID-19 related deaths in Warwickshire. Across the county there has been a total of 212 COVID-19 deaths in care homes settings (no increase in the last week) compared to 1323 'all cause deaths' in care homes over the same period.

There are 53% of SWFT hospital beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients, 1% occupied with confirmed COVID-19 patients and 14% beds occupied with suspected COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 32% beds.

The Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme

SDC will be administering the scheme through the Housing Benefit team and will have an online application available from 12th October following receipt of the software programme, and individuals who are required to self-isolate before this date who meet the qualifying criteria will have payments back dated. These changes came into effect on 28 September 2020, alongside the legal duty to self-isolate.

The idea is that it will help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and avoid further social and economic restrictions, including local lockdowns.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Test and Trace Support Payment, an individual must:

- have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace either because they've tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- be employed or self-employed
- be unable to work from home and will lose income as a result
- be currently receiving one or more of the following:
 - universal credit
 - working tax credit
 - income based employment and support allowance
 - income based jobseeker's allowance
 - income support
 - housing benefit
 - pension credit

Wellesbourne Household Recycling Site

Remember the Household Recycling Site is now open Saturday, Sunday and Monday and visits can be booked online via <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingwellesbourne>

Please keep safe this weekend and let's keep doing what we have been doing and not exceed our numbers next week which are 24/100,000 over the last seven days based on a district wide population of 123,000

Kind regards

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