

Councillor and Parish Council Update – 26 February 2021

Local Coronavirus figures

The current local Coronavirus figures can be found on the Government website:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=King%27s%20Lynn%20and%20West%20Norfolk>

These figures are for the week ending 21/02/21, and comparisons are with the week ending 14/02/2021:

- The case rate per 100,000 for all ages is: Norfolk 84.8 (109.8 previous week), East of England 94.9 (115.2 previous week) and England 117.0 (133.8 previous week). Overall, this represents a decrease in Norfolk of 22.8%.
- In King's Lynn and West Norfolk, the case rate per 100,000 of all ages is 97.1 compared to 146 the previous week – a decrease of 33.5%.
- This compares to figures for the rest of Norfolk this week: Breckland 112.9; Broadland 71.1; Great Yarmouth 117.8; North Norfolk 51.5; Norwich 89.6; and South Norfolk 53.2.
- The total number of people tested for Covid-19 in the last 7 days is 29243, compared to 23650 for the previous 7 days (23.6% increase).

Although the figures show a decrease, it is vital that we continue to be vigilant and communicate the stay at home messaging.

Here are some additional government links you may find useful:

[Cases | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#) - This site can be filtered to show information for each district

[Interactive Map | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#) - Can focus in on the map to district level and ultimately ward/street view.

Government Roadmap

On Monday, the government announced its four step roadmap for emerging from coronavirus restrictions. Each step is dependent on the data at the time and there will be a review between each step. We do not have the full detail at present; we are awaiting further guidance which we expect to have in the next few weeks.

An overview of the key changes at each step are:

Step 1:

- **8 March** - the priority is to ensure that all children and students return safely to face-to-face education in schools and college.
- **29 March** - Outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed. The 'stay at home' rule will also end on 29 March, but many restrictions will remain in place.

Step 2:

- **No earlier than 12 April** – step 2 will see the opening of non-essential retail, personal care premises, and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups), as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues. Self-contained accommodation can reopen, and hospitality venues can serve people outdoors.

STEP 1 8 March		29 March		STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April
EDUCATION 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and colleges open for all students • Practical Higher Education courses 				EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As previous step
SOCIAL CONTACT 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person • Household only indoors 		29 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors 		SOCIAL CONTACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors
BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraparound care, including sport, for all children 		29 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised outdoor sport (children and adults) • Outdoor sport and leisure facilities • All outdoor children's activities • Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s) 		BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All retail • Personal care • Libraries & community centres • Most outdoor attractions • Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only) • Self-contained accommodation • All children's activities • Outdoor hospitality • Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)
TRAVEL 8 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay at home • No holidays 		29 MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise travel • No holidays 		TRAVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic overnight stays (household only) • No international holidays
EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funerals (30) • Weddings and wakes (6) 				EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funerals (30) • Weddings, wakes, receptions (15) • Event pilots

Step 3:

- **No earlier than 17 May** - the government will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances. This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply.

Step 4:

- **No earlier than 21 June** - the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact. Before Step 4 begins, the government will complete a review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission.

STEP 3 No earlier than 17 May	STEP 4 No earlier than 21 June
At least 5 weeks after Step 2	At least 5 weeks after Step 3 All subject to review
EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As previous step	EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As previous step
SOCIAL CONTACT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum 30 people outdoors• Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)	SOCIAL CONTACT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No legal limit
BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor hospitality• Indoor entertainment and attractions• Organised indoor sport (adult)• Remaining accommodation• Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remaining businesses, including nightclubs
TRAVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic overnight stays• International travel (subject to review)	TRAVEL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domestic overnight stays• International travel
EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most significant life events (30)• Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)• Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)• Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)	EVENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No legal limit on life events• Larger events

We will provide further updates and respond to the guidance as it's published. The full roadmap can be found here: [COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-response-spring-2021)

The key government message for communications is: 'stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives' and the additional message: 'let's keep going'. Locally, our emphasis is also on the 'protect west Norfolk' message.

Vaccinations

The latest information about the government's vaccination programme, which is being led in this area by the Norfolk and Waveney CCG is available on their website <https://www.norfolkandwaveneyccg.nhs.uk/>



Latest vaccination data

To date, 341,600 people - 40.1% of the over 16 population in Norfolk and Waveney - have now received their first vaccination dose, according to data [published today by NHS England and NHS Improvement](#). This places Norfolk and Waveney 4th out of 42 health systems in England. The national average is 32.8% and the regional average is 34.0%.

GP practices in Norfolk and Waveney are currently focusing on cohort 6, those aged 16-64 with underlying health conditions. GPs will contact those in this group.

Patients in cohorts 5, those aged 65-69 years old, and cohorts 7, those aged 60-64, who have received a letter inviting them to book a vaccine appointment should do so through the national website www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119.

Grants for businesses

The figures for grants paid week up to 26 February were 277 grants paid totalling £436,539. The total of grants paid is 7,363 to 1,623 businesses and individuals adding up to £13,863,290.

The next round of grants has been announced and we are now working on payments of the grants from 16 February 2021 to 31 March 2021.

Grant information – including an overview of the type of grants - is available online. We have also made available a flow chart explaining the different grant schemes here: <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/businessgrants>. Business grants FAQs can be found here: [Business grants FAQs | Business grants FAQs | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk \(west-norfolk.gov.uk\)](#)

Lateral Flow Testing

Community testing continues in west Norfolk. This week the test areas and testing sites are in:

- Gaywood Chase, Old Gaywood and Gaywood North - Fairstead Community Centre
- North Lynn - St James Swimming Pool
- Oasis Leisure Centre - Hunstanton

The locations of these testing sites will be reviewed weekly and new locations announced on Thursday for the following week.

We are encouraging people to make appointments, but where they can't or prefer not to, they can just turn up for a test. To book visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/rapidtesting.

The latest statistics show the impact that the testing is having. Up to 24th February, there had been 2,527 tests in Norfolk with 24 (0.9%) positive and 2,503 (99.1%) negative. For King's Lynn and West Norfolk, there have been 1,389 tests carried out with 16 (1.2%) positive and 1373 (98.8%) negative. Lateral Flow Testing was only initially rolled out in King's Lynn and West Norfolk and Great Yarmouth, and this week in Norwich, and the statistics only apply to these areas.

Panel meetings and task groups

Panel meetings and time critical task groups will resume from 1 March 2021. An E & C panel is scheduled for 9 March and we will be arranging with the appropriate panel chairs for both an R&D and CPP panel meeting in March in advance of the Cabinet meeting on 16 March. Only time critical reports will be brought forward in the next three months up to June 2021.

Borough Council service impacts

All of our service impacts can be found here: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you require specific information about any of the issues raised in this update, please contact communications@west-norfolk.gov.uk