

Tattersett Parish Council

We continue to be in a very fast-moving situation and our focus at the County Council right now is on delaying the spread of coronavirus and ensuring our services are responding well. This is clearly hugely important and requires all of our attention.

The information below is intended as a resource to keep you up to date with the latest information and advice.

Covid-19 Trusted sources of information

- The most recent **verified data on cases in the UK and Norfolk** is available from Public Health England [here](#) and the Norfolk Insights website [here](#).
- Everyone has a key role in promoting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and www.gov.uk/coronavirus as trusted sources of information to the public. It is really important to ensure people go to the right sources of information and keep up to date with how to look after themselves.
- **Keep up to date:** We have [a dedicated webpage for coronavirus updates](#) in Norfolk and impact on Norfolk County Council services. This is updated regularly so please do re-visit this page.
- **Service updates** - The most up to date information on council services can be found at [Norfolk County Council services disruptions](#). The council will continue to monitor its services and, if regulations and circumstances change, it will review its current plans.

Latest national announcements

- **Roadmap out of lockdown** – on Monday 5 April, the Prime Minister announced the further easing of lockdown measures effective from 12 April 2021 specifically around the re-opening of non-essential retail, personal care premises, public building such as libraries and community centres, outdoor activities such as zoos etc.
The full list of Coronavirus restrictions can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>
- **Rapid tests to be offered twice-weekly** - Everyone in England is to be given access to two rapid coronavirus tests a week from Friday, under an extension of the Government's testing programme. The lateral flow test kits, which can provide results in around 30 minutes, will be available for free at testing sites, pharmacies and through the post and are already offered to school children and their families plus those who have to leave home for work.
- **Roadmap reviews update** – while following the stated roadmap out of lockdown, the Government has established four programmes of work to consider different aspects of how we should handle COVID-19 from summer onwards. These reviews are looking at COVID-status certification, international travel, large events and social distancing. Details of all the reviews and their scope, the actions to date and the next steps, can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021-reviews-terms-of-reference/roadmap-reviews-update>

Covid-19

- **Coronavirus rules from 12 April 2021** - . In summary, from today:
 - non-essential retail will be able to reopen
 - personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons will be able to reopen
 - public buildings such as libraries and community centres will be able to reopen
 - outdoor hospitality venues will be able to reopen, with table service only

- most outdoor attractions including zoos, theme parks, and drive-in performances (such as cinemas and concerts) will be able to reopen
- some smaller outdoor events such as fetes, literary fairs, and fairgrounds will be able to take place
- indoor leisure and sports facilities will be able to reopen for individual exercise, or exercise with your household or support bubble
- all childcare and supervised activities will be allowed indoors (as well as outdoors) for all children. Parent and child groups can take place indoors (as well as outdoors) for up to 15 people (children under 5 will not be counted in this number)
- weddings, civil partnership ceremonies, wakes and other commemorative events will be able to take place for up to 15 people (anyone working is not included in this limit), including in indoor venues that are permitted to open or where an exemption applies. Wedding receptions can also take place for up to 15 people, but must take place outdoors, not including private gardens
- self-contained accommodation will be able to open for overnight stays in England with for a household or support bubble
- travel should continue to be minimised where possible
- care home residents will be able to nominate two named individuals for regular indoor visits (following a rapid lateral flow test)

Messages for residents

- **Covid 19** – despite the easing of some lockdown restrictions, **the following conditions continue to apply:**
 - You should stay 2 metres apart from anyone who is not in your household or support bubble where possible
 - You must wear a face covering in many indoor settings, such as shops and places of worship, and on public transport, unless you are exempt. This is the law.
 - If you are clinically extremely vulnerable, you are no longer advised to shield. However, you should continue to follow the [guidance for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable](#)
 - You must not meet indoors with anybody you do not live with, unless they are part of your [support bubble](#) (if you are eligible), or another legal exemption applies
 - You can meet up outdoors with friends and family you do not live with, either:
 - in a group of up to 6 from any number of households (children of all ages count towards the limit of 6)
 - in a group of any size from up to two households (each household can include an existing support bubble, if eligible)

If you have any of the [coronavirus symptoms](#) you must [self-isolate](#) straightway and [get a test](#). You must continue to isolate if you test positive or are told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

You can be fined up to £10,000 if you do not isolate. [Get support to self-isolate.](#)

Social care

- **Visiting a Care Home Resident: Guidance for visitors** -The national Better Care Fund has created [two new animations](#), explaining how current coronavirus care home visiting arrangements work, the benefits they bring for all parties and what to do when visitors or staff test positive

Economic Development

- **Community Renewal Fund** - The County Council is responsible for submitting to Government a shortlist of project proposals for the Community Renewal Fund (CRF) – a largely revenue funding pot. **Innovative pilot projects**, with a minimum CRF requirement of £250k, and a focus on Employment & Skills, Local Business Support or Community & Place, are invited. Priority areas

targeted are **Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn & West Norfolk, North Norfolk** and **Norwich** (as well as countywide Employment & Skills or Local Business bids). The County Council will facilitate, appraise and shortlist proposals, with the final shortlist endorsed by local boards for the relevant areas. This highly competitive bidding round is a key opportunity for Norfolk, as it paves the way for the longer-term Shared Prosperity Fund in 2022, which will take account of the learnings from the CRF pilots.

Business and economy

- **Workplace testing programme expands to offer free rapid home testing:** From 6 April, the workplace testing programme will supply home test kits to companies with over 10 workers where it is not possible to set up testing on-site, due to a lack of space or because companies operate across multiple sites. Businesses must [register interest](#) by 12 April to access free tests. Find out more [here](#)
- **Employer testing duty:** If you are an employer that requires staff to travel regularly across UK borders you must take reasonable steps to facilitate your employees to take tests. Find out more [here](#).
- **Seasonal workers to receive free Covid-19 tests on farms:** Employers of seasonal agricultural workers in the edible horticulture sector are [urged to register](#) for free workplace testing.
- **New grant funding and Business rates relief in England** - Since 1 April businesses in England in the non-essential retail sector have been eligible for one-off grants of up to £6,000, while businesses in the hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym sectors, which are reopening later, will be eligible for one-off grants of up to £18,000. Businesses can [check their eligibility for the Restart Grant here](#). This is coupled with £425 million of top-up funding for the ongoing Additional Restrictions Grant scheme for councils to distribute to businesses in particularly urgent need of additional support – which could also be businesses who don't necessarily pay business rates like tour operators, B&Bs, caterers, freelancers and wedding service providers. Find out more [here](#).
- **A new Business Rates relief fund** of £1.5 billion for businesses affected by COVID-19 outside the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors has been announced to provide an extra, targeted support package for businesses who have been unable to benefit from the existing £16 billion business rates relief for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses. The £1.5 billion pot will be allocated to local authorities in England based on the stock of properties in the area whose sectors have been affected by COVID-19. Local Authorities will use their knowledge of local businesses and the local economy to make awards. Find out more [here](#)

Workplace Guidance - [Working safely guidance](#) has been updated to include changes to national restrictions. Other specific changes include:

- [The visitor economy](#) and [Hotels and other guest accommodation](#) guidance has been updated to include information on reasonable adjustments, changes to NHS Test and Trace regulations.
- **Providers of grassroots sport and sport facilities [guidance](#)** has been updated to include information on reasonable adjustments, changes to NHS Test and Trace regulations, as well as a new shorter format focussing on actions to make your workplace COVID-Secure.
- **Shops and branches [guidance](#)** includes additional information on ventilation, tests, how to operate fitting rooms safely and new requirements for collecting data for NHS Test and Trace (betting shops only).
- [Performing arts](#) and [Heritage locations](#) guidance is updated in a new shorter format focussing on actions to make your workplace COVID-Secure.
- **Vehicles [guidance](#)** has been updated with information on ventilation and tests.
- **Supported living services [guidance](#)** has been updated with a new 'Visits in and out of supported living settings' section.
- **Care homes** free COVID-19 PPE provision for health and social workers has been [extended](#) to March 2022

Service updates

- **Libraries reopening** – Norfolk Libraries will be resuming services from today (Monday 12 April) on the following basis:

Week beginning 12th April: Acle, Attleborough, Aylsham, Caister, Cromer, Dereham, Diss, Downham Market, Earlham, Fakenham, Gaywood, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Hellesdon,

Hunstanton, Kings Lynn, Loddon, Millennium (including American Library), North Walsham, Plumstead Road, Poringland, Reepham, Sheringham, Swaffham, Thetford, Wroxham, Wymondham. All Mobile Libraries.

Week beginning 19th April: Blofield, Brundall, Costessey, Dersingham, Harleston, Hethersett, Hingham (at the door service only), Holt, Long Stratton, Martham, Mile Cross, Mundesley, Sprowston, St Williams Way, Stalham, Taverham, Tuckswood, Watton, Wells, West Earlham

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