

Please forward this update on to those who would like to see it



Key messages

- With the Autumn and Winter months approaching, it is important that we take steps to protect ourselves from catching and spreading COVID-19 as well as other seasonal viruses. Professor Sarah Scott [discusses the steps we need to take](#) to protect ourselves and others.
- Good hand hygiene is important at any time, but it's particularly crucial this Halloween when we are likely to be sharing sweet treats and other goodies. Make sure you wash or sanitise your hands regularly, don't leave out self-serve bowls and don't hand out treats if you have any symptoms or are self-isolating
- If you are meeting up with friends and family outside is safer. If you meet indoors, let fresh air in.
- Test before you meet others – rapid Covid tests help to detect the virus in people who might have no symptoms so that quick action can be taken before the virus can be passed on.
- Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces like if you are travelling on public transport.

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Gloucestershire COVID-19 stats

[Link to graph showing daily cases by local authority](#) (Please open in Google Chrome)

Cases

- In week 43 (Monday 18th October - Sunday 22nd October) there were 5,585 confirmed cases of COVID19.

Of these cases:

- 1167 were in Stroud
- 1109 were in Cheltenham
- 991 were in Tewkesbury

- Stay at home if you are unwell - don't risk it!
- Utilise the NHS App if you are heading to a venue to celebrate Halloween.

- 939 were in Gloucester
- 724 were in Cotswold
- 655 were in Forest of Dean

Testing

In the preceding 30 days of reporting (26 September - 26 October) under our local pillar 2* testing sites 331,542 tests have been undertaken in Gloucestershire residents, 5.07 % of these were positive.

Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) locations*

- Lower Lode Depot, Lower Lode Lane, Tewkesbury, GL20 5TT (Friday-Friday)
- Royal Agricultural University, Stroud Road, Cirencester, GL7 6JS (Friday-Friday)
- Car Park, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, GL10 2DG (Friday-Sunday, Friday)
- Car Park off Newerne Street, Lydney, GL15 5RA (Friday, Wednesday-Friday)
- Hartpury University & Hartpury College, Gloucester, GL19 3BE (Saturday-Sunday, Wednesday)
- University Of Gloucestershire, Entrance 3, Park Campus, The Park, Cheltenham, GL50 2RH (Saturday-Sunday)
- Cinderford RFC, Dockham Rd, Cinderford GL14 2AQ (Monday-Tuesday)
- North RFC, Stoke Orchard Road, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 7DG (Tuesday-Wednesday)

* Please note these figures are provisional and subject to change. ([Source](#) as at 16:00 27/10/2021)

The rate of cases in the last 7 days per 100,000 is 937 in Gloucestershire, 708.8 in the South West, and 476.8 in England⁹.

Deaths mentioning COVID19

- In week 41 (Saturday 9th October – Friday 15th October) there was 1 deaths mentioning “novel coronavirus (COVID-19)”, which is 1.0% of all deaths, this compares with 10 (7.3% of all deaths) in Week 40.

*Please note these figures are based on all deaths registered by the 23rd October they are provisional and will be subject to change. They include deaths that make any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate. (Source: Weekly **provisional**

- Stow RFC, Oddington Road, Stow on the Wold, GL54 1JJ (Monday-Tuesday)
- Dursley Rugby Club, Hounds Green, Dursley GL11 6AJ (Monday-Tuesday)

Permanent Testing Site Locations

PCR Testing Sites

Gloucester RTS

Hempsted Meadows, David Hook Way, Gloucester, GL2 5LE

Cheltenham LTS

Coronation Square, Edinburgh Place, Cheltenham, GL51 7RG

Stroud LTS

Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AF

You can [book a test here](#) for one of these sites if you have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Assisted Testing in Pharmacies (LFD)

You can [see which pharmacies you can take a rapid test at](#) if you do not have any COVID-19 symptoms.

LFD Home Test Collection

Anyone can collect LFD kits for use at home from any of the locations listed [here](#) including some pharmacies and local libraries.

LFD Home Test Delivery

If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can [order a test kit to your home](#).

Outbreaks

In the last 7 days, there has been 8 confirmed⁷ outbreaks in high risk settings in Gloucestershire.

figures on deaths occurring and registered in England and Wales by Local Authority)

Please note the dates above, the ONS weeks run from Saturday- Friday and we are unable to change this.

Deaths in NHS Trusts²
- 650 (10 new).

Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

[Latest advice and developments from Gloucestershire NHS](#)

[Gloucestershire's Community Help Hub](#)

[Council service updates](#)

[Make an adult social care referral](#)

[Business advice and support](#)

[Looking after your wellbeing](#)

[Support for children and families during Covid-19](#)

National updates

- [Advertising blitz to urge public to get flu and COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [Prime Minister issues vaccine call to arms ahead of winter](#)
- [Move to lateral flow tests for travel begins \(24 October\)](#)

Your questions answered

To make sure your questions get answered promptly by the team, please continue to send your questions directly to democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk

¹ The above data reflects nationally published data [available here](#).

² This section contains information on deaths of patients who have died in hospitals in Gloucestershire and had tested positive for COVID-19 at time of death or where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. All deaths are recorded against the date of death rather than the date the deaths were announced. It is based on national NHS data [published here](#).

³ Weekly death figures provide provisional counts of the number of deaths registered in England and Wales for which data are available. From 31 March 2020 these figures also show the number of deaths involving coronavirus (COVID-19), based on any mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate. Figures by place of death may differ to previously published figures due to improvements in the way we code place of death. This figure does not include deaths of those resident outside England and Wales or those records where the place of residence is either missing or not yet fully coded. For this reason counts may differ to published figures when summed. Bank Holidays could affect the number of registrations made within those weeks.

⁴ CQC publish figures on deaths where Covid-19 was suspected in the notification from the care home, as well as all cause mortality (since 10 April 2020). It is probable that not all deaths due to Covid-19 will be notified as such, conversely Covid-19 may be mentioned but not have been a contributory factor in a death). While CQC numbers are more comprehensive than local reporting, they are not currently reported by district council.

⁵ Pillar 2 swab testing is available for the wider population, as set out in government guidance. It does not include inpatients and frontline healthcare workers.

⁶ Please note that there is a possibility of last minute changes if the MTU's are diverted to assist with outbreak control both in this county or elsewhere.

⁷ Confirmed – this means a laboratory confirmed case of Covid19 from that setting. Suspected – this means there has been someone reporting Covid19 symptoms (new continuous cough or high temperature or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)) from the setting and swab result is awaited. Outbreak - An outbreak is where two or more persons with the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 who are linked through common exposure, personal characteristics, time or location. Incident - An incident is any event involving COVID-19 which presents a real or possible risk to the health of the public and requires urgent investigation and management.

⁸ High risk settings are places where individuals live in close proximity to each other or are particularly vulnerable. These include care homes, supported living, student accommodation, homeless accommodation and schools. This would not include single cases in hospital settings.

⁹ Specimen date range used is 4 days before today and includes the preceding 7 days. This is due to the time it takes for a specimen to be taken, processed and notified (average 4 days)