

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.
- Vaccines are the best protection we have against viruses like flu and COVID-19. People are being urged to come forward for their seasonal vaccinations as soon as they are invited to ensure they are protected
- GPs and community NHS teams across Gloucestershire are offering COVID-19 boosters and flu vaccines to people who are most at risk of getting very ill this winter or those who work with our most vulnerable residents. [Find out if you are eligible](#).
- The bulk of COVID boosters and flu vaccinations continue to be provided by appointment through the 11 GP-led community vaccination centres and some GP practices across the county. Local GP services will be in touch if they haven't already.
- People also have the choice to arrange their flu vaccination with their local pharmacy or use the [National](#)

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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 42 (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October) there were 5,543 confirmed cases of COVID19.

### Of these cases:

- 1309 were in Cheltenham
- 1293 were in Stroud
- 92 were in Tewkesbury
- 934 were in Tewkesbury
- 783 were in Gloucester
- 660 were in Forest of Dean

[Booking System \(NBS\)](#) website or phone number to book their COVID-19 booster at one of six community pharmacies around the county.

- Adults can have their COVID booster and flu vaccination at the same time, subject to supplies. However, if you're not yet eligible for a COVID booster (i.e. your second dose was less than six months ago) it's really important not to delay getting your flu vaccine
- Anyone who is eligible but hasn't yet had their first or second dose can still take up the offer - just follow the instructions in your original invitation from local GP services, use the national booking system (NBS) to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or look out for drop-in clinics. Check what is available is to visit the [Gloucestershire CCG website](#).
- The roll out of the [COVID-19 vaccination to 12-15 years old](#) continues. Eligible children and young people will be offered a single dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Getting the vaccine will help keep their lives moving supporting mental health and wellbeing.
- As well as getting vaccinated, there are other simple steps we can all take to help slow the spread of viruses.
  - Let fresh air in. Viruses spread more quickly when we're all gathered together inside - opening windows, even just for ten minutes or short bursts regularly, can make a real difference;

- 564 were in Cotswold

\* Please note these figures are provisional and subject to change. (Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/> as at 16:00 20/10/2021)

The rate of cases in the last 7 days per 100,000 is 743.8 in Gloucestershire, 627.8 in the South West, and 440.3 in England<sup>9</sup>.

Deaths mentioning COVID19

- In week 40 (Saturday 02<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October) there were 10 deaths mentioning "novel coronavirus (COVID-19)", which is 7.5% of all deaths, this compares with 1 (1.2% of all deaths) in Week 39.

\*Please note these figures are based on all deaths registered by the 9<sup>th</sup> 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** 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 Trusts<sup>2</sup> - 640 (1 new).

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- Wear face coverings when in enclosed spaces, like on public transport;
- Wash hands regularly – a simple step that can help prevent the spread of any virus or infection;
- Stay at home if you feel unwell, to avoid passing it on to someone else; and
- Get the [NHS COVID-19 app](#) – the app remains a key tool in reducing the spread of Covid

And..

- If you have any of the main Covid symptoms get a PCR test and isolate if you test positive.

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## Testing

In the preceding 30 days of reporting (12 September - 12 October) under our local pillar 2\* testing sites 295,895 tests have been undertaken in Gloucestershire residents, 3.07 % of these were positive.

### Mobile Testing Unit (MTU) locations<sup>6</sup>

- 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)

## 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](#)

- 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)
- 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 21 confirmed<sup>7</sup> outbreaks in high risk settings in Gloucestershire.

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## National updates

- [New film launched urging public to get flu and COVID-19 vaccines](#)
  - [Clinical trialists to be offered 'top-up' vaccine doses](#)
  - [Travel advice changes for over 50 countries and territories](#)
  - [Plan set out to improve access for NHS patients and support GPs](#)
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## 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](mailto:democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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<sup>1</sup> The above data reflects nationally published data [available here](#).

<sup>2</sup> 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](#).

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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)

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