

# **Worcestershire County Council COVID-19 Update for CALC**

3 April 2020

# Organisational position

Worcestershire County Council is delivering a One Worcestershire approach. We are working alongside our colleagues in District Councils, the NHS, our MPs and with our other partners including Worcestershire's voluntary sector organisations

# Key Messages

- Stay at home
- Observe social distancing
- Wash your hands regularly
- If you are vulnerable and have received a letter from the NHS, register for support via:
- [www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable)
- Or call 0800 0288327, the Government's dedicated helpline.

# Key operational activities/focus/priorities

- We are working with our district council colleagues and with the voluntary sector to build a picture of community action in order to establish if any of the Shielded Cohort are slipping through the net of the wider Government campaign as well as to support those others who are or who may become vulnerable
- We have managed to block purchase up to 300 hotel rooms to assist with the placing of patients who need additional support after hospital discharge
- We are working with the District Councils to provide accommodation for all those rough sleepers who will accept it

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- Through local sourcing we are providing every care setting in Worcestershire with additional supplies of hand sanitiser
- All adult care services remain covered but Nursing Homes are coming under pressure. Overall, there is still enough capacity in Domiciliary Care and we continue to block purchase domiciliary care from the private sector.
- In a single day this week 150 new enquiries were received through the here2help website with a further 140 calls taken through our Adult Social Care Access Centre.

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- Schools across Worcestershire are preparing to open during Easter holidays for children of critical workers and for vulnerable children
- Vouchers being issued to pupils entitled to free school meals, with most supermarkets accepting them.
- All major infrastructure projects are now shutting down in a controlled manner.
- All household waste & recycling centres are closed. District Councils are working to continue to provide refuse collections. Support is being provided when it is required.

# Confirmed Cases w/c 30/3/20

Cumulative No of Cases for Local Shires	Population	30-Mar	31-Mar	01-Apr	02-Apr
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>592057</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>221</b>
Warwickshire	571010	148	161	190	235
Gloucestershire	633558	109	156	172	208
Shropshire	320074	78	85	102	106
Herefordshire	192107	25	35	40	47
Staffordshire	875219	256	281	329	372

Source: Public Health England

# Where can I get further information, help and advice?

## Here2help

There will be many vulnerable people in our community who will have to self-isolate. This site will provide a central location for the vulnerable that are unable to seek help from family, friends and neighbours. You can request help, volunteer to help and find useful resources.

Want to help/volunteer or need assistance

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>



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County Council website for Coronavirus information

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS Website for information on Coronavirus

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Guidance for Councillors

[https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/50.1%20COVID19%20guidance%20for%20councillors\\_03\\_1.pdf](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/50.1%20COVID19%20guidance%20for%20councillors_03_1.pdf)