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Coronavirus weekly update from Birmingham City Council

Welcome to the coronavirus weekly update from Birmingham City Council.

The update lets you know about Birmingham City Council's services, public health information, general advice on Covid-19, and other relevant news from the council and our partners so that we can keep you informed. If you have friends and family who are not online, please share the information in this bulletin with them.

You can find a full suite of information about Covid-19 on the council's [website](#).

Local news

Birmingham City Council has released a [Local Outbreak Plan](#) to help manage any potential sporadic Covid-19 surges in the region.

The council is preparing to [help the hospitality sector get back to business and re-open safely](#). Also Birmingham's Director of Public Health has advised people to ensure they [keep safe](#) if they plan on visiting hospitality venues that are re-opening from 4 July.

With more pupils returning to schools as lockdown eases, Birmingham City Council has announced plans to expand their [Car Free School Streets initiative](#), following a successful pilot.

People visiting Birmingham's parks are being [urged to show their respect for the environment](#) after 1,713 tonnes of litter was cleared from such settings in the first six months of 2020. For the same period in 2019, some 460 tonnes was removed. The figure has almost quadrupled – and June alone has seen a seven-fold increase from 60 tonnes last year to 433 tonnes this year

The council has now enabled the provision of a free 24/7 on demand artificial intelligence stop smoking service called [Quit with Bella](#).

Birmingham residents can now access the city's network of [Household Recycling Centres \(HRCs\)](#) with trailers and vans.

Public transport services are now returning to full timetables but will have reduced capacity to allow for social distancing. Remember, you must [wear a face covering](#) when using public transport. [Find out more.](#)

Need help but not safe to talk? [Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid](#) supports women and children affected by domestic abuse.

We would like to hear from families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) about the support you've received during lockdown. Please [take part in our survey](#).

National news

From 6 July, the [advice to people who are shielding will change](#). Clinically vulnerable people will be able to meet outdoors in groups of up to 6 with people they do not live with, while maintaining social distancing.

Find out what to do if you're told by the [NHS Test and Trace service](#) that you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus.

The International Organisation for Migration has designed a [Covid-19 Migrant Information Service](#) providing extra support to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

To mark the 72nd birthday of the NHS, everyone is being asked to come together to clap for NHS and social care staff, all other key workers, and our communities at 5pm on Sunday 5 July. [Find out more.](#)

As more shops and workplaces begin to reopen, handwashing is more important than ever. Follow official NHS advice [here](#).

For latest updates and advice on coronavirus, please visit the [government website](#).

All the important official advice to help restrict the spread coronavirus and how to deal with any infection can be found on the [NHS website](#).