

# Keep in Touch



## 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](#).



## Covid guidance

Tier 2 ('high') coronavirus restrictions are in place in Birmingham. We all have a role to play to protect our families, friends and neighbours. WASH your hands; WEAR a face covering if you can; and make SPACE. YOU MUST: NOT meet people socially anywhere indoors (except for those in your household or bubble); ONLY meet people outdoors in groups of up to 6; WORK from home if possible; REDUCE your number of journeys. [Find the latest guidance](#).

Get a test if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. These are: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. To book a test, visit [here](#).

Applications are now live for [Test and Trace Support payments](#). If you are on a low income and have been advised to self-isolate, you can now apply for a £500 payment if you can't work from home.

Face coverings must be worn in all bus and train stations and on board, unless exempt. You can find out more and download an exemption card to show whilst you're travelling [here](#).

Visit the council's website for [translated audio and written information](#) on Coronavirus Test and Trace.

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

## Local news

Birmingham 2022 will make global sport history by becoming the first ever major multi-sport event to [award more medals to women than men](#). And, the BBC has signed up to be the [Domestic Broadcast Rights Holder](#) for Birmingham 2022.

Birmingham's residents, businesses and organisations are urged to share their views on proposals for [tackling inequalities](#) that affect the city's diverse communities.

Birmingham has launched its [supported housing pilot](#) after receiving more than £1m of new funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The pilot seeks to explore how the provision of supported housing in Birmingham can be improved.

Selly Oak roadworks are expected to be completed by Christmas. The work is part of the Selly Oak New Road (SONR) Phase 1B scheme, consisting of [highway improvements](#) to the Selly Oak Triangle, made up of Bristol Road, Harborne Lane and Chapel Lane.

The Clean Air Zone is coming in June 2021. Be prepared by joining a [free webinar](#) aimed at businesses and organisations in partnership with Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

With daylight saving hours coming into effect, we've changed our [cemetery opening hours](#).

On 2 November we will introduce restrictions for on-street parking in Digbeth. If you live or work in the area you may be eligible for a parking permit. Find out more about the [Digbeth Restricted Parking Zone](#).

[Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid](#) continues to provide support for women and children affected by domestic abuse. Free helpline 0808 800 0028 is open daily, 9.15am-5.15pm. Web chat is also available Mon-Fri 10am-4pm.

This year's [SHOUT festival](#), from 5 Nov 2020 - 15 Nov 2020, will be taking place virtually. SHOUT at Home will feature over 30 events and a film programme that speaks to issues relevant to the LGBTQIA+ community right now.

Join the virtual celebration of the Festival of Light at 'Diwali on the Screen' on Saturday 7 November. There will be entertainment from performers from across the West Midlands. Get your free ticket, [here](#).