

COVID-19 (coronavirus) weekly update from Birmingham City Council

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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-19 news

Out and about? The city centre might look a bit different – with [new measures to support the reopening of outdoor hospitality](#). Don't forget to still wash your hands, wear your mask – and keep a safe distance from others.

Remember, even if you've had your COVID jab, you can still be a carrier, and potentially infect those who haven't had their jab yet. A free lateral flow test can reassure you that you're COVID-free. [Find out more about getting a COVID test here](#).

Feeling sociable? Since 12 April, we can now see more of our friends and family – in outdoor gatherings of either six people or from two households. But follow the [COVID-safe guidance](#).

With more than 32 million UK people having had their first COVID jab, don't delay in getting your vaccine when it is offered to you. [Find out how YOU will be contacted for YOUR jab](#). If you've already had your first jab, are you due your second dose?

Additional COVID testing is being made available within the Ladywood, Soho and Jewellery Quarter wards, where one case of the COVID-19 variant first identified in South Africa has been found.

Though COVID restrictions since 12 April are more relaxed than this time last year, [going to the mosque for Iftar and visiting friends and family indoors is still not possible](#). Look after your health and wellbeing – and, for local guidance, contact your mosque.

It's BRILLIANT we can now visit beauty salons and barbers, gyms and spas libraries, zoos, theme parks community centres, and drive-in cinemas. [But, remember to still follow the COVID national roadmap guidance](#).

We've just launched a survey to improve people's experience of lateral flow testing survey, with the University of Birmingham. [How do You feel about COVID testing?](#)

Visit the council's website for [translated audio and written information](#) on Coronavirus Test and Trace. Please share this information with people you know who will need translated information.

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

Local news

Make YOUR vote count. You have less than a week left to register to vote in this year's local and mayoral elections that take place on 6 May. [Registering to vote will take you five minutes](#).

In the market for a bargain? Don't forget all of our historic Bull Ring Markets – Indoor, Rag and Open – are now open. [Find out the markets' opening hours](#).

Got youngsters? Birmingham Adult Education offers a range of fun and exciting courses that support both parents and children in developing a range of skills such as language, creativity and resilience. [Find out what BAES has to offer YOU](#).

Cricket fan? The Hundred – the fast-paced and action-packed cricket competition – is coming to Birmingham this summer. And you can get [early bird discounted cricket tickets](#) till 18 April.

Visited the newly-reopened Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park yet? You must pre-book your tickets if you wish to visit. [Book YOUR Wildlife Park tickets here.](#)

Council questions? Did YOU know you can contact our council Customer Services team on Twitter, to help you with any service enquiries you may have? Use this hashtag: [@BCC_Help](#)