



## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland stakeholder bulletin #20



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Through these bulletins we will keep you updated on the NHS response to Coronavirus in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

We will try to ensure you have the latest information, but as you are aware the situation is rapidly changing. If you have any questions or would like to ask about a topic please email us at: [PressOfficeLLRCCGs@leicestershire.nhs.uk](mailto:PressOfficeLLRCCGs@leicestershire.nhs.uk)

Please continue to support the message on staying at home and in particular help us to tackle misinformation by promoting the official sources of information: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.



A message from Andy Williams, Chief Executive of the LLR Clinical Commissioning groups, Angela Hilary, Chief Executive, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and Andrew Furlong, Medical Director, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust.

### Beating COVID-19: Together in Hope

Yesterday, Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, announced that a further two weeks of restrictions would apply to Leicester and the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. Whilst there was some easing of the strict lockdown measures applied from the 29 June, the message is clear: the number of cases remains too high for a relaxation of measures to bring them in line with most other parts of the country.

This news was hugely disappointing and has particular impact on those who live in the area affected, but it is also a reminder of the challenge we face and the continued threat of COVID-19.

Over the past two weeks we have worked with Leicester City Council and Public Health England to intensify support and efforts to bring the number of cases down. Many NHS colleagues have given their time to volunteer and support a programme of mass community testing in affected areas. We have also played a key role in raising awareness of how people can protect themselves and others, local GPs have for example produced videos in different languages to help reach all communities. Although progress may appear slow, we are getting results and cases of COVID are falling. It is likely that other areas of the country will face lockdowns and they will look Leicester's experience to help them.

While we continue to treat people with COVID-19 in Leicester's Hospitals, there has been a small decline in the

number of admissions and those needing intensive care support over the last few days and colleagues continue to provide support to patients with COVID-19 as well as those needing urgent and emergency care. Admissions in community hospitals also continue to be low. Across the NHS we are all working hard to help restore services for our patients where it is safe to do so.

You can find more information on the extended lockdown at:

[Leicester City Council](#)

[Leicestershire County Council](#)

## **Celebrating Leicester: Together in Hope**

Today sees the launch of Together in Hope, a celebration of community spirit in Leicester and Leicestershire this weekend, supported by a raft of public figures. The initiative is headed by Professor Nishan Canagarajah, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Leicester, Susan Whelan, Leicester City Football Club Chief Executive and Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester. Together In Hope will highlight messages of encouragement and the many acts of kindness and concern for one another that have been springing up during lockdown. It is also a celebration of the diversity of Leicester and the togetherness in the City that will ultimately overcome the challenge we face.

We wholeheartedly support this initiative and invite you to participate. Using the hashtags #TogetherInHope and #WeAreLeicester a coalition of leaders and personalities invite anyone with connections to the city and county to tell the world what we celebrate about Leicester and Leicestershire and how we'll come through this current challenge and move forward together in hope. Full details of how you can support this initiative are [here](#).

We hope that as many of you as possible take part to celebrate our city and county.

Through our continued collective efforts and working with our communities we will emerge from this stronger.

## **Further information**

The following are useful sources of information:

[Leicester City Council](#)

[Leicestershire County Council](#)

[Leicestershire Police](#)

[One Prepared LLR](#)

[Gov.uk](#)