



Sandwell News



 HM Government

NHS

Test and Trace

**CORONAVIRUS
GOT SYMPTOMS?
GET TESTED NOW**

PLAY YOUR PART.
PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
Do not leave home. Find out how to get a test at
nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

STAY ALERT › CONTROL THE VIRUS › SAVE LIVES

⚠️Rapid rise in COVID-19 cases⚠️

Sandwell Council has alerted people across the borough, particularly in Smethwick, to a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases.

Public Health bosses warn that the virus has not gone away and people must stick to social distancing and safety rules.

Data shows a surge in positive cases and the council has written to businesses and is reminding everyone to stay at home as much as possible and [follow all the guidance](#).



Gas safety checks

⚠️!⚠️! If you are a council tenant, it's really important that you let us carry out vital gas safety checks ⚠️!⚠️!

Gas safety checks are a legal requirement to prevent gas and carbon monoxide leaks.

If you are sent an appointment for a gas inspection, please be reassured that our staff are working in a safe and socially distanced way and meeting all government guidelines.



[Please keep your appointment - it's to keep you safe](#) 🖱️

How to pay your **Council Tax** while council buildings are closed

Pay online at:
www.sandwell.gov.uk/paybills

or pay by Direct Debit or standing order

OR...

Pay by cash at the Post Office

Or pay over the phone:
0300 456 0514

Sandwell
Metropolitan Borough Council

Run for Joel

Organisers of the popular 'Runforjoel' event will instead be holding a special 'RunFromHome' this year and you can now register to take part. 🏃‍♀️🏃‍♂️🏃‍♀️🏃‍♂️

They have had to alter the usual event due to the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Fundraising supports families affected by murder in memory of Joel, Ade and Pat – and all those who never came home from the horrific terrorist attack in Tunisia in 2015.

[Head over to the Smile For Joel Facebook page](#) for full details of how you can get involved safely and show your support on this 5th anniversary.

An NHS poster with a black background. On the left, a woman is shown in profile, coughing into her elbow, with a yellow and orange mist coming from her mouth. The top left corner has the HM Government logo. The top right corner has the NHS logo. The main text reads 'CORONAVIRUS GOT SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED' in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, it lists symptoms: 'HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?'. Further down, it says 'No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms. Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at nhs.uk/coronavirus'. At the bottom, a yellow and green banner contains the text 'STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES'.



Domestic Abuse



Black Country Women's Aid support women, men and children.

- Call the **24-hour helpline** 0121 552 6448
- Text or **WhatsApp** on 07384 466 181 (9am-9pm weekdays)
- Call **999 in an emergency**



If you are worried about your own behaviour towards others, call the Respect Phonenumber 0808 8010 327.



For more information about help available in Sandwell, visit:
www.sandwell.gov.uk/domesticabuse



Black Country Women's Aid

we listen, we support, we care



Safer Sandwell Partnership

Local Police and Crime Board