





### Sandwell News

COVID-19 infection rates are dangerously high in our area

Don't leave your home unless it's absolutely



essential

# **UPDATE - Sandwell in Tier 3 from Wednesday**

As we expected, the Government has confirmed Sandwell will be under Tier 3 Very High alert restrictions from Wednesday 2 December.

Until then, current national lockdown restrictions remain in place.

We know today's announcement will mean more challenges for many people – but we will get through this together and council services are still here to support you.

Infection rates are still dangerously high, hospital admissions have risen rapidly and we must keep ourselves, our loved ones and our whole community safe.  $\bigcirc$ 

Please stay at home as much as possible, keep your distance from others, wear face coverings and wash your hands.

Thanks to everyone who is helping prevent the spread of Covid-19 👍

Check the Government website for what you need to know about Tier 3





### TIER 3

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FROM 2 DEC

#### MEETING FRIENDS OS AND FAMILY



### BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS



#### RETAIL



#### **WORK AND** BUSINESS



No mixing of households indoors. or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).

Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.

Open.



#### **EDUCATION**



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Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted,

Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.

Closed (with limited

Open

#### **OVERNIGHT** STAY5



#### WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS



#### ENTERTAINMENT



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We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.

15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.

Indoor venues closed

Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.

#### TRAVELLING



#### **EXERCISE**



#### RESIDENTIAL CARE



#### LARGE **EVENTS**



Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.

Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue. COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).

Events should not take place Drive-in events permitted.

#### Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health. gov.uk/coronavirus

#### If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste Get a test and stay at home



### 16 Days of Action against Domestic Violence

We are working with the Sandwell Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership to promote the United Nations 16 Days of Activism campaign (25 November – 10 December) to tackle gender-based violence.

The partnership is sharing <u>Tina's Story</u> to help other families. Tina was murdered by her partner in 2017. Her partner had subjected her to years of abuse and controlling behaviour. He was jailed for life for a minimum of 24 years for her murder.

Support and advice is available

# We're gritting ready for winter

We well-prepared for winter, with more than 6,000 tonnes of salt in stock and a fleet of gritters ready to tackle snow and ice.

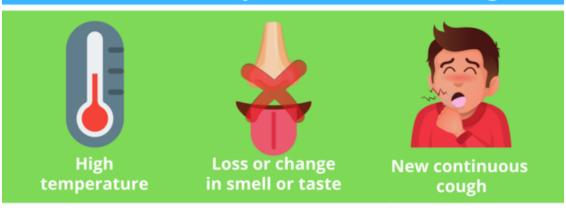


have names thanks to suggestions from members of the public and staff – and gritting crew staff are now on 24-hour standby until March 2021.

More on the council's gritting preparations



## Got symptoms? Get tested! Go to www.healthysandwell.co.uk/testing



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# Warning on change to bridge height restriction

The bridge on the A4034 Bromford Road, near to Sandwell and Dudley train station, will have its height restriction reduced to 4 metres from 1 December 2020.

Drivers of tall vehicles must find alternative routes

### Grant to help keep culture going

Our events team has been awarded £97,277 as part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund (CRF).

The money will help the events team face the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure they are able to work with creative talent across the borough to bring cultural experiences to the communities of Sandwell.



More on the culture grant



If it lasts for three weeks or more JUST SPEAK TO YOUR GP















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