



Sandwell News

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STAY HOME
PROTECT
THE NHS
SAVE LIVES

National lockdown - what you need to know

Sandwell and the rest of England is now in a national lockdown. You can [find out about the rules and how lockdown affects you](#) on our website.

[Covid-19 cases are rising rapidly across our area.](#)

The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

We must all do this to protect each other and prevent our health service from being overwhelmed.

New vaccine is launched

On a positive note, Monday (4 January) saw the fantastic news that the NHS has begun administering the new Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine.



The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the jab - please do take up the offer and help stop the spread of the virus. [Find out more on the NHS website](#)



Help and support

As we enter into another national lockdown, the council and our partners want to remind all residents, we will continue to provide help and support.

[Healthy Sandwell](#) can provide you with help and support to quit smoking, eat healthier or just get a bit fitter.

Due to the added stress caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important to maintain our mental health [and there is plenty of help and support available to help you look after your mental health](#).

[We are here to help you avoid substance misuse](#). Our services are free and Covid-safe.

If you are on a low-income or receive benefits we may be able to help you with [your council tax payments](#).



Remember the basics

If you MUST go out, please remember:

WASH HANDS

Wash your hands

COVER FACE

Cover your face

MAKE SPACE

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And remember - just wearing a face covering is no excuse to ignore social distancing or not wash your hands.

When done together, these are the three most effective ways to control the spread of the virus.

But if you do start to feel the symptoms, [please book a test](#).

If you need to self-isolate...

We know that most people follow the rules – but please remember, if you have been told to self-isolate you MUST stay at home.

People on lower incomes who cannot work from home and have lost income can apply for a [payment of up to £500 if you are required by law to self-isolate](#).





Bin collections update

Our waste and recycling crews are working really hard to empty everyone's bins at the moment.

Unfortunately, due to the recent bad weather, plus Covid-19 related staff absences and high waste volumes over Christmas, some bin collections have been delayed.

If there are delays to bin collections in your road, please bear with us and leave your bin out. We'll get to you as soon as possible. All waste and recycling should be inside the bins with bin lids down. Any extra that cannot fit can be placed in the bin once the bin has been emptied.

The tip remains open – if you need to drop off rubbish please [make an appointment](#). There are now no restrictions to the number of visits a car user can make, however you may only have one appointment open at a time.

Are you eligible for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme?

You may be able to claim if your household is



on a low income or receiving benefits.

To find out more visit:

www.sandwell.gov.uk/claimcounciltaxreduction



Report abandoned vehicle

Book a bulky collection

CALENDAR

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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When is my bin day?

Report fly-tipping

Report a missed bin

Report a street light

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