



Sandwell News

COVID-19 infection rates are
dangerously high
in our area

Don't leave your home

**unless it's absolutely
essential**

Infections are very high - Stay home, stay safe

[Covid-19 cases are still very high in Sandwell despite the current lockdown.](#)

Sandwell Council Deputy Council Leader, Councillor Maria Crompton, said: "The risks are high right now.

"We are urging everyone to take safety seriously and protect themselves and their loved ones.

"We all need to do everything we can to not bring Covid-19 back into our homes."

[More information on the latest situation in Sandwell](#)

Vaccinations - you will be called

There is no charge for the COVID-19 vaccine.

People most at risk from the complications of COVID-19 are being offered the vaccine first. The NHS will contact you when it's your turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

More than 447,000 people have had their vaccines in the Midlands region - the most vaccines across all the regions in the UK.

In the mean time, [if you have symptoms please book a test](#)



PLEASE SHOP SAFELY




Do not shop in groups
If possible, don't take children shopping





Remember - shop safely, save lives


Supermarkets are pledging to make it safer for customers and their staff so if you do have to go out to get essential items, please choose shops taking safety seriously.


😊 Wear a face covering


 Keep at least 2 metres apart from other shoppers

 Wash or sanitise your hands regularly and as soon as you get home

 Shop alone if you can

 Use contactless payments if possible

 Do not touch items you are not going to buy

 Avoid shopping at busy times if you can

This is a dangerous time, especially for the older members of our community who are at greater risk of severe illness and death.

We all need to do our bit to protect ourselves and others.

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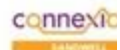


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New Year New Start 2021

A Careers Event for 14—19 years and NEET young people

Monday 25—Friday 29 January 5.30pm—6.30pm on Microsoft Teams

Saturday 30 January 11am—2pm on Facebook

Virtually explore and discover your next career with the help of training providers, employers, colleges, universities and Connexions Sandwell.

Follow the daily links on social media to access the careers event.



Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms.



Every action counts.



Help prevent youth homelessness during Covid-19

For any teenager, experiencing family breakdown is one of the most challenging things that they could ever face. The risk of homelessness for 16 - 18 year olds leaves them worrying even more during the Covid-19 pandemic, as many teenagers are left wondering what will happen and where they will go.

The YMCA Open Door project has been placing young people at risk of homelessness with host families for 11 years, but at this particular time, there is even more need for more hosts – people who have a spare room within their house and a caring heart.

Hosts receive over £100 per week while a young person is staying with them.

For more information visit the [YMCA Black Country website](#), email opendoor@ymcabc.org.uk or call 0121 524 3255.



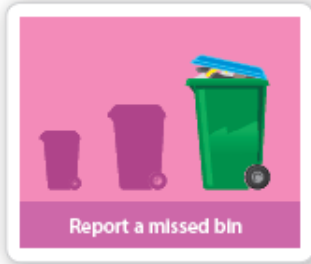
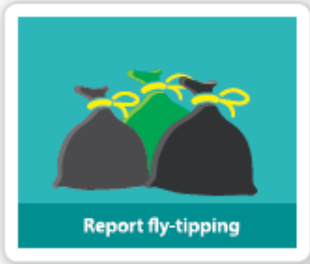
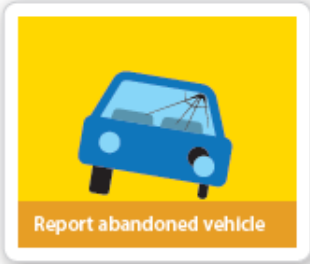
YMCA
OPEN DOOR

Supported Lodgings for
homeless young people

**During the
COVID-19 crisis,
youth homelessness
has not gone away.**

**Could your spare room
help a homeless young person?**

#helppreventhomelessness



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