

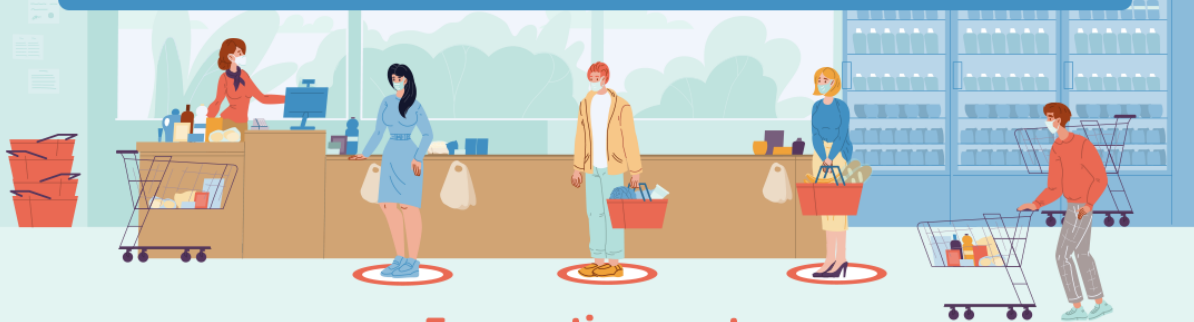


Sandwell News

 HM Government



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



Every action counts.



Covid-19 reminder: Hands, Face, Space



Sandwell – and particularly Smethwick – has a dangerously high infection rate compared to other areas in the UK.

There is a worrying number of cases in people aged 65 and older. You must stay at home unless it is essential that you go out.

If you go out for essential reasons, remember the message: hands, face, space.

If you need to self-isolate

Self-isolation saves lives – you must self-isolate if you develop symptoms, test positive or have been in contact with an infected person.

Self-isolating means you must not go to work, or the shops or outside your home to exercise. Just stay at home.

In some circumstances, if you are required by law to self-isolate and you are on a low income, cannot work from home and stand to lose income as a result, you may be supported by a payment of £500. [Find out more about £500 support payments.](#)



Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week 2021
8 to 14 February

[We are hosting an online event where you can find out everything you need to know about apprenticeships - tomorrow \(Wednesday 10 Feb\) at 3.30pm.](#)

Bin collections – please bear with us

[Our partners Serco are doing their best to catch up on recycling bin collections.](#)

Unfortunately there are still going to be delays, as there are fewer crews out collecting due to further Covid-19 related staff absences.

If your recycling bin isn't emptied on your usual collection day this week, please leave it out and crews will get to it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and apologies for any inconvenience.

Blue Lid Recycling Update




Sorry for any inconvenience if your recycling collection is delayed. We continue to prioritise household waste collections.


Please leave your recycling bin out until it has been collected.

Thank you for your continued support.



It's great to hear so many have received their Covid-19 vaccination

Each vaccine given could mean another life saved. 

Community faith leader Harmohinder Singh Bhatia MBE says he had no side effects and encourages everyone to have the vaccine when it's their turn. 

[The NHS will contact you when it's your turn to be vaccinated.](#)

Harmohinder Singh Bhatia MBE Community faith leader

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One thing this pandemic has shown me is how communities in Sandwell have come together to support one another.

I have received both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, it was fine, I had no side effects and I feel much more protected. I would encourage everyone to do their bit to help save lives and protect the NHS.

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Sign-up for our **job alerts**

Take the
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job searching



WE ARE THE NHS
We need volunteers to support
our Covid-19 vaccination programme

Your NHS needs you!

NHS staff have put in a valiant effort over the past year in helping keep us all safe and now in vaccinating us. Could you help them?

Compassionate and caring volunteers are wanted to help in and around our vaccination centres across the Black Country and West Birmingham NHS.

[More information and how to register.](#)

THE FIRST STEP IS A FEW STEPS.

NHS

It's never too late to get active to improve your health.
Get help and support at nhs.uk/BetterHealth

Better Health LET'S DO THIS



Census 2021 - have your say

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. [Find out more](#)

[about Census 2021.](#)

Have your say on the council's budget

We are inviting business organisations, groups representing local firms and the voluntary sector to a [meeting of the council's Cabinet](#) to give feedback on our proposals for spending the budget in the next financial year and share their ideas on how services could be improved.

Anyone wanting to take part in the consultation or attend the online meeting should email: democratic_services@sandwell.gov.uk by 5pm on Monday 15 February.

Calling all businesses and voluntary groups

Have your say
on how money is spent on council services

 **Wednesday 17 February, 3.30pm**
Meeting with Sandwell Council's Cabinet

 Live via Microsoft Teams



Safer Internet Day

[Today \(Tuesday 9 Feb\) is Safer Internet Day.](#) The internet is an incredibly useful tool, but like all tools it can at times be dangerous. There is lots of useful advice for parents and carers to help keep your young ones safe online on the [Safer Internet Day website.](#)

[Day website.](#)



Report abandoned vehicle



Book a bulky collection

CALENDAR

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When is my bin day?



Report fly-tipping



Report a missed bin



Report a street light

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