

Weekly Update Warwickshire County Council

Alcester Division

Local updates

Covid-19:

As with the previous updates cases continue to rise. There were 127 cases on 24th June recorded for Warwickshire, compared to the previous day but no reported deaths. Nationally the number was at 16 deaths for the same period. Stratford on Avon reported 76 cases for the past 7 days compared to a 58.4 average 7-day rolling rate to infections are still rising. But as ever over 60s are seeing infections a lot lower with 6 reported in the 7-day period. Percentage of positive cases is at 1.7% which is still below the 4% required to keep it in the 'green' category. Across the county the rate is 2.7%. Solihull as a comparison is currently 3.4%.

Long Covid-19:

The Department of Health and Social Care has announced that over two million people in England are thought to have had one or more COVID-19 symptoms lasting at least 12 weeks.

Around a fifth of those surveyed through REACT-2, one of the largest studies of COVID-19, reported having had a COVID-19 symptom previously, with over a third reporting persistent symptoms lasting at least 12 weeks. Around a tenth of those with symptoms said they lasted at least 12 weeks and were severe.

Findings from the study suggests prevalence of persistent symptoms, or long COVID, increases with age, with a 3.5% increase in likelihood in each decade of life. It shows long COVID is higher among women, people who are overweight or obese, who smoke, live in deprived areas, or had been admitted to hospital.

The study is based on self-reported data from 508,707 adults aged 18 and above who took part in the study between September 2020 and February 2021.

Walking and Cycling Improvements:

There is still time left to have your say on walking and cycling route improvements. The responses to date have far exceeded expectations with over 5000 comments and contributions being made using the interactive map.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2198/have-your-say-on-improvements-for-walking-and-cycling>

Fire and Rescue Service IRMP:

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service's (WFRS) Integrated Risk Management Action Plan for 2021/22. The annual action plan is about improving public safety, reducing the number of emergency incidents and saving lives.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2197/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-s-annual-action-plan-approved>

SEND Guidance Focus Group:

Teachers, school staff and people working in educational settings are being encouraged to take part in special focus groups exploring new guidance to support young people in the county with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2202/warwickshire-teachers-encouraged-to-help-shape-new-guidance>

HAF – Holiday Activities & Food:

Through the HAF Programme, WCC is working with families to provide children/young people who gain benefits-related Free School Meals & free activities during the summer holiday.

Click here to find out if your family is eligible for FSM and apply today - <http://ow.ly/xdEn50FfGXu>

Regular Updates:

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