



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council

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Home testing? Dispose of the kits carefully

Families getting to grips with Covid self-test kits are being asked to make sure they dispose of them correctly.

Secondary schools across the county and country are providing the home Lateral Flow Testing kits for pupils, though exactly when and how may vary from school to school.

And as the kits come home, Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is highlighting the Government guidance on disposing of them - once used, kit

contents should go straight into standard rubbish bins.

Whether the result is positive or negative, the used items from each test – including the testing strip, swab and extraction tube - should be put in the small plastic bag that comes with the pack.

This bag should then go straight into your normal rubbish bin. The kits are not considered clinical waste requiring a special collection, nor should they be recycled.

If a test result is positive, as well as following the reporting instructions included in the test kits, people should make sure they then treat their personal waste appropriately. <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/>

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Clinton catches up with secondary schools

Following last week's focus on [Primary schools](#), in this week's Somerset Covid Catch Up former BBC Correspondent Clinton Rogers looks at how secondary school students are taking part in regular Covid-19 testing. He visits Court Fields School in Wellington where he is met by Headteacher Polly Matthews, and speaks to students about how they are finding the testing process and their return to the classroom.

Watch the video in full on YouTube here: youtu.be/Lg6wDQgxIDQ

For more information, visit gov.uk/backtoschool



Support for commercial and residential tenants

The Government has announced an extension to the ban on bailiff enforced evictions for residential tenants, in all but the most serious circumstances, until at least 31 May.

The requirement for landlords to provide six-month notice periods to residential tenants before they evict will also be extended until at least 31 May.

The Government has also confirmed that the ban on commercial evictions will be extended for a further three months to 30 June.

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Support for Somerset residents

Help is available for anyone in Somerset who may need additional support. The five councils in Somerset have been working together since the first lockdown to provide a single phone number for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support.

Residents are reminded they can call 0300 790 6275 if they need any help themselves or are concerned about relatives or neighbours. Lines are open seven days a week between 8am and 6pm.



Reduce the risks and follow advice

It's vital everyone acts to reduce their own risk, and the risk to others, from getting ill with coronavirus.

There's really important information available to help Somerset residents, businesses and visitors take all-important precautions.

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