



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council

All our help and information is now **available in a single place** on the SCC website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/latest-coronavirus-updates/>

This page is refreshed through the day so please check in regularly to keep across developments and news.

Public Health dashboard: Detailed Public Health information dashboards are available on our website www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus just scroll down to 'Covid-19 dashboard'. These are updated daily.

Top stories today:



Enjoy the match - please stay safe

Many of us around the county will be cheering England on this weekend as they play in the quarter-finals of the Euro 2020 football tournament in Rome. Please watch the match responsibly, as we know that people are catching and spreading Covid-19 here in Somerset while gathering to watch the games.

If you are going to the pub to watch, please remember to sign in, keep your distance and wear your mask when not seated. And if you have tested positive for Covid-19, have been told to self-isolate or have any symptoms, then, no matter how tempting it might be to go out to watch the game with your friends and family, please watch it at home – by doing so you are protecting yourself and others.



Booster COVID-19 vaccines from September

The Government has announced that, following interim advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), those most vulnerable to COVID-19 may be offered a booster vaccination from September.

The JCVI's interim advice is to plan to offer COVID-19 booster vaccines to prolong the protection in those who are most vulnerable to serious COVID-19 ahead of the winter and against new variants.

The two-stage programme would take place alongside the annual flu vaccination programme and start with those most at risk from serious disease. This includes care home residents, people aged over 70, frontline health and social care workers, clinically extremely vulnerable adults and those who are immunosuppressed.

The final JCVI advice will be published before September and will consider the latest epidemiological situation, additional scientific data, real-time surveillance of the effectiveness of the vaccines over time and emerging variants. The final advice could change from the interim advice as further data is analysed.

The Government is working closely with the NHS to ensure that if a booster programme happens it can be deployed rapidly from September.

For the latest information about the current Somerset vaccination programme and walk in vaccination clinics in the county this weekend, follow this link:

[Homepage - Somerset CCG](#)





Clinton's Covid catch-up

In this week's Covid Catch-Up, Clinton visits the vaccination centre at Taunton Racecourse.

The Covid-19 jab is now being offered to all adults over the age of 18 and the vaccine is the key to unlocking a return to a normal way of life.

Clinton chats to Caroline Upton, NHS lead at the site, and to Alison Bell, public health consultant with Somerset County Council, about the importance of getting your second jab. There is also a mention of the importance of continuing regular testing and also isolating and requesting a PCR test should you be notified or develop symptoms.

You can watch it here: [Somerset Covid Catch up - Week 30, 30 June 2021 - YouTube](#)

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Celebrate Frontline Workers' Day

It's **Frontline Workers' Day** on 5 July and this year it's more important than ever to take the time to thank our brilliant and dedicated frontline workers.

Somerset County Council hopes people will want to get involved, either by sharing their stories and ideas, or by finding a creative way to say thank you to the frontline workers who have made such a difference this year.

Please share your ideas, blogs, photos and videos (with consent, of course) to Communications@somerset.gov.uk or share on social media and use the

hashtag **#SomersetFrontlineHeroes** - Facebook: [@somersetcountycouncil](#) /

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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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Send to a friend

These coronavirus bulletins are now available to anyone. Please send to a friend who would like to stay up to date with the latest developments. To sign up simply visit [Coronavirus updates \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus).

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