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# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**Information and advice for public and businesses from Horsham District Council**

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This is a regular email bulletin that Horsham District Council will be sending out updating you on latest guidance and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19), updates about Council services and actions being taken.

This bulletin has been sent to public email subscribers, Horsham District Council members, Parish Council clerks and Horsham District Council staff.

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## **A message from Horsham District Council Leader Ray Dawe**

"Like the rest of the country, in Horsham District we are facing the very serious issue of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

We are now entering a phase in dealing with this disease that will require big changes to the way we live. It will undoubtedly continue for weeks rather than days. Things are changing daily and will touch virtually all aspects of our lives.

As a council we have already made internal changes and stopped non-essential council meetings to concentrate on how we can best deal with this issue. We are also working with the NHS and other councils to ensure we co-ordinate our actions.

This is a huge and unprecedented change for us all. We can best meet the challenge of COVID-19 by supporting one another, listening to government advice and working together.

We will share relevant information with you over the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, please take care, look out for your neighbours and get them to [sign up to our Latest News email updates.](#)"

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# CORONAVIRUS

## STAY HOME

## PROTECT THE NHS

## SAVE LIVES

## Full guidance on staying at home and away from others

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

The Government has enforced new measures that means you should only leave the house for one of four reasons:

- ✓ Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.
- ✓ One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.
- ✓ Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.
- ✓ Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.

[Read the rules](#)

### Quick links

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)

[Full guidance on staying at home and away from others](#)

[Staying at home if you think you have coronavirus \(self-isolating\)](#)

[How to protect extremely vulnerable people \(shielding\)](#)

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# Supporting the elderly and vulnerable

## Community Hubs

Thank you to everyone who has registered as a volunteer to help with the coronavirus (COVID-19) support for vulnerable households across Horsham District.

We have been amazed at the response from you all. Nearly 1,000 people have already signed up to offer their time. Coronavirus support Facebook groups have amassed nearly 7,000 people into action across the District, which is incredible.

[Find out more about volunteering to help vulnerable people in your area.](#)

## Community Link

Our [Community Link service](#) continues to serve its customers as normal.

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# Parks, leisure and public venues

Horsham District's park and countryside sites are vital at this time. Under the current government restrictions, residents can leave the house for one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.

- You must adhere to the [Government's social distancing rules](#) when you are using our parks and open spaces
- Do not use any equipment or facilities that have been closed or cordoned off

## Closure of parks, leisure and public venues

We have put in place closures and restrictions to our parks and countryside sites. [Visit our website for a full list of restrictions and closures](#)

- Courts, pitches and adult gym equipment must not be used
- Play areas, skate parks and pump tracks must not be used
- All leisure centres - closed
- Horsham Museum - closed
- The Capitol theatre and cinema - closed
- The Drill Hall - closed
- Park Barn - closed

[More information about parks, leisure and public venues.](#)

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# Parking

We've introduced free parking in all Horsham District Council owned car parks to help Horsham residents park more safely, support key workers and avoid road congestion during the Coronavirus situation.

[Find out more about the free parking arrangements.](#)

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# Waste and recycling

- Household bin collection service are currently taking place as normal. [Please check your bin calendar](#) and continue to put your bins out as normal
  - Please continue to follow the [Government's guidelines of disposal of waste from households displaying coronavirus symptoms](#)
  - Household Waste Recycling Sites are closed until further notice
  - Please don't burn garden waste, or any other waste, under any circumstances
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# Business

## Government business support

The Government has set up a new website containing all the details of the schemes the Chancellor has announced to support businesses during the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. [Visit the HM Government: Coronavirus Business Support website](#)

## Food and drink businesses

Below are some helpful links for businesses in the food and drink industry.

- [Food businesses urged to put leftover food to good use](#)
- [Advice to help food businesses switching to take away services](#)
- [Advice for licensed pubs](#)

If you have any questions about food safety matters, please contact Environmental Health & Licensing on 01403 215 403 or at [publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk).

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