

Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council 3.8.2020

All our help and information is now available in a single place on the SCC website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>

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Top stories today:



Eat Out to Help Out goes live today

More than 5,000 eateries in the South West have signed up to the Government's Eat Out to Help Out that went live today and will continue throughout August. The figure only relates to businesses with fewer than 26 outlets and excludes the large chains.

The deal offers diners the chance to benefit from a 50% discount, up to a maximum of £10 per person, on food and non-alcoholic drinks, any Monday to Wednesday. No voucher is required. Diners can take advantage of the offer as many times as they like during the month.

Stickers and posters are in the windows of restaurants, cafes, bars and other eateries, and customers who want to take advantage of the scheme are advised to

look out for the logo.

You can search online for premises within a five-mile radius of your base that have signed up to the scheme by clicking 'read more'.

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Digital toolkit launched to help Somerset parents

A new online maternity toolkit designed to offer accessible information to families about pregnancy and parenthood has been launched in Somerset for World Breastfeeding Week, 1-7 August.

The new Somerset Maternity Toolkit, from Somerset County Council and the wider Local Maternity System (LMS) offers trustworthy information and digital support from pre-conception information and pregnancy, through to infant feeding and transitioning into parenthood.

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Help us understand impact of coronavirus on

business

Somerset's five local authorities are undertaking a joint business survey to assess the impacts of COVID-19 (coronavirus) on the economy.

Prepared with input from stakeholders across the county, including the Somerset Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses, the survey will provide vital intelligence to help support local business response and recovery work. The survey can be accessed by clicking the 'read more' button.

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Face coverings: guidance

The guidance on face coverings was updated last week to reflect changes on when face coverings should be worn.

From 8 August, the list of places where members of the public will have to wear a face covering will be expanded to include:

- funeral directors
- premises providing professional, legal or financial services
- cinemas
- theatres
- bingo halls
- concert halls
- museums, galleries, aquariums, indoor zoos or visitor farms, or other indoor tourist, heritage or cultural sites.
- nail, beauty, hair salons and barbers – other than where necessary to remove for

treatments

- massage parlours
- public areas in hotels and hostels
- places of worship
- libraries and public reading rooms
- community centres
- social clubs
- tattoo and piercing parlours
- indoor entertainment venues (amusement arcades, funfairs, adventure activities e.g. laser quest, go-karting, escape rooms, heritage sites etc)
- storage and distribution facilities
- veterinary services
- auction houses

The Government recommends face coverings are worn in these settings now, but this will not be mandatory until 8 August.

The public are also strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing may be difficult and where they may come into contact with people they do not normally meet.

Face coverings are not required in restaurants with table service, bars, and pubs.

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Updated guidance on what you can and can't do

Some measures to ease restrictions in England, due to come into force on 1 August, have now been put back until at least 15 August. Further detail on what

you can and can't do is available

here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

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