

Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

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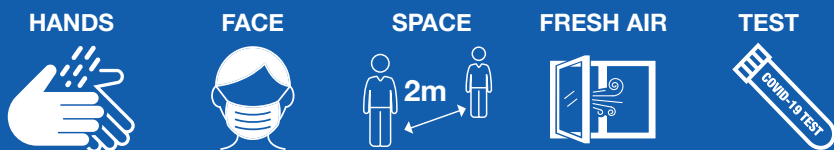
- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Please keep following the rules to keep Camden safe

From Monday 17 May, restrictions will be eased slightly but until then, please remember that you can only socialise indoors with your household or bubble, and outdoors in groups of 6 people or 2 households. Whether you're meeting up with others, going for an outdoor meal or popping to the shops, please keep following the rules to keep yourself and those around you safe.



For more information on easing of restrictions, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Book your COVID-19 vaccine now

If you fall into one of the below categories, you're eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccine now:

- Everyone aged 38 and over
- People at risk or high risk from coronavirus (clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable)
- Health and social care workers, including care home workers
- People who have a learning disability
- The main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus

Book your appointment now by calling **119** for free or visiting nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine



Make rapid testing part of your weekly routine



Rapid tests are for people without COVID-19 symptoms. Everyone is eligible for two free tests a week and you get results in 30-45 minutes. Please log your test result with the NHS, even if it's negative. This helps Public Health keep track of the virus and helps to stop the spread.

To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

Please note the rapid test site at the London Irish Centre closes this week.

If you test positive or develop COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**. Rapid tests are not suitable if you have symptoms.



As we look ahead to the next step in the Government's roadmap on Monday (17 May), I want to reiterate my thanks for the vital role you've all played in helping to keep Camden safe. The combination of following the rules, along with the vaccine roll-out and regular testing, has undoubtedly saved lives.

With more businesses and venues opening from next week, such as museums and cinemas, and the rules easing to allow customers to sit inside hospitality venues, many will be looking forward to enjoying more of what our borough has to offer. Camden's businesses have been working hard to welcome you back safely, but it's vital you continue to follow the latest guidance, which includes the rules around hands, face, space and fresh air, and I urge you to take up the offer of free, regular, rapid lateral flow tests (for people without symptoms).

Mental Health Awareness Week (10 to 16 May) reminds us that this continues to be a difficult time for many. So check in with your loved ones, and if you need any support, visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing

Finally, Eid Mubarak to those who are celebrating. We've included some tips below to help you mark the occasion safely – thank you for all you're doing to keep Camden safe.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Helping to keep Camden safe



As more hospitality venues, including pubs, restaurants and cafes reopen for indoor dining from Monday 17 May, the Council's Frontline Presence Team is out across the borough offering support and advice to residents and businesses on how to keep each other safe.

Our high streets and town centres are at the heart of our community. Local high streets, markets and shops are following government guidance to welcome you back safely. Shop local, enjoy what's new and rediscover old favourites. To find out more, visit camden.gov.uk/highstreets

Local businesses can download a copy of the Council's toolkit for reopening safely, including information on support available, at camden.gov.uk/business-support

Support with money concerns

Camden Council recognises people are experiencing new financial challenges due to COVID-19. If your circumstances have changed, there is help available from the Camden Advice Network and the Council. Support includes affordable repayment plans for debts to the Council, help accessing financial support, and access to employment, debt and mental health advice. The Council can also help with one-off crisis or self-isolation payments.

- For general financial support call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/financialsupport
- For council tax debt call **020 7974 6414**
- For council tenant debts call **020 7974 4444 (option 3, then 5)**
- For leaseholder debt call **020 7974 3559**

Eid Mubarak

If you're celebrating Eid al-Fitr, please do it safely to prevent yourself catching or passing on coronavirus:

- If visiting your local mosque, follow on-site signage and guidance.
- If celebrating at home, pray with loved ones virtually over Zoom or live-stream prayers.
- Please enjoy the Eid meal and catching up with loved ones safely by following public health guidance. In addition, avoid sharing platters of food and, if celebrating inside with your household or bubble, open windows to keep the space well ventilated.

For more information, visit mcb.org.uk/resources/coronavirus