

# CORONAVIRUS: UPDATE

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As a Council there is nothing more important than the health and wellbeing of our residents; the current COVID-19 pandemic is an enormous challenge for all of us. It has led to an unparalleled global response and restrictions have been put in place that are having a massive impact on all of our lives.

At a local level, we have already witnessed a significant reduction in the number of people going about their business across the Borough of Fareham as many vulnerable people at risk seek to protect themselves and their loved ones. Now, more than ever, local councils have a vital role to play in ensuring that communities have the resilience to cope and that critical services continue to be provided. We are working hard to ensure residents are kept up-to-date and know where to go quickly for key information - not just for national messages but for local information, so help can be found quickly when it is needed.

For example, we have asked local NHS surgeries to amend their ansaphone messages to ensure people know they

**Acts of Kindness** has a huge team of volunteers who are providing practical help to vulnerable or isolated residents right across the Borough by dropping off essential food supplies and picking up prescriptions for them. They have set up a traffic light system so that urgent help can be provided within two hours for our most vulnerable residents. Having been approached by them for accommodation to run the Fareham Basics Bank which had closed due to a lack of volunteers I am delighted that within just a few hours we were able to offer them the use of a suitable building.

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**Citizen Advice Bureau Fareham** can provide a wealth of advice including information about debt and welfare benefits.

