

Dear resident,

You may be aware that cases of COVID-19 are increasing across Dudley borough, and much of the country at this time.

Last week restrictions were announced in Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull in preventing any contact between households and due to Dudley's proximity to these areas, unless behaviours change quickly the borough risks facing further restrictions and greater lockdown measures of its own.

We are calling on everyone in the borough to play their part and remember:

- Regular hand washing is still vital
- Keep a safe distance from others (2 metres where possible)
- Continue to limit your contact with other people
- Wear face coverings over your nose and mouth to protect yourself and others
- Remember **HANDS, FACE, SPACE**

Residents are also being advised to stay apart as much as possible to reduce household transmission, which has been identified as the main cause of the increase in cases.

If you, or any member of your household is displaying Covid-19 symptoms - a fever, or new continuous cough, or a change in, or loss of taste and smell, please stay at home and book a test. Guidance on isolating should be followed until a test is taken and the result is received. Visit the [Dudley Council website - www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirus) for useful information and practical guidance

Thank you for your continued support, playing your part and helping us protect Dudley borough.



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