

Croydon Together: update on our ongoing response to Covid-19

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Our response: key activities in June/July

- Pandemic continues, with response structures in place
- Safe reopening of town and district centres
- Continued support for care homes, especially with infection control



The key principle to reopening services is safety first – both for users and for staff

Services: highlights

Already reopened	Reopening shortly
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household waste and recycling centres• Registrars• Public toilets• Parks playgrounds• Bowling greens• Many services operated throughout	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Library 'select and collect' service launched 20 July• Leisure centres opening Saturday 25 July• Access Croydon appointments from 27 July• CALAT open for Autumn enrolments

New requirements

- 14,814 shielding residents
 - Government support ends 31 July, but many residents will continue to be vulnerable
 - All contacted, with needs assessment completed
- Test and trace
 - Councils required to adopt local outbreak control plans
 - Responsibility of Director of Public Health
- Outbreak management

New Local Government Powers

As of July 18th the Council has been provided new powers to minimise the virus's risk to the public and prevent its spread. The Council may now:

- restrict access to, or close, individual premises (except where the premises form part of essential infrastructure)
- prohibit certain events (or types of event) from taking place
- restrict access to, or close, public outdoor places (or types of outdoor public places)

Covid has added to a challenging situation

- One of the largest populations in London
- Historic underfunding
- Increasing demand in key areas: adults, children's, housing – and increasing complexity
- 2020/21 budget required challenging savings and income targets
- Government is backtracking on Covid funding commitment



Key learning

- We can adapt and deliver change quickly and effectively
- Strong partnerships – integration, particularly around localities, is the way forward
- Digital solutions work – we can push further than previously thought
- Community resilience, and supporting vulnerable residents is strong – we want to encourage this to continue