

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

The year has started by being very busy with the Prime Minister placing the country in lockdown restrictions, once again because of very high rates of infections, and with the new variant which is more transmissible between people. hospital admissions are now above the rates seen in the first wave.

Key messages

- . coronavirus (covid-19) is spreading fast.
- . do not leave your homes unless necessary.
- . 1 in 3 people who have the virus have no symptoms, so could be spreading the virus without knowing it.

You can access case rates and local rates at.

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases>

at the time of writing this report the case numbers are as follows.

Cambridgeshire 3269 positive cases up 1395 on previous week. (74.4%) due to the new variant of the virus, which is 50% to 70% more transmissible.

about 1 in 56 in Cambridgeshire are thought to have had the coronavirus in the period between December 28th to January 2nd. according to the office of national statistics.

There have been 732 cases confirmed in South Cambs up by 242 (49.4%) there have been 5 deaths this year a total of 54 deaths covid-19 related. in South Cambs the infection rate is 460.1 per 100,000.

The infection rate for Cambridgeshire is 500.2 per 100,000.

With these increasing figures it is extremely important to follow the guidance.

Stay home – Protect the NHS – Save lives

making sure we all also

Wash hands – Cover face – Social distance

The County Council are sending letter to all the clinically extremely vulnerable. (cev). continuing all support with the NHS and other authorities. The letter explains all means of support available and signposting. For those who have no internet, there is available support.

With the NHS led covid-19 vaccination, there is a way to defeat this horrific virus. The reality is, it will take time for the vaccine to reach enough people to make a real difference, so we need everyone to keep thinking about how they can keep themselves and loved ones safe.

The County Council are currently looking at the budget review and the impact the virus has had on the finances.

The County Council are still carrying on with the daily running of the council. Staff are working extremely hard over and above their normal duties, allowing the council to carry out its regular daily duties.