

Wealden District Council Community Hub Update – 22nd January 2021

Please visit our website for much more information about the support and guidance we can provide <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/press-and-media/coronavirus-covid-19-latest/community-support/>

More information about current infection rates can be found here <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

- **Sussex Resilience Forum (SRF) declares major incident** - On 6 January a major incident was declared in Sussex to best respond to unprecedented pressures of COVID-19 on the county. The same decision has been taken by several other local resilience forums in the South East.

A major incident is a recognition of national demand and puts all agencies in Sussex in the best possible position to come together to tackle the virus. It is a well-recognised and rehearsed escalation that can be expected at times of exceptional need – a major incident was also in place during the summer of 2020. [Read more about the alert and what it means](#)

- **COVID-19 Vaccination Programme** - Residents can continue to be kept up to date on the vaccination programme through information and FAQs on the [Sussex Health and Care Partnership website](#). You can also find links to all the latest stakeholder briefings on these pages, which now include daily updates, including on the sites in Wealden.
- **Helping someone else** - If you know someone who is struggling there are things you can do to help and support them, further details are available here; <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/helping-others/> . This could be providing a calm space for them to talk about how they're feeling, practical support, and encouraging them to seek help. If you're worried about a work colleague or employee, or want to learn more about mental health support in the workplace, Mental Health at Work has relevant information and resources.
- **Shielding** - [Shielding guidance](#) is now in place for clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people across the country. Those in the CEV group should not attend work, school, college or university, and limit the time they spend outside the home. They should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.
- **NHS Volunteer Responders** have asked to reach out to all our colleagues to emphasise the need for more volunteers. The scheme remains open to registration for volunteers in [Eastbourne Hastings, Rother, and Wealden](#).

I hope this information is of assistance and please note that the information is an interpretation of government guidelines which can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>