

Coronavirus: Weekly update

From Camden Council

To keep you up to date with changes to council services and support available through the Council and its partners, you'll find weekly updates here in the Camden New Journal.

Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest on all council services and information on essential support, including how to access emergency food and financial support. The webpage contains information in different languages and formats.

You can also check the rolling news feed at camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews, Twitter @CamdenCouncil or speak to someone at the Council directly on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



One of the most important lessons this crisis has taught us is how much we can achieve when we work together. That's why Camden has joined with other boroughs in a London-wide campaign, Keep London Safe, that encourages us to do everything we can to keep our boroughs and the city safe, and prevent a second wave. Locally we're calling it Keep Camden Safe.

Along with following social distancing measures, washing your hands frequently and wearing a face covering, getting a test when you have symptoms is the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and others. If you have a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, please stay at home and get tested as soon as possible, and follow the instructions of NHS Test and Trace if they contact you.

Finally, to our Muslim community, I want to say Eid Mubarak to those who are marking Eid al-Adha. I hope you are able to celebrate safely with loved ones, whether that's virtually or in person. While things have moved on since Eid al-Fitr in May, it's still really important we observe the guidelines, whether you are visiting your local mosque or celebrating at home.

I want to say thanks again to everyone for playing their part these past few months, let's continue working together to keep Camden safe.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus e-newsletter for regular service updates, news and support, at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Celebrating Eid al-Adha

Today (Thursday 30 July) marks the beginning of Eid al-Adha.

Many mosques have now reopened for prayer and service, with measures to ensure safe social distancing. Please speak to your local mosque to find out what arrangements have been put in place. It's also really important that no more than two households gather in people's homes.

It is still vital to stay two metres apart from anyone who isn't in your household or support bubble wherever possible, as well as remembering your face covering when you are out and about.

Together let's celebrate safely and keep Camden safe.

Eid Mubarak

Camden libraries reopen for computer access



The first of Camden's libraries will reopen on Monday 3 August. Pancras Square, West Hampstead and Queen's Crescent libraries will open to give customers limited access to computers only.

Computers will be spaced to enable social distancing and will be cleaned between users. We are encouraging library users to wear face coverings in line with Government guidance. Library staff will also be provided with PPE.

The libraries will open with reduced hours: 10.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Saturday. More information is available at camden.gov.uk/libraries

Watch council meetings online

Some of Camden Council's meetings have now restarted and are being held remotely. You can tune in to watch live or catch up with the recordings at camden.gov.uk/councilmeetings. This week's meetings include North Central London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, on Friday 31 July at 10am, which will focus on North Central London's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Summer activities for everyone



There's something for everyone in Camden this summer, with the Council and local partners catering for all ages of children and young people, and a range of abilities.

Camden Sport and Physical Activity Team is running a series of activities for all levels and abilities from Monday 3 August at the reopened Talacre Sports Centre, in Dalby Street, Kentish Town. Activities will include multi-sports programmes for ages 8 to 12 and gymnastics mini-camps for ages 4 to 8. Call the centre on 020 7974 8765 or Ben on 020 7974 5892, or visit camden.gov.uk/children-young-people

On 10 and 17 August, the team is also running Girls Get Moving Mondays, a series of free girls-only multi-sports sessions at Talacre, for ages 8 to 14. Call Kirsty or Jenny on 020 7974 6294 / 2022.

Wac Arts is running free online creative workshops and courses throughout August for young people of all abilities, aged 13 upwards, including those with mild to moderate special educational needs and disabilities. Activities include virtual theatre-making, gaming, singer-songwriting, musicianship and music technology. Email lydia.entwistle@wacarts.co.uk, call 020 7692 5800 or visit wacarts.co.uk

For Camden's full summer programme, including a range of youth and play activities, visit camdenrise.co.uk/things-to-do All activities will meet Government guidelines.

Sidings Community Centre

Over the school holidays, Sidings Community Centre in north-west Camden is running two holiday schemes for primary school-aged students (5 to 11 years old) and secondary school-aged students (11 to 16 years old). The centre is providing a Kitchen Social free food hub – offering free hot meals, fruit and healthy snacks to children attending the schemes. Activities will include arts workshops, sports and fitness sessions, and for older youth members, outings and trips to COVID-19 safe venues. Jo McMillan, Sidings' Youth Project Co-ordinator (pictured), said:

"We hope the schemes will help improve mental and physical health, and combat the boredom and loneliness some may have faced during months off school."



The centre has remained in constant touch with its members during lockdown, and its online methods for keeping in touch, such as videos, computer courses and online chat groups, have proved such a success that many online activities will continue to run post lockdown.

For more details on Sidings and its activities, visit sidings.org.uk or phone 020 7625 6260.

Support Sidings by making a donation at justgiving.com/sidingscc

Last chance to have your say: Friday 31 July

As part of its work around COVID-19, Camden Council is looking at how it communicates with residents.

Complete the Council's simple 10 question survey to help make sure you receive information about the Council, its services, and your local area in a way that suits you. Visit camden.gov.uk/communications or call 020 7974 4444.



Latest update on face coverings

Even though lockdown measures have started to relax, please continue to keep yourself and others safe. Wherever possible, keep 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble and wash your hands frequently.

- You must also continue to wear a face covering on public transport and in hospitals. Please also wear one in any other enclosed public spaces where safe social distancing may be difficult.

Thank you for keeping Camden safe. For the latest guidance, please visit gov.uk/coronavirus



Remember your face covering when you're out in Camden – which now must be worn in the following places:

- All shops and shopping centres, including anywhere you go for takeaway food and drink
- Supermarkets
- Banks and building societies
- Post offices

COVID SYMPTOMS? GET TESTED NOW.

nhs.uk/coronavirus OR CALL 119

Protect your friends and family