

# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

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- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden)
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## Free rapid tests in Camden

Free rapid tests are available for anyone who needs to leave home for work, those who leave home for care or volunteer responsibilities, and parents and carers of all primary, secondary and college students. Home test kits are also available for pick up from the NHS test sites at Ramsay Hall and Kingsgate Community Centre, from 1.30 to 7.30pm with no booking required.

To book an in-person rapid test, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

## Why I had the COVID-19 vaccine



Mohammed Gofur is the Chair of King's Cross Mosque. He's had the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and says:

**"Please join me and have the vaccine when it's your turn. It's free from animal products, safe and effective, and it could save your life."**

Find out more about the vaccine, including current eligibility, at [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine)



## Take part in Census 2021

Census Day is this Sunday 21 March, but you can complete your census now at [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk) with the access code in the letter you should have received. To request an access code, paper questionnaire or support completing, visit the census website or call **0800 141 2021**. The website has information in different languages and in accessible formats, and you can also call the language helpline on **0800 587 2021**. It's important to take part as the information you provide helps to make decisions about public services in our community.

After Census Day, census officers will visit households that have not completed questionnaires. They will show identification, not enter your home, remain socially distanced, and wear PPE. You can find out more about how the census will be carried out safely during the pandemic on the census website.



As we near one year since the first lockdown, I know for many this will be a time of reflection. No one has been left unaffected by the impact of COVID-19, and it's clear the ramifications will be felt for some time to come. However, while there has been much loss and sadness, there has also been an incredible outpouring of support from within our communities. From local organisations delivering food parcels, to neighbours lending a hand, Camden's spirit has shone through the most difficult of times.

As I look back on the year, I want to say thank you Camden for continuing to support our borough and for helping to keep us safe. Over the next few weeks, you can read here about our plans to recognise and honour the strength of our whole community efforts.

Finally, I know people, and especially women, across the country – myself included – have been deeply affected by the tragic murder of Sarah Everard. I stand with women and girls everywhere who are hurting, angry and scared. As a society we must do better. Harassment, abuse and violence need to be called out and continuing these conversations is a vital first step to achieving real change, where all women and girls can be safe.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## Support for women experiencing domestic abuse, sexual violence or harassment

For many women who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse, the last week may have triggered deep trauma, difficult thoughts, feelings and memories. Harassment and abuse are not ok. If you need help or advice, Camden Safety Net is here for you. Get in touch for independent and confidential support and advice on **020 7974 2526** or visit [camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence](https://camden.gov.uk/domestic-violence). In an emergency, call **999**.



## Find your future in technology and business

Are you interested in working or launching a business in the technology, science or digital sectors? If so, you can now join the LIFT (Leading Inclusive Futures through Technology) programme. LIFT aims to support local recovery from COVID-19 by

helping people find work. The programme actively seeks out local employment and training opportunities with leading tech companies in the local area. Over the next six months, Camden Council – in partnership with Islington, Hackney and Tower Hamlets councils – will be running an employability and enterprise 'incubator' where residents can learn new skills, as well as a 'survive and pivot' programme for businesses. Women, people with disabilities, lone parents and people from Black, Asian and other ethnic backgrounds, who are currently under-represented in the sectors, are encouraged to join.

To find out more, visit [liftfutures.london](https://liftfutures.london)

**Stay at home to save lives**



You must work from home if you can



You can exercise or meet outdoors with your household, bubble or one other person from another household



Only socialise indoors with your household or bubble



Only travel for a permitted reason

Please continue to follow the latest guidance. For the latest information on the Government's plans to ease lockdown restrictions, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)