

Coronavirus guidance for Snow Wardens

There are still cases of COVID-19 in England and there is a risk you could catch or pass on the virus, even once you are fully vaccinated. This means it is important that you understand and consider the risks of catching or spreading COVID-19 in all situations.

In general, the risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 is higher in crowded and enclosed spaces, where there are more people who might be infectious and limited fresh air.

In situations where there is a higher risk of catching or passing on COVID-19, you should be particularly careful to follow the guidance on keeping yourself and others safe as we return to normality. Every little action helps to keep us all safer.

If you have symptoms or test positive

If you develop [COVID-19 symptoms](#), self-isolate immediately and [get a PCR test](#), even if your symptoms are mild. This is because many people experience mild symptoms from COVID-19, but may still pass on the virus to others.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

Wear a face covering

COVID-19 spreads through the air by droplets and aerosols that are exhaled from the nose and mouth of an infected person. You should wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed areas where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet.

Take tests if you do not have symptoms to help manage your risk

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have any symptoms. This means they could be spreading the virus without knowing it. Testing regularly increases the chances of detecting COVID-19 when you are infectious but are not displaying symptoms, helping to make sure you do not spread COVID-19.

Rapid lateral flow testing continues to be available free of charge. It is particularly focused on those who are not fully vaccinated, those in education, and those in higher-risk settings such as the NHS, social care and prisons.

People may also wish to use regular rapid lateral flow testing to help manage periods of risk such as after close contact with others in a higher risk environment, or before spending prolonged time with a more vulnerable individual. You can get tests from pharmacies or online. [Find out more about how to get rapid lateral flow tests.](#)

Your safety is our priority

If you are going out for any purpose or visiting anyone, it is good practice to wash your hands before you leave home, again when you arrive at your destination, and once you arrive home again.

Try not to touch your face and cough/sneeze into a tissue and then place this in an outside bin. If you have no tissue, cough/sneeze into the crease of your elbow-and wash your hands again.

You are volunteering your time - if you do not feel happy carrying out your role then please let your volunteer co-ordinator know.

If you have symptoms, you should stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have coronavirus.

When taking part in Snow Warden activities

- Do not share equipment with other people.
- Snow Wardens must not approach members of the public to challenge inappropriate. Ignore this behaviour and report it if necessary from a safe place either to the Council or Police.
- Littering and dog fouling should be reported via My Telford website or by calling 01952 384384.
- Do not trespass onto private property whilst acting as a Snow Warden.
- Do not touch your face, eyes or mouth until you are able to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If you feel you are unable to work or report safely or have any concerns – you don't have to undertake the task.
- Wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you get home.
- The Snow Wardens Risk Assessment must be read and adhered to at all times.