Wiltshire Council Information Item

Subject:	COVID-19 update

The infection rate in Wiltshire is continuing to rise, in line with the national trend, which is of concern. It is so very important that everyone across our population, no matter what age, is sticking to the regulations, staying at home wherever possible and protecting their families, friends and communities.

The new variant is much more transmissible and that is demonstrated by the large increase of cases. It is crucial that everyone adheres to the latest rules and advice, which means:

- socially distancing if you have to leave your house,
- not meeting up with anyone that's not in your household or in a childcare or support bubble unless it is one other person for your daily exercise,
- keep washing hands regularly,
- wearing a face covering when required,
- booking a test as soon as you develop any COVID-19 symptoms,
- and self-isolating where required

A big part of helping to contain the spread of the virus is an effective test and trace system. If the NHS are unable to contact a positive case as part of the test and trace service, they will pass the details onto the local public health team. If you receive a call from 0300 456 0100 then please pick up, as that will likely be the team looking to reach you. Please save that number in your phone under 'test and trace' as it's vital you don't miss any calls.

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub remains in place for those people who may need additional support, particularly people identified as clinically extremely vulnerable. You can contact the Wellbeing Hub by telephone or email:
- Tel number: 0300 0034576
- Email: wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

The hub is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and on Saturday between 10am-4pm.

Wiltshire Council has a series of schemes to support businesses during the Coronavirus restrictions. For further information and advice please visit : www.wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support-covid19-grants   or   email: covid-19businesssupport@wiltshire.gov.uk

For all the latest updates on Wiltshire Council services and support please visit: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus

Vaccinations programmes are underway and the request from the NHS is to not contact the NHS to ask for the vaccine as they will contact you . If you are offered a vaccine appointment, please do attend.

For the latest GOV.UK updates and advice on the new national lockdown please visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#high-alert