



An important message from Vicky Head, Director of Public Health for Milton Keynes

As Director of Public Health for Milton Keynes, I am writing to ask for your continued help to protect your workforce and tackle COVID-19 in MK.

The infection rate is rising in Milton Keynes, as are hospital admissions. In the past four weeks we have seen several outbreaks in workplaces and infection rates are highest amongst adults of working age.

It is therefore vital that everyone who can work from home in Milton Keynes does work from home. Enabling this is one of the most important things you can do to help control the spread of coronavirus in MK.

Following government guidance, **anyone who is classed as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' is advised not to be in the workplace** for the period of the new restrictions, irrespective of the nature of their work.¹

It is important that we all support the emotional wellbeing of our staff during these difficult times. Milton Keynes Council has commissioned a free webinar to support employees and managers, available at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/workplace-wellbeing

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in your workplace, please notify your local public health team so we can support you to take appropriate action to protect your workforce and prevent further spread. Please contact us via the online form <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/report-covid> or emailing Public.Health@bedford.gov.uk² or calling 01234 718141. We have a dedicated team available to arrange the right support seven days a week.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Vicky Head
Director of Public Health

¹<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

² We operate a shared public health service across Milton Keynes, Bedford and Central Bedfordshire.