**Coronavirus Levels Rising Steeply in Mole Valley**

**Statement from Councillor Stephen Cooksey**

Councillor Stephen Cooksey, Leader of Mole Valley District Council said, “Over the last few weeks, we have seen a rapid rise in levels of Coronavirus across Mole Valley. Our number of cases are currently higher than any other Surrey area. We are naturally very concerned about this and are asking everyone to be extra vigilant in playing their part by following the national restrictions. This will help keep people of all ages in Mole Valley safe, save lives, protect the NHS and help ensure that when we emerge from this national lockdown we do so with the lowest level of restrictions.

“Up to the 4th November\* we had 228.1 cases per 100,000 people in the [last 7 days](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/alert-levels-and-local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/daily-data), significantly higher than the Surrey average of 135.1 cases recorded per 100,000 people in the last 7 days.

“Nationally, hospital admissions are rising as a result of this deadly disease. We need everyone in the district to follow the government’s advice. The advice is to stay home and only leave for specific purposes and to avoid meeting people you do not live with unless this is allowed within the guidance.

“The purposes you can leave home for include work and education and some exercise close to home. More details are on the government’s [website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november).

“If you must leave your home, please remember:

HANDS - Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser if washing facilities are not available.

FACE - Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

SPACE - Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors).

“We are working to support all our residents and businesses to deal with the impact of the current restrictions and will continue to do so. Please see our website [www.molevalley,gov.uk](http://www.molevalley,gov.uk) for details on this and Surrey County Council’s [website](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/alert-levels-and-local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics) also for more information on rates and what you can do to keep each other safe.

“Thank you for playing your part.”

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[news.molevalley.gov.uk](http://news.molevalley.gov.uk/)

**Notes:**

\*Data as collated by Surrey County Council Public Health Data Intelligence Team, see [www.Surreycc.gov.uk/covidcases](http://www.Surreycc.gov.uk/covidcases) & [www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/alert-levels-and-local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/daily-data](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/alert-levels-and-local-outbreak-plan/figures-and-statistics/daily-data)

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