

## COVID-19

If you are feeling unwell and have



Cough



Runny nose



Sore throat



Fever



Difficulty breathing

Stay indoors,  
avoid contact  
with others



Call the  
Hospital for  
advice **28000**

## What You Need To Know About COVID-19

COVID-19 is an infectious disease of growing global concern. This page is to provide up-to-date information and links for Falkland Islanders and others so they can stay well informed and take steps to protect their health.

Below are a set of frequently asked questions. These will be updated so please check regularly. As well, there are downloadable information sheets and posters for your use., and links to useful overseas information sources.

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### COVID-19 Public Update – 5 April 2020

#### Second COVID-19 case

"Following the receipt of test results from the UK on Friday 3 April which confirmed a case of COVID-19 who was a patient in isolation at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital in Stanley, further test results were received on Saturday 4 April which identified a second positive case.

This individual is at the Mount Pleasant Complex and has been resident there for some time. More recently the individual has been in isolation there as part of the ongoing arrangements for dealing with possible cases.

The Chief Medical Officer Dr Rebecca Edwards has liaised with officials at BFSAI to ensure all necessary isolation precautions remain in place. The confirmed case in the hospital who is not on a ventilator remains in isolation and is in a stable condition.

Dr Edwards stated that there is no requirement to change existing guidance to the public, and advised that the published advice on hand washing, self-isolation and social distancing should continue to be adhered to and she thanked members of the public for their cooperation"

As of yesterday, 137 samples have been taken and we have received 116 results. 114 have been negative and 2 have been positive. 1 was not tested as it was from one of the patients that we already had a positive result for. The remaining 20 are in transit to the UK on the South Atlantic Airbridge.

### COVID-19 Public Update – 3 April 2020

### COVID-19 Public Update – 2 April 2020

**COVID-19 Public Update – 1 April 2020**

**COVID-19 Public Update – 31 March 2020**

**New stage in Government COVID-19 response - 26 March 2020**

**Infectious Diseases Control Regulations - 24 March 2020**

**Summary – Next stage in COVID-19 Response - 20 March 2020**

[What is social distancing and why is it important - 20 March 2020](#)

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## Support Package Applications Now Open

Applications can now be made for the Falkland Islands Government's support package that was announced on 25 March 2020 for private sector employers with employees, as well as the self-employed who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government is doing this to reinforce and support the strong public health action which the Falkland Islands Government is taking to protect the population and minimise the social and economic impact of this challenging issue.

### How to apply:

Application forms along with other guidance are available through:

Falkland Islands Government - [Here](#)

<https://www.fig.gov.fk/covid-19>

Falkland Islands Development Corporation –

<http://www.fidc.co.fk/library/covid-19>

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) is tasked to develop the commercial sector of the Falkland Islands by being one of the principal partners delivering the Economic, Rural and Tourism Strategies.

If you need assistance filling out the forms, contact Sian Davies, Business Development Officer, at FIDC telephone 51211.

Relevant documents will be translated into Spanish and Filipino and posted to the websites within the next few days.

The package provisions apply to the following categories.

- All employees with symptoms who are advised by KEMH to self-isolate for 14 days will continue to be paid by their employer (regardless of whether they are entitled to leave or sick pay). Employers will be able to seek reimbursement of the costs of this measure from the Government, up to a cap of £1,250 for the 14 calendar days per employee for the period of isolation.
- All self-employed people with symptoms who are advised in writing by KEMH to self-isolate for 14 calendar days will similarly be able to claim a sum of up to £1,250 for the 14 calendar days of self-isolation.
- All "vulnerable" self-employed people who are advised in writing by KEMH to self-isolate for an initial period of 3 months, and who are unable to work from home, will be able to claim a sum of up to £2,500 per month for the period of isolation.
- All "vulnerable" employees who are advised by KEMH to self-isolate for an initial period of 3 months, and who are unable to work from home, will continue to be paid by their employer (regardless of whether they are entitled to leave or sick pay). Employers will be able to seek reimbursement for this measure from the Government, up to a cap of £2,500 per employee per month for the period of isolation.
- When private sector employees without symptoms are
  - a) advised by KEMH to self-isolate due to a household member being symptomatic with a fever and with that household member having been advised by KEMH to self-isolate; or
  - b) advised by the government to stay home due to being classified as a non-essential worker.
  - and who in both instances cannot work from home, they will continue to be paid by their employer (regardless of whether they are entitled to leave or sick pay) for a period of up to 14 days.
- When self-employed people without symptoms are
  - a) advised by KEMH to self-isolate due to a household member being symptomatic with a fever and with that household member having been advised by KEMH to self-isolate.
  - or b) advised by the government to stay home due to being classified as a non-essential worker,
  - and who in both instances cannot work from home, they will be able to claim a sum of up to £1,250 for a period of up to 14 calendar days.

All funds will be considered taxable and subject to the usual deductions from payroll.

If employees or self-employed persons are able to work from home during any period of isolation, we would expect them to do so and not to claim re-imbursment from Government.

These measures are designed to ensure that everyone can make the right choice to take necessary public health measures, for the benefit of all, whilst ensuring that the impact on the economy is minimised.

The Government will be announcing further measures to assist the private sector more generally within the next several days.

In addition, the Government continues to offer a range of benefits and allowances to Falkland Islands residents through the Department of Health and Social Services.

	<b>Application Form and Guidelines - Employer</b> Created: 2020-04-02   Size: 321.06 KB	<a href="#">Download</a>
	<b>Application Form and Guidelines - Self-Employed</b> Created: 2020-04-02   Size: 307.71 KB	<a href="#">Download</a>
	<b>Employer flowchart</b> Created: 2020-04-02   Size: 72.56 KB	<a href="#">Download</a>
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	<b>SELF EMPLOYED FAQ</b> Created: 2020-04-02   Size: 54.28 KB	<a href="#">Download</a>
	<b>Self-Employed flowchart</b> Created: 2020-04-02   Size: 59.69 KB	<a href="#">Download</a>
	<b>Employers Claim form template</b> Created: 2020-04-06   Size: 171.5 KB	<a href="#">Download</a>

## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

*This information was last updated on 17 March, 2020.*

### What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is an illness caused by the new novel coronavirus strain, SARS-CoV-2.

### Symptoms of COVID-19

### What preparations have been made for COVID-19 in the Falkland Islands?

### How COVID-19 is spread

### How can I avoid catching COVID-19?

### What should I do if I feel unwell?

### What is the advice on those returning to or travelling to the Falklands?

What steps will be taken if there is a suspected COVID-19 case in the Falkland Islands?

Why can't we test in the Falklands?

What is self-isolation?

Treatment for COVID-19

Who is most at risk of COVID-19?

Can I catch COVID-19 off parcels from overseas

Can I get COVID-19 from food or takeaways?

Are face masks useful for preventing COVID-19?

Is there a vaccine for COVID-19?

I have a child studying in the UK – should they come home?

Do I need to avoid public places?

Should I stock up on supplies?

## Information you can use

Here is more information you can read. These can be downloaded and printed out.

The material covers:

### Covid-19 - What you need to know



**Covid-19 - What you need to know**

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### All about flu



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### Information for schools



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### Information for hotels and lodges



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#### Self-isolation – 10 tips



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#### ZIMBABWEAN COVID-19 Latest Updates

## Useful links concerning COVID-19

The following links cover the latest global information and from the UK.

World Health Organization information is here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

National Health Service information is here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

UK Government latest information and advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

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