

Welcome!

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Today's Public Health team are:

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Guest speakers:

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Outline of the session

- Welcome and introduction
- Update on Covid-19 in Torbay
- Roll-out of Covid Champion Guide badge
- Your questions
- Quiz
- Champion tasks and volunteering opportunity

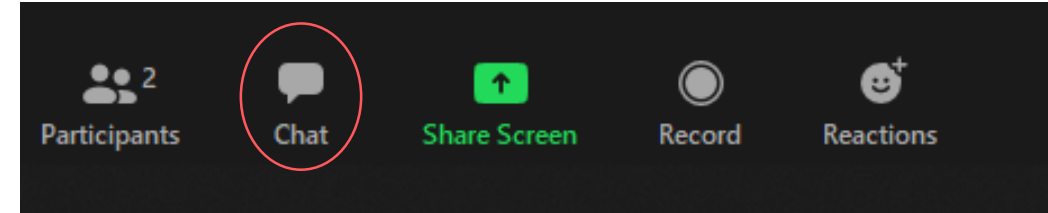


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- Open forum, please be friendly and kind
- We cannot answer any personal or political questions
- If not relevant to others, please email Champions@torbay.gov.uk

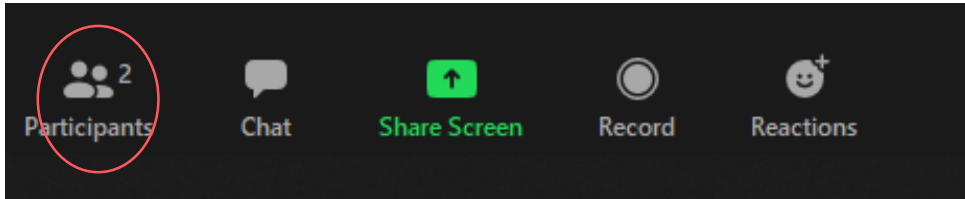
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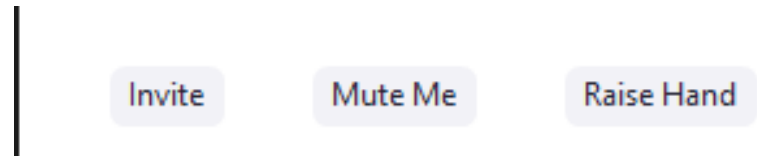


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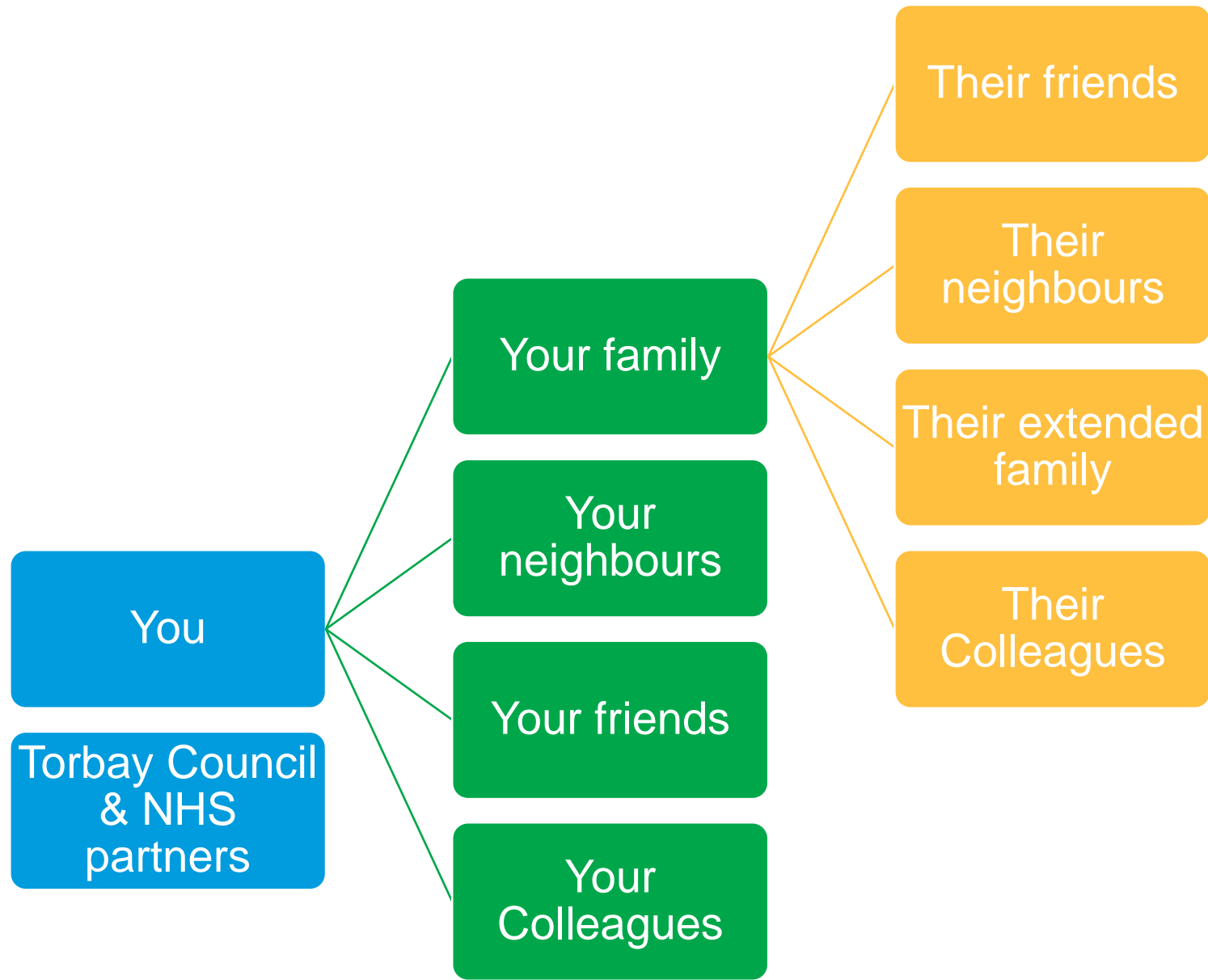
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4) The host will unmute you after inviting you to speak

**What are we
asking you to do?**





Share credible COVID-19 information, however you want!



- Learn about COVID-19 and how to stop the spread
- Share credible information with others
- Support others to access credible information, advice and support.

On order!!

- Window stickers for settings (*your business, school or early years site etc*)
- Certificates of thanks for volunteers
- Please e-mail us if you would like a sticker and a certificate!



Torbay and COVID-19: Latest data

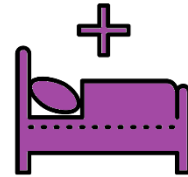


COVID Overview



Lowest case rates since early September
Number of cases in 7 days to Saturday 14th May – 15 cases

Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>



As of 11th May, there were no COVID patients at
Torbay & South Devon Foundation Trust

Source: [NHS England](#)



96% of those aged 50 and over have had their first
vaccination dose (As of 9th May). 57% have had both
doses.

Source: [NHS England](#)



There have been no COVID deaths registered in 5 of
the last 6 weeks for Torbay residents

Source: [Office for National Statistics](#)

**COVID Champion
badge launched
with local
girl guide group**

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Communities defeat terrorism

The current national threat level in the UK is

SUBSTANTIAL

This means that a terrorist attack is likely

This also means that we are being asked by Counter Terrorism Policing Teams to do our bit to report anything we see that makes us suspicious

Communities defeat terrorism

As we continue to ease out of lockdown and we start going out and about more, we are likely to be more aware of what's going on around us. As a result, you may see or hear something that doesn't 'feel' right.

Noticing a bag, box or vehicle left in an odd place: someone looking like they're taking pictures or videos of security arrangements: someone entering a building who looks like they don't belong there.

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You will not be wasting police's time – any piece of information passed on could be important and could be the missing piece of a jigsaw. If it turns out to be nothing, no harm will be done and no-one will get into trouble.

You can find out more including how to report in confidence here
act.campaign.gov.uk

If you see something which suggests an immediate threat always contact the police on 999

Communities defeat terrorism

In response to material you might see online that you think is related to extremism or terrorism, the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) have helped launch an app where you can report worrying content easily, effectively and completely anonymously.

Compatible with Apple and Android devices the **iREPORTit** app can be downloaded free from your app store.



Questions from the Champions

Should we only record positive results in the NHS app? Also as a business (we now have centre number) should we insist on employees having the app? This is difficult as its their personal devices.

ALL results need to be recorded as soon as possible regardless of result every time you take a Lateral Flow Test. You can report your result either via the government website or on the NHS Test and Trace app:

Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The NHS COVID-19 app support website - NHS.UK (covid19.nhs.uk)

If you do not have access to the app or internet you can also report your test result by calling 119, this is the phone number given in your test kit's instructions

If you have a positive Lateral Flow Test this needs to be followed up with a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible (or within 2 days)

Government reintroduces confirmatory PCR testing for assisted testing - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Understanding lateral flow antigen testing for people without symptoms - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Questions from the Champions

Is there any further information about having a vaccination and IVF/pregnancies yet? A lot of conflicting advice out there.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recently announced that if you're pregnant, or think you might be, you can have the COVID-19 vaccine. You'll be invited when your age group are offered it or earlier if you have a health condition or other reason that means you're eligible. If you have any concerns speak to your GP or Health Advisor for further information.

Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna are the preferred vaccines. This is because they've been more widely used during pregnancy in other countries and have not caused any safety issues.

You can book your COVID-19 vaccination online. During the booking process, you'll be asked if you're pregnant. This is to make sure you're offered an appointment for the Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccine.

JCVI issues new advice on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for all women of childbearing age, pregnant or breastfeeding - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Pregnancy and coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Regarding IVF this webpage contains a lot of useful information Covid-19 vaccines and fertility, an update from the BFS and ARCS. – Devon Sexual Health

Questions from the Champions

Where do we get the daily government updates from?

If you go to the gov.uk site

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support - GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk)

and scroll to bottom there is a section saying 'Stay up to date with GOV.UK and you can choose to have all updates sent either daily/weekly/or each time an update has been added by subscribing to it.

Questions from the Champions

What about the Indian variant if the cases rise?

Torbay Council, like other local authorities, has been developing plans to respond quickly if any variants of concern are identified in Torbay. This may involve 'surge testing' where we ask people in a particular location to take a PCR test to make sure cases haven't spread. Although the Indian variant B.1.617.2 appears to spread more rapidly than others, there is no evidence that it causes more serious illness, or that it does not respond to the vaccines. If you need any further information or advice then you can email us at trackandtrace@torbay.gov.uk and we will try and answer any further questions you may have.

This is a quite technical page listing the variants of concern and where they have been notified: [Variants: distribution of cases data - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/variants-distribution-of-cases-data)

This page explains surge testing and where it is taking place: [Surge testing for new coronavirus \(COVID-19\) variants - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/surge-testing-for-new-coronavirus-covid-19-variants)

QUIZ!



COVID

Champions

The illustration shows four stylized figures: a woman in a pink vest and mask walking a dog, a man in a green shirt and mask holding a shopping bag, a child in a red dress, and a woman in a yellow shirt and blue pants holding a blue speech bubble. A red location pin is positioned above the first 'O' in 'COVID'.

Question 1

We can eat-out indoors this weekend?

True

Poll result : 100% true

Question 2

Secondary school children are no longer required to wear face coverings in the classroom?

True

Poll result: 73% true 27% false

Question 3

Once you have been vaccinated, you cannot spread COVID-19 to others?

False

Poll result 100% false

Question 4

Hospitality venues providing alcohol for consumption on the premises, such as pubs and restaurants, will be required to provide table service?

True

Poll result: 100% true

Question 5

If you test positive using an LFD, you need to get a confirmatory PCR test?

True

Poll result: 64% true 36% false

Question 6

Social Distancing (*remaining 2 metres apart*) is no longer required?

FALSE

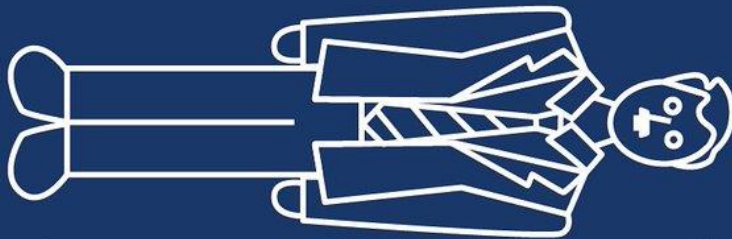
Poll result: 18% true 82% false

Social distancing - the **Torbay** way!



Social distancing the **Torbay** way!

2 metres = 1 Basil Fawlty



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Key messages

1. Hands – Face – Space – Fresh air.
2. Although we are now able to socialise more with friends and family inside as well as outside, we must remember to keep ourselves safe and abide by the rules.
3. Testing is still very important especially now we are having contact with more people and travelling around the country.
4. Please be extra kind, patient and respectful, no one has had it easy in the last year and it is more important than ever that we remain together as the whole Torbay community.

#ResponsibleRiviera and **#RespectProtectEnjoy**

What do Champions DO?



COVID
Champions

An illustration on a dark blue background. The word "COVID" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word "Champions" is written in white, sans-serif lowercase letters inside a blue, rounded rectangular shape. The illustration includes several figures: a woman in a pink vest and white mask walking a dog, a man in a green shirt and white mask carrying a box, a woman in a yellow shirt and white mask holding a blue speech bubble, and a small child in a red dress. A red location pin is above the first 'O' in "COVID".

We need your help with four things please

1. Share a fact with a friend
2. Share a post with your people (if you're on any social media)
3. Get your champions badges or certificates
4. We are looking for volunteers to help promote community testing in Torbay: **At our mobiles sites – explain why regular testing is important along with hands/face/space/fresh air and vaccination, & hand out testing kits for people to use at home... champions@torbay.gov.uk**

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Thank you, you Champion!



COVID Community Champions

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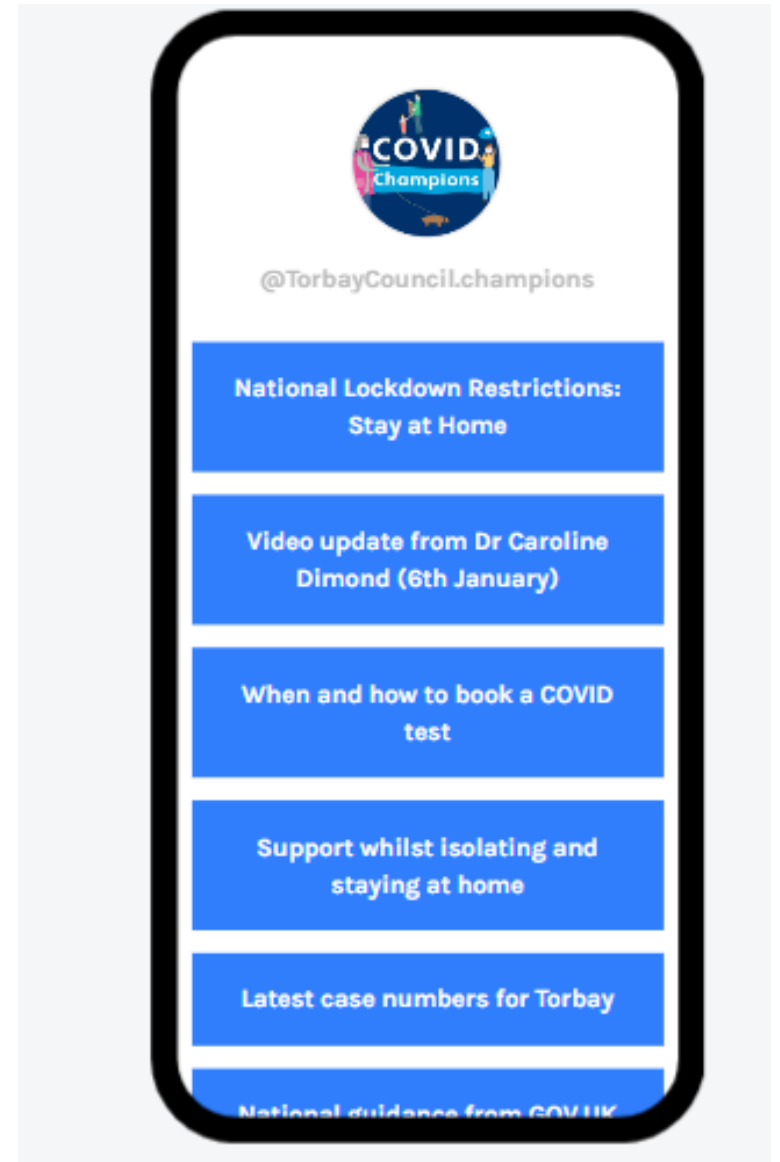
Resources and next steps



COVID Champions Linktree



Visit and/or share the link - <https://linktr.ee/TorbayCouncil.champions>



Credible sources of information to visit and share

- www.torbay.gov.uk/coronavirus
- www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- www.who.int/coronavirus

- Like our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/torbaycouncil
- Follow us on twitter: @Torbay_Council
- Email us Champions@torbay.gov.uk

What do you get as a Champion?

- A fortnightly bulletin, which will update you with the latest developments and guidance
- A fortnightly online forum meet-up, to enable you to participate in discussions, share ideas and have opportunity to feedback what you have found to work or not work so well
- Access to resources
- Support from us via Champions@torbay.gov.uk

