

## **Privacy Notice: COVID-19 Response**

This Notice explains how and why information about you will be used by Oxfordshire County Council. The Council may update this Notice at any time and may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the way that we use your information.

### **COVID-19 update**

Oxfordshire County Council and its partners will be providing support as part of the COVID-19 emergency response.

We will be processing personal data to participate in and deliver Government and Local programmes of prevention, testing, tracing and support. We will process data to assess and provide support to adults, children and young people who are in high-risk categories and would be considered vulnerable; and to enable the work of responders and volunteers.

We are following the Information Commissioner's guidance to ensure that personal data is protected during the COVID-19 response. Where we use information, we do so under the statutory obligations and public tasks required of us and we will continue to comply with data legislation and relevant data protection standards.

### **What personal data are we collecting?**

We will be processing data from you, from your family members or contacts, from the Government, Public Health England or the NHS, and other governmental and health departments, agencies and bodies as required, such as your name, age, address, telephone number, next of kin details, email address and NHS number. We will also collect details about your health to identify if you (or those closely linked to you) are in any of the high-risk categories and would be considered vulnerable.

### **What will we use this information for?**

The information we process will be used to connect you to support in the community as part of the COVID-19 response, and to analyse your information in order to improve the services we offer.

### **The lawful basis for processing your data**

In addition to processing under our official authority or in the public interest (Articles 6(1)(c), 6(1)(e) and 9 of the UK GDPR), our lawful basis also includes:

- a) Article 6(1)(d) of UK GDPR – necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or another natural person, (under UK GDPR, this includes monitoring epidemics and their spread);
- b) For special category (health-related data), Article 9(2)(i) – necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health;
- c) Schedule 1, Part 1(3), DPA 2018– is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, and is carried out by another person who in the circumstances owes a duty of confidentiality under an enactment or rule of law, e.g. Governmental guidance published by Public Health England.

### **Who will we share the information with?**

We will only share your information where necessary with partner organisations as part of the COVID-19 response. We may be required by law to share your information in order to safeguard public safety or in emergency situations.

### **COVID-19 Programmes**

The Council participates with Government, district and city councils, health agencies and partner organisations in delivering national and local COVID-19 measures. More information is available on our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) webpage](#).

- **Local Contact Tracing** to support the national Test and Trace programme requires data sharing with PHE, NHS, local councils and universities.
- **Shielding vulnerable persons** requires data sharing with Government, local councils and partner voluntary and charitable sector organisations.
- **Priority food provision** requires data sharing with Defra and local councils.
- **Local asymptomatic testing centres** requires basic details (name and email address) to book an appointment at the testing centre; no sharing occurs.
- **Self-Isolation Support** where you request the national Test and Trace programme to ask the local authority to provide support when you are isolating requires data sharing with PHE and local councils.

Non-personal, anonymous, or de-identified data may also be processed to enable programmes as required, such as Community Collect for home testing and Surge Testing for any local outbreaks or variants.

### **How long will your information be kept?**

The Council will keep your information for as long as is necessary, taking into account Government advice and the ongoing risks presented by COVID-19.

The information you provide may be sensitive and we will respect your confidentiality. We store information securely and control who has access to it.

### **Your Rights**

For information about your rights, please see our standard [Council Privacy Notice](#). Where you have any concerns, you should continue to raise them in the normal way given in that Privacy Notice.