

### **Coronavirus community response**

Coronavirus has affected everybody over the past few weeks. But it has also brought out the best in people and communities across Kirklees

It is great to see such amazing community response with groups and individual people helping each other and protecting the most vulnerable amongst us.

## How are people helping?



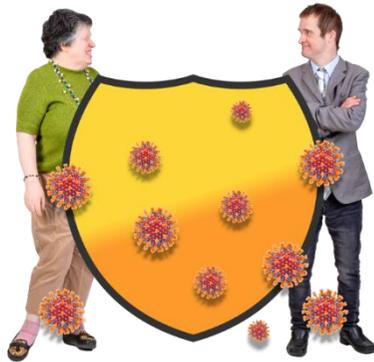
Volunteers are helping to get food to people who are not able to get it any.



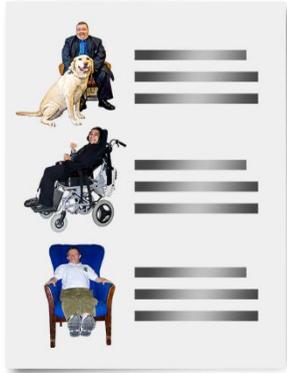
Others are helping people to get shopping, help with their home and pets.



They are also helping people to contact friends and family.



People who are extremely vulnerable because of underlying health conditions have been told to stay at home and not go outside or see other people for at least 12 weeks. This is called virus shielding. This does not include contact with carers and healthcare workers who they must see as part of their medical care.



There are also other vulnerable people that need to be very careful, like the elderly. Being vulnerable could mean that you can't go out to get your own food and medicines and don't have anyone else who can do this for you.



But don't worry. We have a web page and telephone number which you can use to ask for help for yourself or for someone you think needs it, with food, supplies and social support.



**Call our helpline on 01484 226919**

(currently 8am-6pm weekdays and 10 – 4 pm on bank holidays and weekends)



**Or go to our website:**

**[kirklees.gov.uk/covid19response](http://kirklees.gov.uk/covid19response)**



You can also use the web page or helpline if you want to help and to be a volunteer too.



**How else can I help?**

Every resident in Kirklees can help on reducing the spread of the virus. You can do that by staying at home and only going out if you really need to, always follow the advice on the enclosed leaflet



If you think you have symptoms such as a new, continuous cough or fever, you should stay at home, do not go to the doctors or chemist. Contact 111



The NHS has got a new website which is [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk) you will be asked some questions and they will tell you what to do next. Only ring 111 by telephone if you are unable to go online to do it.



If you would like this information in another format or language, please:

- call our helpline 01484 226919
- visit [www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19responses](https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/covid19responses)



## Other information:

- Twitter - @KirkleesCouncil
- Facebook – [www.facebook.com/liveinkirklees](http://www.facebook.com/liveinkirklees)
- Website - [www.kirklees.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/coronavirus)



## Thank you

Finally, we wanted to say thank you to everyone who has helped. It has been truly inspiring to see how much people care for each other and the communities within which they live.

**Cllr Shabir Pandor, Leader of the Council**  
**Jacqui Gedman, Chief Executive, Kirklees Council**