A message from Public Health

1. **An update on local cases of coronavirus**

Last week, there were 28 new reported cases of coronavirus in Camden (though that figure may rise due to a lag in testing data) compared to 65 cases the week before. However, due to some people having difficulties accessing tests, these figures may not be a completely accurate reflection of the situation in Camden.

Thankfully, cases are relatively low in Camden, but London is such an inter-connected city that we must all be extra vigilant in following public health advice to prevent further spread of infection across our city. This includes self-isolating if you have symptoms which is important because it will prevent people passing it on. However, we know that self-isolating will be hard for some people, so we are asking anyone that needs support with it to contact us – 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

Please help us share this advice by forwarding this email on to your communities, sharing our social media content (Twitter, Facebook or NextDoor) or screen grabbing it and sharing via instant message groups.

Today, the Prime Minister addressed Parliament about additional forthcoming restrictions being introduced across the country. He is due to give a televised update tonight so we will update you on the details as soon as we can.

The Leader of Camden Council, Cllr Georgia Gould, published a statement on the situation in London and how we are supporting communities on Monday. You can read it here.

2. **The NHS COVID-19 app**

The NHS COVID-19 app will help to prevent the spread of coronavirus by helping to identify people who have been in close recent contact with someone who has tested positive.

If someone tests positive for coronavirus, the app will automatically identify people they have been in recent close contact with by sending a notification straight to their mobile phone asking them to self-isolate.

If you do not want to use the app, or do not have a mobile phone, you can continue to leave your contact details with places you visit.

What are you being asked to do?

Ahead of the launch of the NHS COVID-19 app on **Thursday 24 September**, voluntary organisations and places of worship are asked to download and display their own QR posters. This isn't a legal requirement though. This will enable everyone with the app to 'check-in' so that if a staff member or visitor tests positive, people who came into close contact with them can be traced and asked to self-isolate.

To create a free QR poster, go to **gov.uk/create-coronavirus-qr-poster** **and follow the instructions. You can print off as many posters as you need. Please stick them up at the appropriate entrances in a visible and safe position and make sure they cannot be easily removed.**

 Please note that you will still need to keep a written log of visitors for people who do not have access to a smart phone or choose not to use the app.

 If you want to support the app but do not have a printer, most high streets have nearby print shops, or you could ask a nearby business to let you use their printer. If you are really struggling to print one though, call us on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

For more information on the NHS COVID-19 app, and to see their frequently asked questions, visit **covid19.nhs.uk**.