

Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak: Measures taken in Kent (UK)

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Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) agencies continue to work closely with central government to manage the ongoing traffic disruption in the county.

The priority of all partners, including Kent Police, Kent County Council and Highways England, and the Department for Transport, is to keep people safe and look after those who are stuck in queues as they wait for borders to re-open and cross the Channel.

In the meantime, the advice remains that freight or tourist traffic should not head into Kent.

On the M20, Kent County Council continues to ensure drivers are provided with snacks, drinking water and hot food. We are also grateful to KRF agencies and partner organisations who are helping deliver provisions. Portable toilets were rolled out Monday at 1 km intervals between junctions 10a-11 and these are being regularly cleaned.

A further 150 toilets are available for drivers at Manston, where there are also hot food trucks and water. 70 additional toilets will arrive at Manston tomorrow morning.

Though hauliers are routinely well prepared for disruption and following the traffic management plans while we work to manage the disruption, it remains important that people currently avoid travelling to Kent.

If you must travel, come prepared for delays and carry food, water and blankets. Road-side welfare can only be provided to stationary traffic for safety reasons and it is not a long term option.

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