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| |  | | --- | | PFCC Banner | | **Latest news from PFCC Roger Hirst  -  January 8th, 2021** | | There is no doubt that we are in challenging and difficult times.  |  | | --- | | Since I spoke to you last week, I’m sure you all know the government has introduced a national lockdown, schools across the county have closed to help break the transmission of the virus and we have witnessed, with sadness, new record high level of infection in our areas. Against this difficult picture, we know that Essex, as one of the strongest counties, but one of the first counties to be affected by the new variant, is hit hard.  We are being challenged but there are many reasons to be thankful. Our doctors and nurses do an amazing job. They are under pressure; they are working hard but they are delivering for us.  Our police officers, fire fighters and front-line staff across the emergency services are working well together to keep us safe. |  [Watch Roger's Message](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDguMzMwMDI1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3lvdXR1LmJlL3dOUjIxQ0Zvc2w4In0.fYF-mhh_VirfgAm9opB4iKk_1LelBxDUKjZBTnjyGJ0/s/998005102/br/92851479085-l) | | #StaySafeEssex  |  | | --- | | How Essex Police is keeping you safe From 12.01am on Wednesday 6 January 2021 Essex moved into COVID-19, Alert Level 5 of the Government’s restrictions. This moves us to a lockdown which will have an even greater impact on what we can and can’t do. You can find out what this means for you and your family and your work by visiting  the [government website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDguMzMwMDI1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5nb3YudWsvZ3VpZGFuY2UvbmF0aW9uYWwtbG9ja2Rvd24tc3RheS1hdC1ob21lP3ByaW9yaXR5LXRheG9uPTc3NGNlZTIyLWQ4OTYtNDRjMS1hNjExLWUzMTA5Y2NlOGVhZSN0cmF2ZWwifQ.NPzEMRVvvDhkplRlNmJhMGK3N9auA_2O9SkOEnhOVVA/s/998005102/br/92851479085-l)  .  We understand this is a challenging start to another challenging year, particularly after the Christmas and New Year period when many of us were unable to see loved ones as we'd planned.  Essex Police's Officers and Staff will continue to patrol and respond to crime and anti-social behaviour as they've always done. They will be following all the latest regulations too. It’s really important that we all #StaySafeEssex.  Read more [here.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDguMzMwMDI1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lc3NleC5wb2xpY2UudWsvbmV3cy9lc3NleC9uZXdzL25ld3MvMjAyMS9qYW51YXJ5L3N0YXktc2FmZS1lc3NleC8ifQ.CcPT2D-X0DUjsGjj8LV9UhxHMbn9-uyu3vX_SQmTeoA/s/998005102/br/92851479085-l) [Message from the Chief Constable](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDguMzMwMDI1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mYWNlYm9vay5jb20vRXNzZXhQb2xpY2VVSy92aWRlb3MvNDAzMTU2MjE3Njg5Mjc3In0.CpJOKOn-U6trQIR4EWGSYlnK-wCExhVyZS-nJWpyh0M/s/998005102/br/92851479085-l) |  |  | | --- | | Essex County Fire and Rescue Service will be there for you Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) is an emergency service, and rest assured, there is currently no change to the way it responds to incidents. Keeping people who live, work and travel in Essex safe is our priority.  Read more [here.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDguMzMwMDI1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lc3NleC1maXJlLmdvdi51ay9BYm91dF9Vcy9Db3JvbmF2aXJ1cy9FbWVyZ2VuY3lfcmVzcG9uc2VfZHVyaW5nX2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzX3BhbmRlbWljLyJ9.5NaI6KgPjFbTzcXY3xKVzoQwWYNkTJLlQfQSbUEPhk8/s/998005102/br/92851479085-l) [Supporting the Ambulance Service](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMDguMzMwMDI1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lc3NleC1maXJlLmdvdi51ay9uZXdzL09uLWNhbGxfZmlyZWZpZ2h0ZXJzX3N1cHBvcnRpbmdfdGhlX0FtYnVsYW5jZV9TZXJ2aWNlX2FzX2RyaXZlcnMvIn0.fdSFSRTOhzzcsBxo6aG-7RqiQPLw5WYsH7WkCYb_KYI/s/998005102/br/92851479085-l) | | | |  | | --- | |  | |  | | |