

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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Period: 16/11/2020 to 22/11/2020	Produced by Wirral Council Public Health Intelligence Team

Local COVID-19 alert level: Very High

Wirral saw a rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 cases from September onwards and although numbers now appear to be reducing slightly, the borough still has extremely high rates compared to the Summer. At the end of August, we had around 90 cases per week, this compares to the current level of **364 cases per week (in the 7-days to 22/11/2020)** the most recent day for which figures are available).

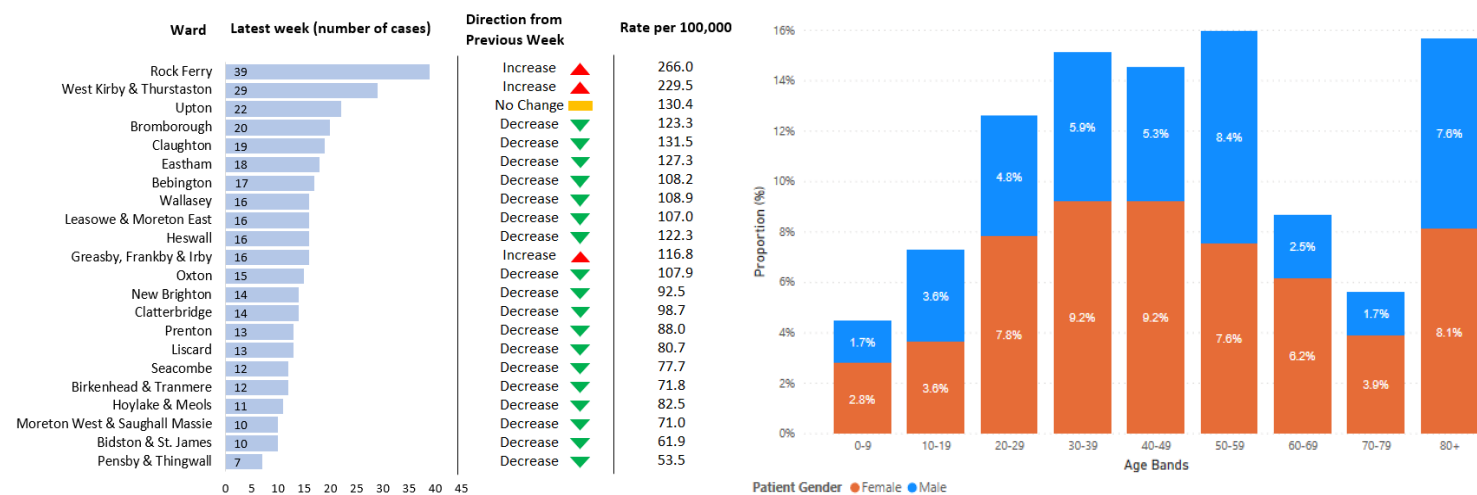
There is still widespread community transmission, with new positive COVID-19 cases seen across Wirral and in all age groups. The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19 in Wirral is 132 per 100,000 population** while the **latest positivity rate is 4.4%** (percentage of positive tests of all tests carried out in the last 7 days).

By 10-year age band, the largest percentage number of cases in the 7-days to 22/11/2020 were in those aged **50-59 (16%), 80+ (16%) 30-39 (15%)** and followed by those **40-49 (15%)**. Almost two-thirds of all the cases in this week were in just these age bands (see table below).

There were more cases in women compared to men in the 7-days to 22/11/2020; **57% female, 41% male and 2% unknown**. The wards with the largest number of confirmed (in the 7-days to 22/11/2020) were **Rock Ferry (39), West Kirby & Thurstaston (29) and Upton (22)** (see table below for all Wards).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 22/11/2020) was **81% White British, 13% unknown and 6% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds**.

Weekly data from ONS (published on 24/11/2020) showed there had been **104 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 16% (or 17 in actual numbers) were COVID-19 deaths**.



To protect yourself and others, you must:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often, and as soon as you get home. Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water is not available
- Stay at least 2 metres away from anyone you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble
- Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose where social distancing is not possible outdoors and indoors. By law, you must now wear them in most indoor settings including public transport, shops, post-offices, banks, beauty salons, visitor attractions and entertainment venues, libraries, community centres, places of worship and public areas in hotels.
- **If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace, follow their instructions. If you have symptoms of coronavirus you must self-isolate, get a test; stay at home until you get a result; your household or support bubble must also stay at home until you get your result.**