

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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Period: 23/10/2020 to 29/10/2020	Produced by Wirral Council Public Health Intelligence Team

Local COVID-19 alert level: Very high

Wirral has seen a rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 cases since September and the number of cases continues to rise. At the end of August, we were seeing around 90 cases per week, this compares to the current level of 772 cases per week (in the 7-days to 29/10/2020 the most recent day for which figures are available).

There is now widespread community transmission, with new positive COVID-19 cases being seen across Wirral and in all age groups.

The latest weekly rate of COVID-19 in Wirral is 267 per 100,000 population while the latest positivity rate is 8.7% (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 29/10/2020) were in those aged 40-49 (18%) followed by those aged 50-59 (17%), 30- 39 (17%) and 20-29 year olds (15%). Over two-thirds of all the cases in this week were in just these age bands (see table 1 below).

There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the 7-days to 29/10/2020; 55% female, 44% male and 1% unknown.

The wards with the largest number of confirmed (in the 7-days to 29/10/2020) are currently Claughton (54 cases), Bidston & St. James (53), and Rock Ferry (53) see table 2 for full list of wards.

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 29/10/2020) was 83% White British, 11% unknown and 6% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds.

Weekly data from ONS (published on 27/10/2020) showed there had been 82 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 16% (or 13 in actual numbers) were COVID-19 deaths.

Table 1: Percentage of Wirral COVID-19 cases by 10-year age band

Age Bands	Percentage (%) Cases by age band
0-9	4%
10-19	9%
20-29	16%
30-39	17%
40-49	18%
50-59	17%
60-69	8%
70-79	5%
80+	5%

Note: Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding

Table 2: Wirral COVID-19 cases by Ward, with comparison to previous week

Ward	Cases to w/e 29/10/2020	Direction from Previous Week (22/10/20)
Claughton	54	Increase
Bidston & St. James	53	Decrease
Rock Ferry	53	Decrease
Bebington	52	Decrease
Prenton	48	Decrease
Upton	47	Decrease
Bromborough	44	Increase
Eastham	42	Increase
Liscard	33	Decrease
Birkenhead & Tranmere	32	Decrease
Oxton	32	Decrease
Leasowe & Moreton East	31	Decrease
Greasby, Frankby & Irby	29	Decrease
New Brighton	29	Decrease
Seacombe	29	Decrease
Clatterbridge	27	Decrease
Moreton West & Saughall Massie	26	Decrease
Pensby & Thingwall	26	Decrease
Wallasey	26	Decrease
West Kirby & Thurstaston	25	Decrease
Heswall	16	Decrease
Hoylake & Meols	16	Decrease

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.**