

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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Period: 25/10/2020 to 31/10/2020	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 **748 cases per week (in the 7-days to 31/10/2020 the most recent day for which figures are available)**.

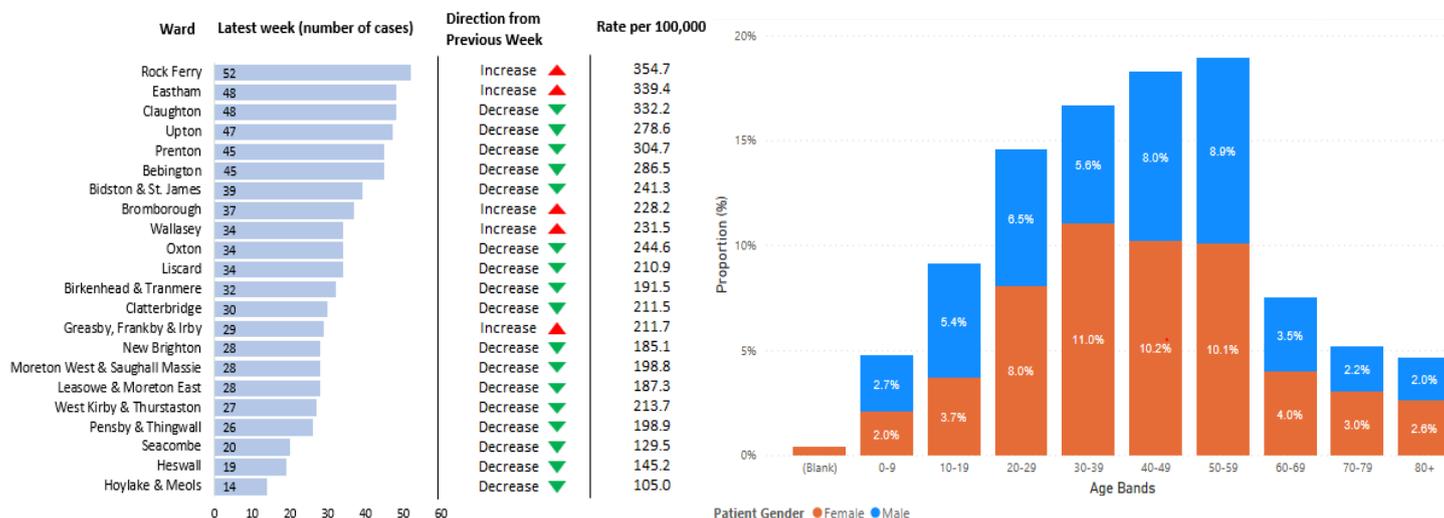
There is now widespread community transmission, with new positive COVID-19 cases being seen across Wirral and in all age groups. The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19 in Wirral is 243 per 100,000 population while the latest positivity rate is 8.1%** (percentage of positive tests of all tests carried out in the last 7 days).

By 10-year age band, the largest percentage number of cases in the **7-days to 31/10/2020) were in those aged 40-49 (18%) followed by those aged 50-59 (18%), 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 below).

There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the **7-days to 31/10/2020; 54% female, 44% male and 2% unknown**. The wards with the largest number of confirmed (in the **7-days to 31/10/2020) are currently Rock Ferry (52), Claughton (48 cases) and Eastham (48)** (see table below for full list of wards).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the **7-days to 31/10/2020) was 80% White British, 13% unknown and 7% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds**.

Weekly data from ONS (published on 03/11/2020) showed there had been **73 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 18% (or 13 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.**