

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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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 862 cases per week (in the 7-days to 16/10/2020, 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 292 per 100,000 population while the latest positivity rate is 9.4% (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 16/10/2020) were in those aged 50-59 (20%), following by those aged 20-29 (18%) and those aged 30 to 39 and 40-49 (both 13%). Two in three of all the cases in this week were in just these age bands.

There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the 7-days to 16/10/2020; 53% female vs 47% male.

The wards with the largest number of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 16/10/2020) are currently Claughton (62 cases), Upton (54 cases) and New Brighton and Oxtan (both with 49 cases).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 16/10/2020) was 82% White British, 11% unknown and 7% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds.

Weekly data from ONS (published on 20/10/2020) showed there had been 68 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 7% (or 5 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.**