

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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Period: 05/12/2020 to 11/12/2020

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Local COVID-19 alert level: High (Tier 2)

The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 has reduced considerably in Wirral but is still high.

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

The current level of **239 cases per week (in the 7 days to 11th December 2020**, the most recent day for which figures are available).

The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19 in Wirral is 66 per 100,000 population** while the **latest positivity rate is 1.6%** (percentage of positive tests of all tests carried out in the last 7 days).

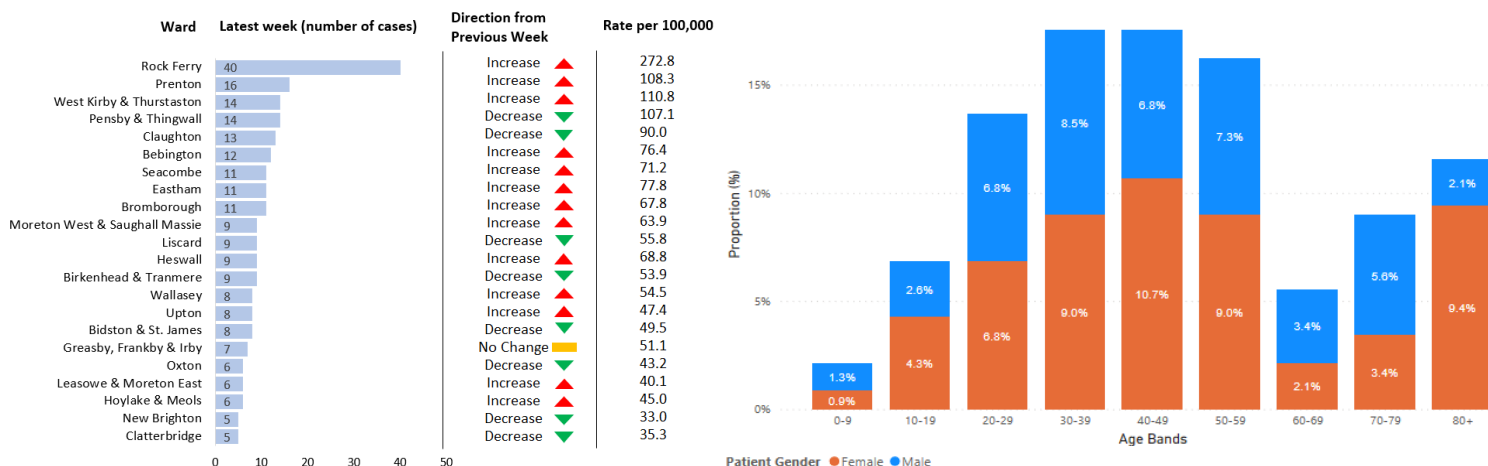
By 10-year age band, the largest percentage number of cases in the 7-days to 11/12/2020 were in those aged those aged **30-39 (17.5%) and 40-49 (17.5%)** then followed by those aged **50-59 (16%)**. Just over half of cases in this week were in these age bands (see table below).

There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the 7-days to 10/12/2020; **54.5% female, 43.5% male and 2% unknown**.

The wards with the largest number of confirmed (in the 7-days to 11/12/2020) were **Rock Ferry (40), Prenton (16), Pensby & Thingwall (14) and West Kirby & Thurstaston (14)** (see table below for all Wards).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 11/12/2020) was **81% White British, 15.5% unknown and 3.5% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds**.

Weekly data from ONS (published on 15/12/2020) showed there had been **83 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 12% (or 10 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.**