

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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Period: 11/12/2020 to 17/12/2020

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

The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 is once again increasing in Wirral.

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 **390 cases per week (in the 7 days to 17th December 2020**, the most recent day for which figures are available).

The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19 in Wirral is 110 per 100,000 population** while the **latest positivity rate is 4.5%** (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 17/12/2020 were in those aged those aged 20-29 (18%), followed by those aged 50-59 (17%) and then both those aged 30-39 and 40-49 (both at 16%). Just over two-thirds of cases in this week were in these age bands (see table below).**

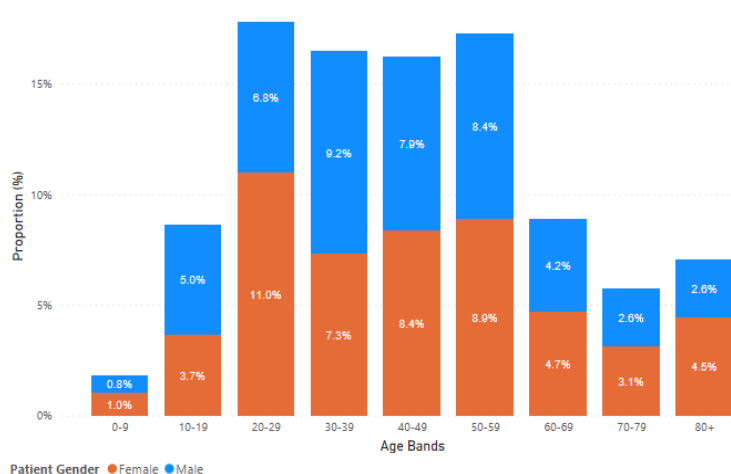
There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the **7-days to 17/12/2020; 51.5% female, 46.5% male and 2% unknown.**

The wards with the largest number of confirmed cases (**in the 7-days to 17/12/2020**) were **Rock Ferry (31), Pensby & Thingwall (27) and Bidston & St James (24)** (see table below).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (**in the 7-days to 17/12/2020**) was **75% White British, 19% unknown and 6% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds.**

Weekly data from ONS (**published on 22/12/2020**) showed there had been **79 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 10% (or 8 in actual numbers) were COVID-19 deaths.**

Ward	Latest week (number of cases)	Direction from Previous Week	Rate per 100,000
Rock Ferry	31	Increase ▲	211.4
Pensby & Thingwall	27	Increase ▲	206.5
Bidston & St. James	24	Increase ▲	148.5
Bromborough	22	Increase ▲	135.7
Prenton	21	Increase ▲	142.2
Moreton West & Saughall Massie	21	Increase ▲	149.1
Eastham	20	Increase ▲	141.4
Clughton	20	Increase ▲	138.4
Clatterbridge	20	Increase ▲	141.0
Bebington	19	Increase ▲	121.0
Birkenhead & Tranmere	17	Increase ▲	101.8
Greasby, Frankby & Irby	16	Increase ▲	116.8
West Kirby & Thurstaston	15	Increase ▲	118.7
Upton	15	Increase ▲	88.9
Hoylake & Meols	15	Increase ▲	112.6
Wallasey	14	Increase ▲	95.3
New Brighton	13	Increase ▲	85.9
Leasowe & Moreton East	13	Increase ▲	86.9
Heswall	13	Increase ▲	99.4
Liscard	10	Decrease ▼	62.0
Seacombe	9	Increase ▲	58.3
Oxton	9	Increase ▲	64.7



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.**