Wirral COVID-19 Report

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COVID-19 alert level: National lockdown - Stay at Home

The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 is currently showing extremely large increases.

There is widespread community transmission (e.g. between family members), with new positive COVID-19 cases being seen each day across Wirral and in all age groups.

The current level of **1,965 cases per week (in the 7 days to 1 January 2021**, the most recent day for which figures are complete).

The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19 in Wirral is 556 per 100,000 population** while the **latest positivity rate is 17.7%** (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 01/01/2021 were in those aged those aged 20-29 (19%),** then those **aged 30-39 (17.5%),** followed by those **aged 50-59 (16.5%)** and those **aged 40-49 (15.5%). Over two-thirds of cases this week were in these age bands (see table below).**
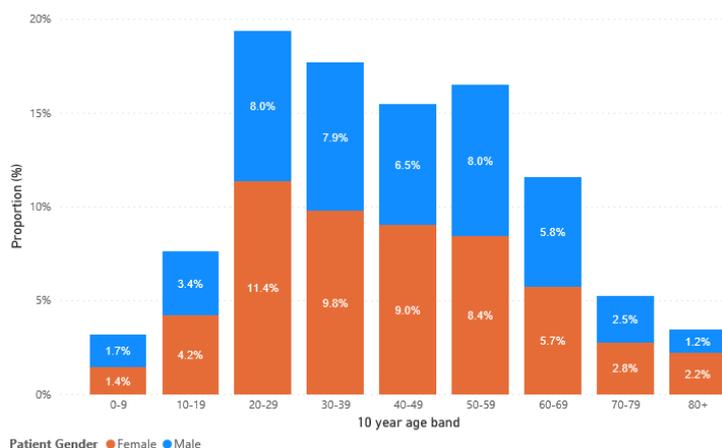
There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the **7-days to 01/01/2021; 54.5% female, 45% male and 0.5% unknown**.

The wards with the largest number of confirmed cases (**in the 7-days to 01/01/2021) were Oxton (134), Bebington (121) and Moreton West and Upton (112),** (see table below).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (**in the 7-days to 01/01/2021) was 83% White British, 11% unknown and 6% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds**.

Weekly data from ONS **(published on 06/01/2021) showed there had been 69 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 12% (or 8 in actual numbers) were COVID-19 deaths**.

Ward	Latest week (number of cases)	Direction from Previous Week	Rate per 100,000
Oxton	134	Increase ▲	963.9
Bebington	121	Increase ▲	770.4
Upton	112	Increase ▲	663.9
Moreton West & Saughall Massie	108	Increase ▲	766.7
Wallasey	106	Increase ▲	721.7
Claughton	97	Increase ▲	671.4
Birkenhead & Tranmere	97	Increase ▲	580.6
Leasowe & Moreton East	94	Increase ▲	628.6
West Kirby & Thurstaston	93	Increase ▲	736.1
Liscard	93	Increase ▲	577.0
Hoylake & Meols	92	Increase ▲	690.3
Rock Ferry	88	Increase ▲	600.2
Prenton	86	Increase ▲	582.3
Eastham	81	Increase ▲	572.8
Bidston & St. James	77	Increase ▲	476.4
Heswall	75	Increase ▲	573.2
Seacombe	72	Increase ▲	466.0
Bromborough	70	Increase ▲	431.7
Greasby, Frankby & Irby	69	Increase ▲	503.7
Clatterbridge	68	Increase ▲	479.4
Pensby & Thingwall	67	Increase ▲	512.5
New Brighton	54	Increase ▲	356.9

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.**