

Wirral COVID-19 Report

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Period: 11/02/2021 to 17/02/2021

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COVID-19 alert level: National Lockdown (Stay at Home)

The number of people testing positive for **COVID-19 in Wirral is currently extremely high.**

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 **371 cases per week** (in the 7 days to 17/02/2021), the most recent day for which figures are complete).

The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19 in Wirral is 118 per 100,000 population** while the **latest positivity rate is 4.8%** (percentage of positive tests of all tests carried out in the last 7 days).

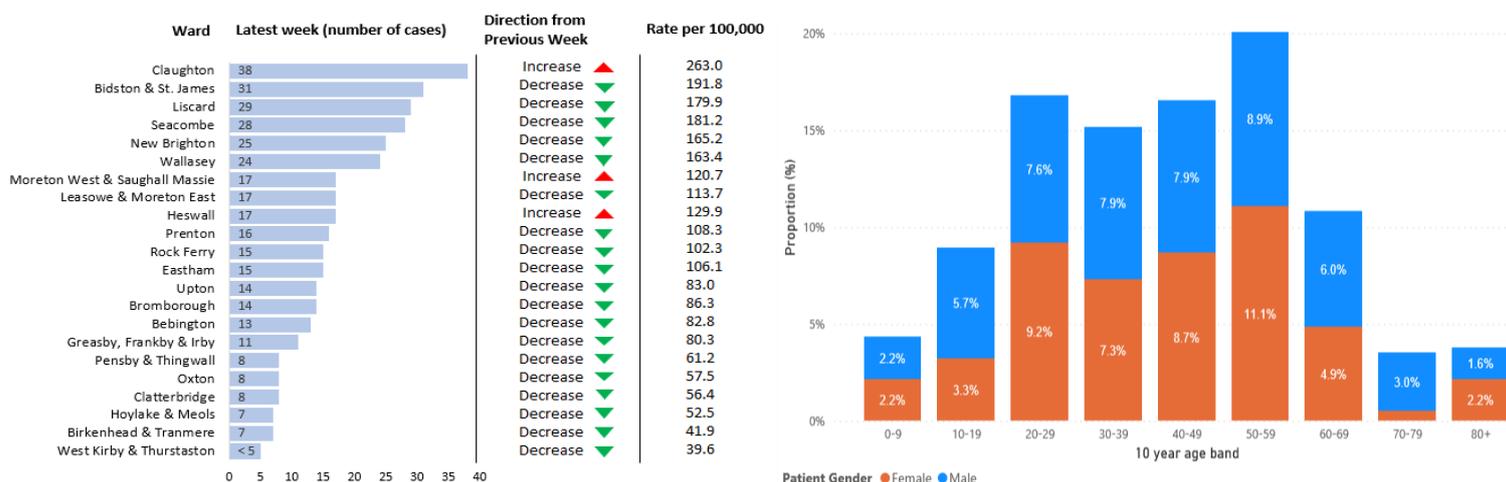
By 10-year age band, the largest percentage number of cases in the 7-days to 17/02/2021 **were in those 50-59 (20.0%), then those aged 20-29 (16.8%), 40-49 (16.5%) and 30-39 (15.1%)**. Over two-thirds of cases in these 7-days were in these age bands (see table below).

There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the 7-days to 17/02/2021; **50.4% male, 49.1% female and 0.5% unknown**.

The wards with the largest number of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 17/02/2021) **Claughton (38), Bidston St James (31) and Liscard (29)**.

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 17/02/2021) **was 80.0% White British, 12.1% unknown and 7.9% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds**.

Weekly ONS data (published on 16/02/2021) showed **112 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 47.3% (or 53 in actual numbers) were COVID-19 deaths**. Total deaths from COVID-19 in Wirral are now **850**.



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.**