

WEST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Thursday
Date: 20 January 2022
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Zoom

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WEST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

28 October 2021

Commenced: 6.30 pm

Terminated: 7.20 pm

Present: Councillors Ward (Chair), A Holland (Vice-Chair), Boyle, Cooney, Gwynne, B Holland, Jones, Naylor, Newton, Ricci, Ryan, M Smith, T Smith and Warrington

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Martin, Mills, Quinn and Reid

1 MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting of the West Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 25 March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

2 POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Forum received a presentation from the Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods, the Partnership Manager, Community Safety and Homelessness and Chief Inspector Broadstock from Greater Manchester Police. The presentation provided details of the Greater Manchester Police Tameside West Neighbourhood Strategy 2021-2023.

The Assistant Director began by outlining the five key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy:

- Building stronger communities;
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse;
- Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour;
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol; and
- Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation.

The Chief Inspector then gave details of the new GMP Strategic Plan, which focused on fighting, preventing and reducing crime; keeping people safe and caring for victims. Information was given in respect of public promises, including:

- Response times to incidents and emergencies;
- Prevention and reduction of crime, harm and anti-social behaviour;
- The investigation and solving of crimes;
- Delivering outstanding public service; and
- Building public trust and confidence.

It was advised that, Inspector Hussain, would be responsible for community policing in the West neighbourhood and each ward in Audenshaw, Denton and Droylsden had a dedicated beat police officer and PCSO.

As part of the commitment to building a new GMP, it was highlighted that the force would improve response times to 999 and 101 calls and make it easier for the public to report non-emergencies online.

The Chief Inspector reported that two notorious car criminals in Denton had recently been charged and remanded, whilst a cannabis factory at Gartside Farm in Droylsden had been dismantled and thousands of pounds worth of drugs seized. In addition, regular monthly days of action around road safety were being held to tackle speeding and dangerous driving.

The Partnership Manager, Community Safety and Homelessness advised Members of ongoing activity in respect of the promotion of hate crime awareness and road safety campaigns.

Information was also provided in respect of Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding and the projects funded in 2021/22.

To forge strong links with local communities, the Partnership Manager explained that the Council continued to work closely with local Neighbourhood Watch groups to prevent crime and reduce anti-social behaviour. In the West neighbourhood, there were 22 schemes, incorporating 1,960 households.

Chief Inspector Broadstock concluded by explaining that partnership working continued with the aim of creating a safer, stronger and active community, where crime and anti-social behaviour was less likely to happen.

The Forum received assurances from the Chief Inspector that police officers were now less constrained by tasks and procedures that had prevented them from having a more visible presence in the community. This would ensure that officers would be able to work more flexibly in dedicated neighbourhood teams going forward.

Members queried if the police were aware of the 'Crimewatchers' group, setup by local residents, that had been operating in the Audenshaw and Droylsden areas. Chief Inspector Broadstock confirmed that there had been a number of meetings between the local police, Council and the group and they had complied with the requirement to register with the Security Industry Authority (SIA). The police confirmed that the group was able to offer services as a private security firm, given that they were registered.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director, Partnership Manager, and Chief Inspector for a very informative presentation.

RESOVLED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

3 GROWTH PRIORITIES

The Assistant Director of Investment, Development and Housing, delivered a presentation on the priorities of the Place Directorate going forward. The Assistant Director began by detailing the following ongoing and future projects/initiatives:-

Tameside Resilience Business Clinic

- Launched as part of the pandemic response, offering free, bespoke advice and guidance.
- Businesses were matched with a Project Manager from Economy, Employment and Skills using the bank of Business Community Champions, GM Business Growth Hub provision and a catalogue of online support including webinars.
- Business Community Champions are local business experts offering free support across specialisms including finance, social media and business start-up.
- To date 63 businesses had registered and engaged with the Clinic.

In Work Progression - launching in January 2022

- Tameside had been selected by the DWP to run a trial project, offering support to Tameside residents who were in work but wished to increase their earnings.
- Experienced staff would offer one-to-one support.
- Support would be tailored to the aims of each person.

Tameside Youth Employment Support

- Created in response to increased challenges for young people following the pandemic, recognising the difficulties many faced when trying to find employment.
- Employers were supported to create job opportunities matching the aspirations of a young person by offering reimbursement of first 6 months' salary for apprenticeship or non-apprenticeship roles.
- Partnership and Engagement Officers provided one-to-one support from application through to job sustainment including support with preparation for work, CV writing, understanding employer expectations, preparing for interviews and transition into work.

Routes to Work Supported Employment Service

- A team of specialist advisors offering advice, support and practical assistance for anyone with a disability who wanted to find employment.
- On the job training using specialist methods.
- The Service provided retention advice and support to local businesses.
- Created a network of opportunities for residents with disabilities.
- Currently the Service supported 77 Tameside residents - 46 in work and 31 looking for work.

A framework for investment in town centres was detailed, which would provide an overarching strategy for the regeneration of the borough's town centres going forward. It was highlighted that the towns within the West neighbourhood had a significant number of heritage assets and the Council hoped to utilise these in order to achieve their full potential.

Improvements and investment in the towns of the West neighbourhood were detailed. In Droylsden, 230 new homes had been delivered at the marina by Watkins Jones and there was the opportunity for further housing delivery on the Lock Keeper's development site and adjacent former Droylsden library site. Members welcomed the recent opening of the new Droylsden library situated in Guardsman Tony Downes House. The new library provided a fully accessible layout with up to date IT facilities, a community room, children's area and space for meetings, work and study.

In terms of housing delivery, it was reported that 62 homes for affordable rent had been delivered by Jigsaw Homes at Fairfield Road in Droylsden and a further 66 homes for affordable rent at the same site had been provided by Irwell Valley Housing Association. In Audenshaw, 34 shared ownership homes had been delivered by Mossclare St Vincent through the Brownfield Homes Fund grant.

Significant other developments included 338 new homes of mixed types and tenures on the site of the former Robertson's Jam Factory in Droylsden. In Denton, £300k had been secured from the Brownfield Homes Fund for 20 new homes on the site of the former swimming baths whilst the former Two Trees High School site would now be cleared following demolition of the buildings earlier in the year.

Members welcomed the capital investment and improvements that were underway or due to begin at a number of local schools, including the extension of Aldwyn Primary School in Audenshaw and the new secure front entrance planned for St Anne's Primary School in Denton.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director for the detailed presentation and welcomed the investment in the area's residents and towns.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

4 ACHIEVEMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR THE FORUM

The Director of Place explained that Members views on future items/presentations for Forum meetings were welcomed and that he would be liaising with Members and the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment on this matter, going forward.

CHAIR

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AUDENSHAW E1/E2 - DROYLSDEN WEST D1/D5 - DENTON WEST F2/F3 - DENTON
NORTH EAST F4/F5 - DENTON SOUTH F1/F6 - DROYLSDEN EAST D2/D3/D4/D6

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OP AVRO



* What is Operation AVRO?

- * *Operation AVRO is a forcewide initiative that delivers a surge of extra resources and specialist officers to a different district within Greater Manchester each month.*
- * *The operation targets crimes that members of the public in that district have told us give them the most concern.*
- * *Members of the press and key partners, including local representatives, are invited to attend Operation AVRO deployments to see results first-hand and conduct important multi-agency work, such as welfare visits.*

#OPERATIONSAFERTAMESIDE



Highways highlighted by the public and your local officers were targeted, with support from your Traffic PCSO'S. The day was a huge success, resulting in the following:

16th December 2021:

- * X1 Vehicle seized due to driver having no insurance and MOT
- * X4 Drivers breathalysed
- * X6 Stopped for faulty lighting
- * X2 Stopped for illegal tinted windows
- * X1 Stopped for illegal number plates
- * X9 Stopped for exceeding the speed limit
- * X4 Delivery vehicles stopped for failing to wear a seatbelt
- * X2 Stopped for driving whilst using mobile device
- * X3 Warnings for anti-social driving
- * X1 Obstruction on public highway
- * X1 Driver contravening stop sign
- * Numerous intelligences was also gathered which your Neighbourhood policing team will be looking into.
- * **Next Operation Safer Tameside planned 25th Jan – focusing on violent crime towards Women and Girls.**

CURRENT PRIORITIES



AUDENSHAW E1/E2

- * ASB - Snipe Retail Park - PRB/06GG/0000004/22
- * ASB - Ryecroft Hall - Unknown Youths
- * Frosting – Audenshaw – Unknown

DROYLSDEN WEST D1/D5

- * Drug dealing - Lincoln Avenue/Gloucester Rd
- * ASB - Sunnyside Rd, Lincoln Avenue, Somerset Rd
- * Off road bikes - Greenside Lane, Somerset Rd, Gloucester Rd

DENTON NORTH EAST F4/F5

- * ASB - Victoria Park/Crown Point North
- * Burglary - Whole Ward
- * Shoplifting - Crown Point North

CURRENT PRIORITIES



DENTON WEST F2/F3

- * Burglary – F2 Footbeat – Youths
- * Theft from Motor Vehicle – Victoria Park – Youths
- * Shoplifting/MOWP – Morrisons Saxon Street – Unknown

DENTON SOUTH F1/F6

- * ASB – Ivy Cottages/Meadow Lane/Haughton Dale - Youths ASB – Bramhall Walk
- * Drug Cultivating/Dealing – Tyew Tree Road Estate
- * ASB – Bramhall Walk

DROYLSDEN EAST D2/D3/D4/D6

- * Shoplifting – Greenside Shopping Centre – Youths
- * Drug Dealing / ASB – Fairfield Ave – Various residents

GOOD NEWS



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- * **Burglary updates:**

- * 2x Priority Offenders arrested and remanded and 1x on Bail
- * As a result of these arrests, Burglary figures have dropped significantly on G2 West

- * **Greswell Primary School Burglary**

- * 4 arrested in connection



- * Christmas Hampers distributed to Vulnerable Victims in Tameside West during the festive period



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COVID-19 Update

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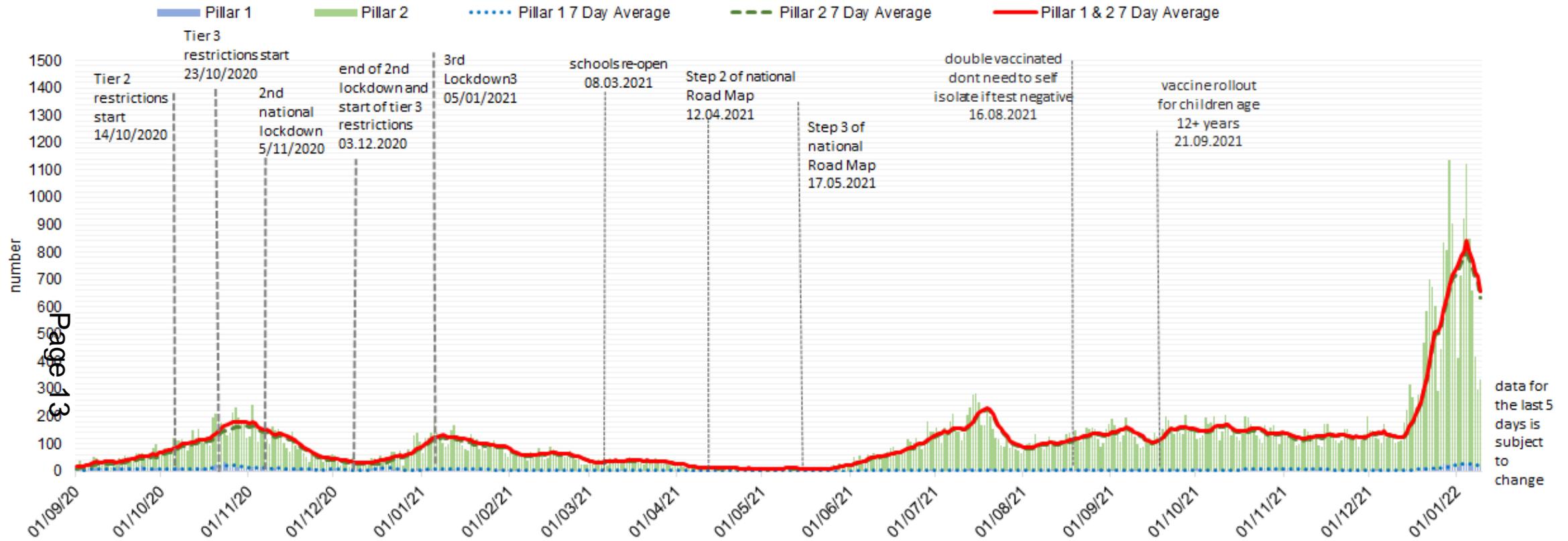


COVID-19 – What is the current situation?



Trends in New Cases for Tameside (14/01/2022)

Tameside New Cases (number) (by date of Test)



Current rate of new cases in the last seven days per 100,000 people is **1,122.3/100,000 (2,549 cases)**

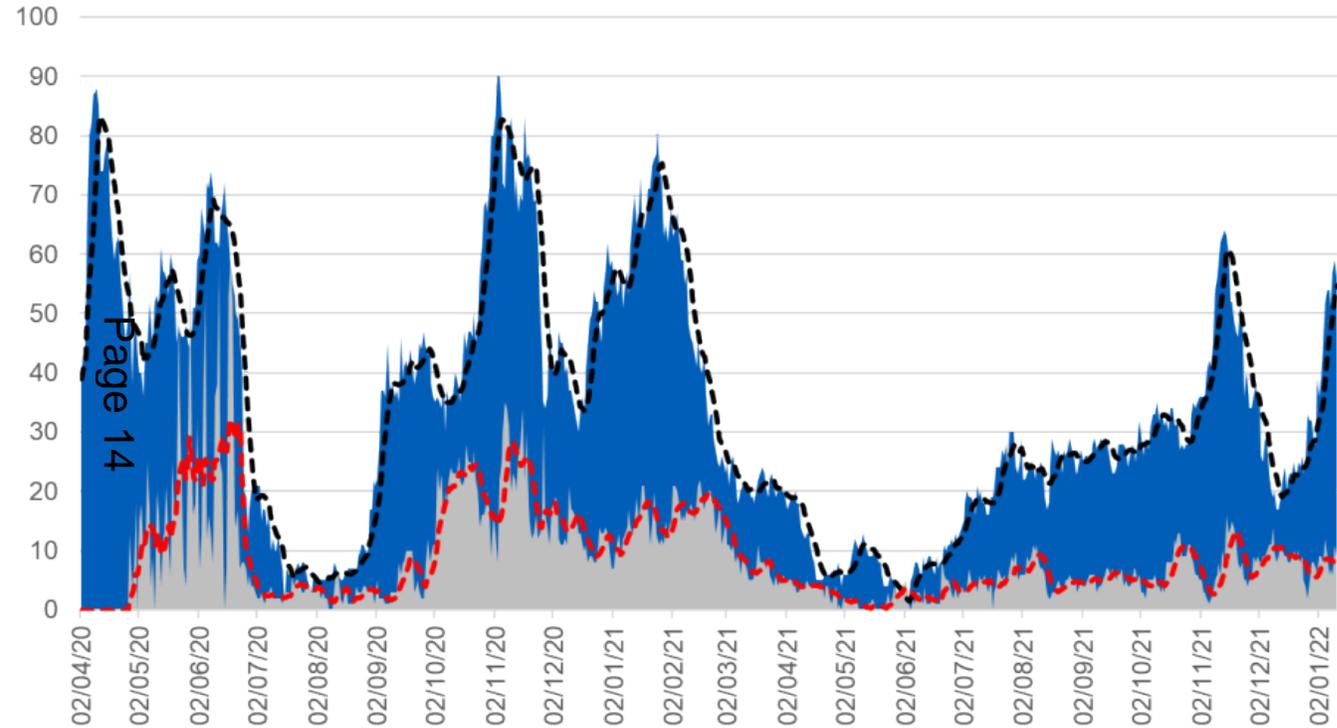
The rate has increased rapidly in recent weeks, however this is now declining again – data should be treated with caution due to changes in testing

Highest numbers of new cases in younger working age adults (20-40) but still increasing in children

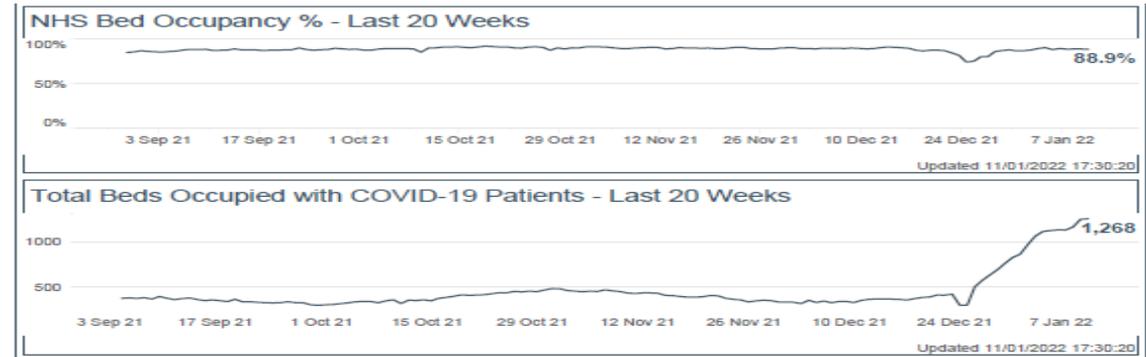
Impact of Covid in Tameside and GM

Occupied Beds at T&G ICFT

■ Number of Beds COVID Occupied (CO2) ■ Number of Beds COVID Suspected (CO2)
- - Occupied 7 Day Average - - Suspected 7 Day Average



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The number of people in hospital with Covid-19 in GM and Tameside has increased in recent weeks

Overall we have not yet seen increases in intensive care usage for Covid patients in GM or Tameside but this continues to be monitored

The current situation in Tameside

- Tameside has a similar rate of Covid to the rest of GM
- Rate of new cases has started to reduce but this should be treated with caution due to testing patterns and access – we may not be finding all the cases
- The positivity rate is extremely high – almost 1 in 2 tests coming back positive (45%)
- Numbers in children are still increasing and this may continue
- Guidance changes around testing
- Seeing high numbers of outbreaks and some large outbreaks – Care Homes
- Hospital activity has increased and there are indirect impacts in the health system and other public services due to staff absences and disruption to routine activity
- Ongoing pressure on all Council front line services. And on direct Covid response within Public Health; Adult Social Care; Public Protection; Education; Communications

COVID-19 – What is driving the current situation?



What is driving spread in Tameside? (1)

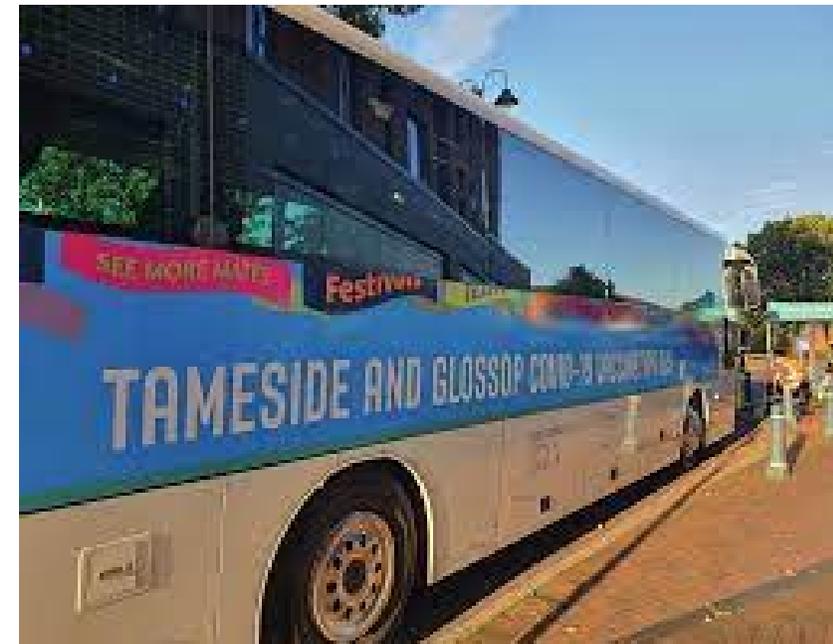
- The new Omicron variant of Covid-19 was discovered in late November and has spread rapidly across the globe since then, driving a huge spike in infections
- The Omicron variant is extremely infectious and is spreading more quickly and more easily than previous variants we have seen such as Alpha and Delta
- Omicron is now completely dominant across the country and in Tameside last week 100% of our cases were Omicron
- This has come at a time heading into winter when seasonal viruses spread easily and we have also had relatively few measures and restrictions in place to limit transmission
- Outbreaks are widespread across settings in the borough, some of which are particularly high risk such as care homes. This further spread adds to the overall numbers of infections
- We still see spread of infection linked to confined, crowded indoor spaces with inadequate ventilation

COVID-19 – What can we do about it?



Basic Measures to Prevent Transmission

- The same **basic measures** to reduce risk of transmission have been the same throughout the pandemic:
 - Regular, thorough handwashing with soap and running water
 - Wear a face mask/covering when in certain places
 - Social distancing from others of at least 2 metres
- Following the relevant **guidance & advice**
 - Regular testing
 - Work from home if you can
 - Covid passports at some venues
 - Limit close contact with other people
- **Get Vaccinated**
 - 76% of adults have had the booster in Tameside
 - Still seeing people for their first dose
 - Tackling inequalities in uptake
 - Vaccine bus / outreach





WHERE TO BOOK OR WALK IN

Your COVID-19 Vaccination Guide in Tameside and Glossop



Local Tameside and Glossop Vaccination Centres
Book an appointment
[tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk/vaccinations.co.uk](https://tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk/vaccinations)
or call 0161 368 5426

For all the latest walk in and bookable clinics, visit tameside.gov.uk/covidvaccine or call 0161 368 5426

National Vaccination Centres
Book an appointment
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccination
or call 119

- 3rd Dose qualifiers:**
- * a blood cancer (such as leukaemia or lymphoma)
 - * a weakened immune system due to a treatment (such as steroid medicine, biological therapy, chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
 - * an organ or bone marrow transplant
 - * a condition that means you have a very high risk of getting infections
 - * a condition or treatment your specialist advises makes you eligible for a 3rd dose

PLEASE NOTE: Timings of 2nd and 3rd doses may vary in those commencing immunosuppressive therapy

Had Covid?
Adults – wait 28 days
Under 18s – wait 12 weeks
From the first day of symptoms or the day of positive test result before you have your COVID-19 vaccination.

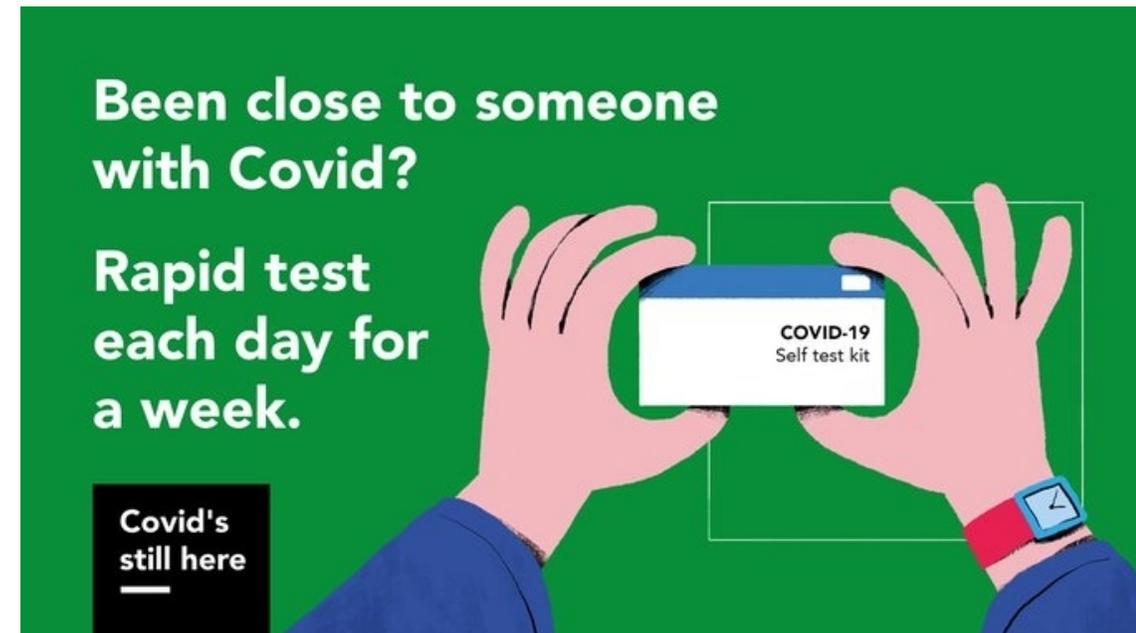
Correct as of Wednesday 1 January 2022



Tackling the Pandemic

- **Test, Trace, Isolate**

- PCR Testing –
 - People with Covid symptoms **MUST** still go for a PCR test
 - wide availability of mobile and fixed sites for those with symptoms to get tested
- Regular Testing –
 - Take regular lateral flow tests when you don't have symptoms – before going in to higher risk situations / work
 - Supplies under pressure over Christmas but easing now – available online / pharmacies / Active Tameside / Libraries. Emergency stocks available
- Contact Tracing –
 - You should tell NHS Test & Trace who you have had contact with if you test positive
 - Unvaccinated contacts still need to isolate for 10 days
 - Contacts who are vaccinated / under 18 need to do daily LFTs for 7 days



Covid PCR testing sites opening time



Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) if you have symptoms

PCR tests available at walk-through centres:

Darton Road Car Park, Ashton-under-Lyne • Beeley Street Car Park, Hyde • Etihad Regional Testing Centre

Days of week

Hours

7 days per week

8am to 6pm

PCR tests available at:

Curzon Ashton Football Club, Ashton-under-Lyne (drive-through though may accept on-foot appointments):

Days of week

Hours

Monday to Friday

9.30am to 3.30pm (until further notice)

Mobile Testing Unit - PCR tests available at:

Active Medlock, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, Manchester M43 7XU

Days of week

Hours

10th to 23rd January

9am to 3pm

Book your
appointment
online at

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
or phone 119

Tackling the Pandemic

Changes to Testing and Isolation Advice

- No longer required to take a confirmatory PCR test if you have a positive lateral flow test (still do a PCR if you have symptoms)
- Positive cases can test on day 5 and 6 and if both are negative can come out of isolation on day 6
- It's very important people register their test results online for our data and so they are followed up

Keep telling us your test results and help beat Covid-19

Join the millions who report all their rapid lateral flow test results and you'll play a big part in helping the NHS stay ahead of the virus.

Go to: gov.uk/report-covid19-result

From 17 Jan

New self-isolation guidance for people who test positive for COVID-19

People may leave self-isolation after **5 full days** on day 6 if they test **negative twice**

On days 5 and 6 of self-isolation, you should take a rapid lateral flow test 24 hours apart

If both tests are negative, you can stop self-isolating

Encouraging and Supporting people to Tackle Covid in Tameside

- **Ongoing messaging** – testing / vaccination
- **Engaging** with our communities to provide information and listen to concerns
- **Community Champions** programme
- **Supporting people and services** to follow guidelines and reduce spread
- The **vaccination programme** is vital and is tackling inequalities and supporting access
- **Support to isolate** – there are still support payments available for those needing to isolate and help via the council call centre (0161 342 8355)

Questions?

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