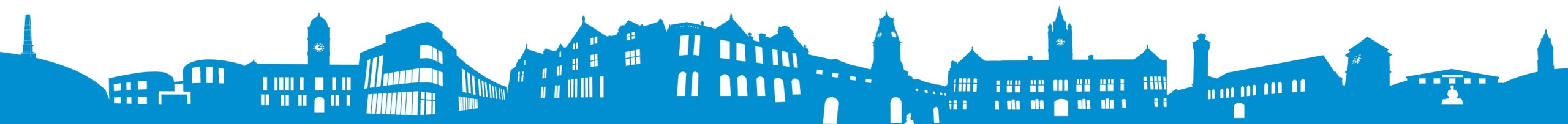


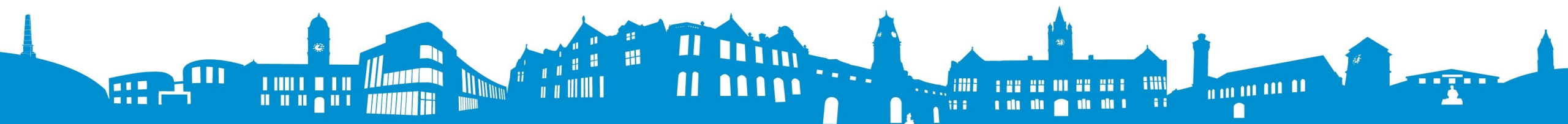
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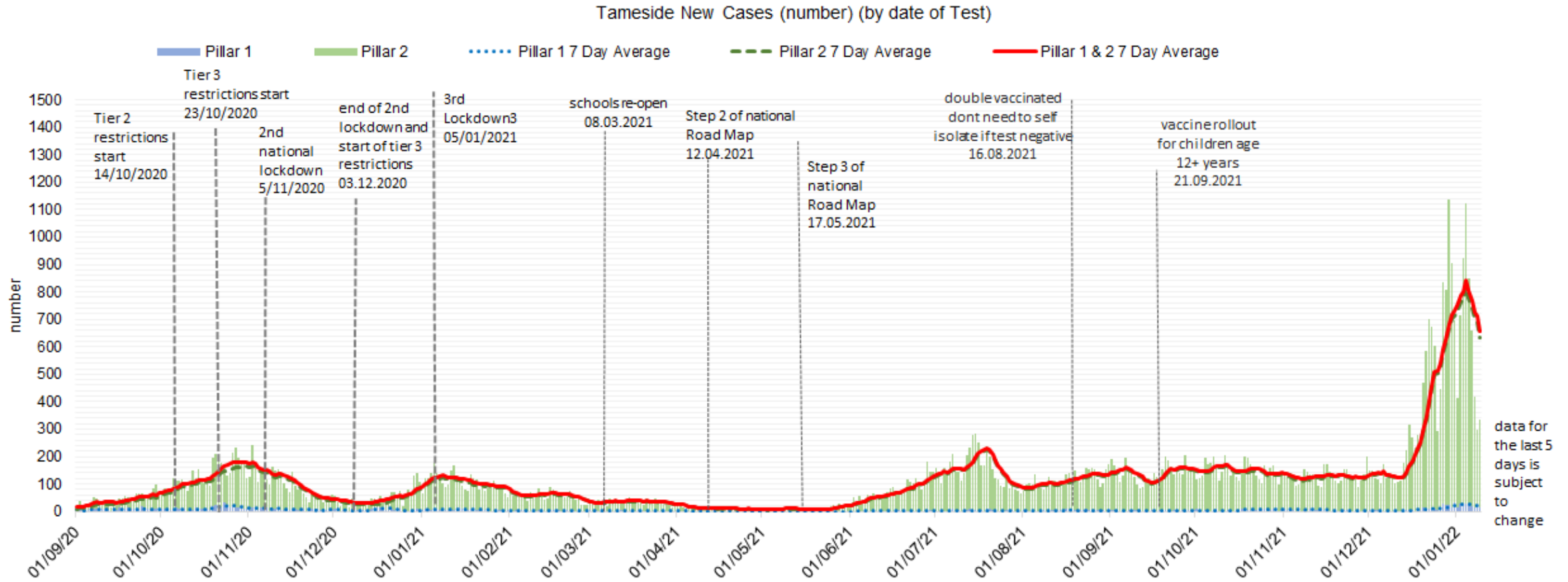
COVID-19 Update



COVID-19 – What is the current situation?



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



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

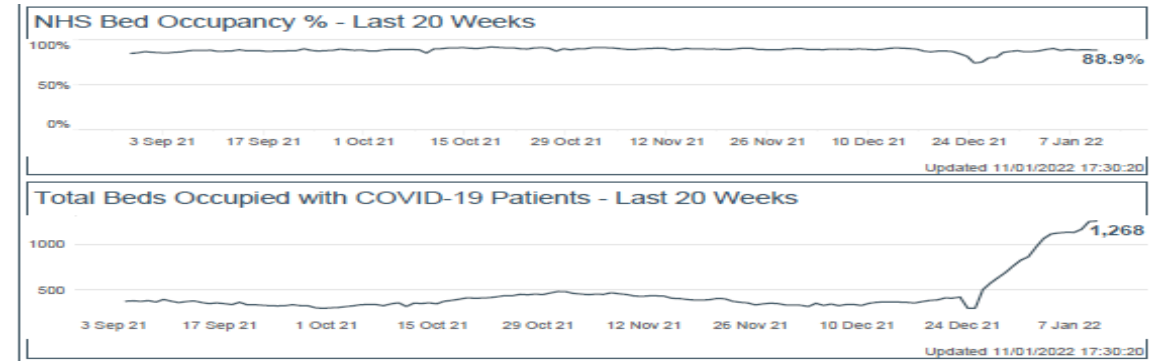
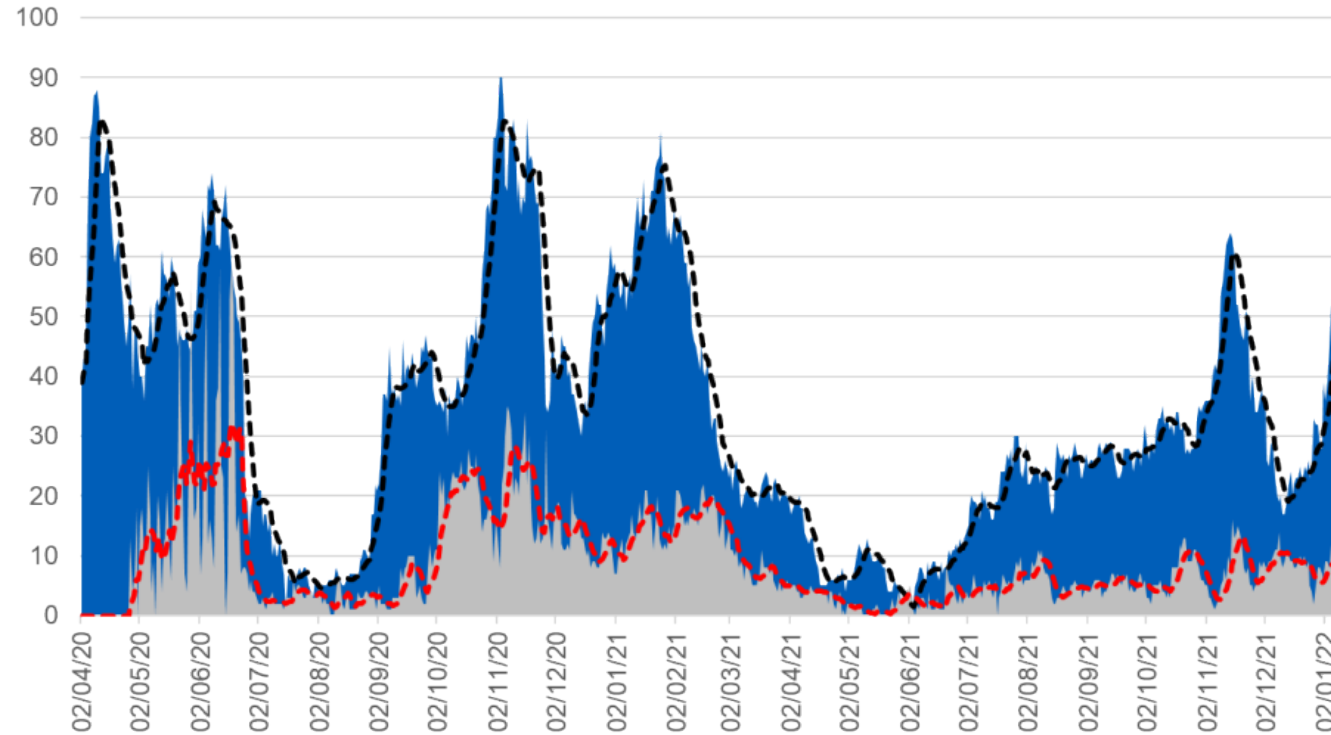
The rate has increased rapidly in recent weeks, however this is now declining again – data should be treated with caution due to changes in testing

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



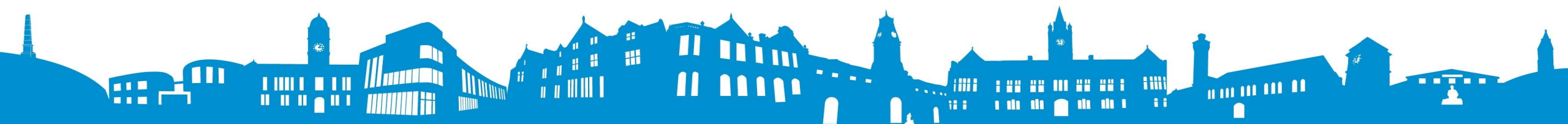
The number of people in hospital with Covid-19 in GM and Tameside has increased in recent weeks

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

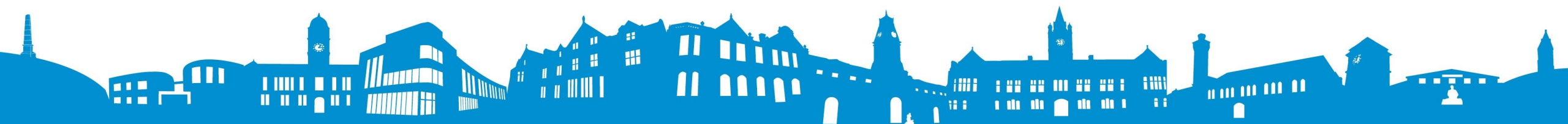
COVID-19 – What is driving the current situation?



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.

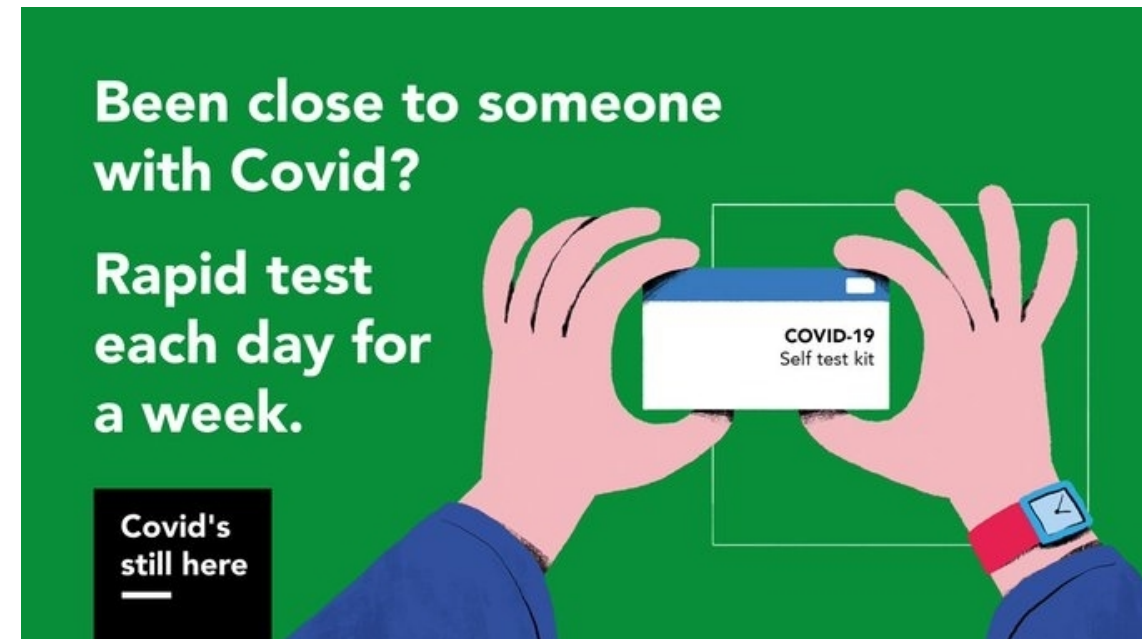
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Tackling the Pandemic

- **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

7 days per week

Hours

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

Monday to Friday

Hours

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

10th to 23rd January

Hours

9am to 3pm

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

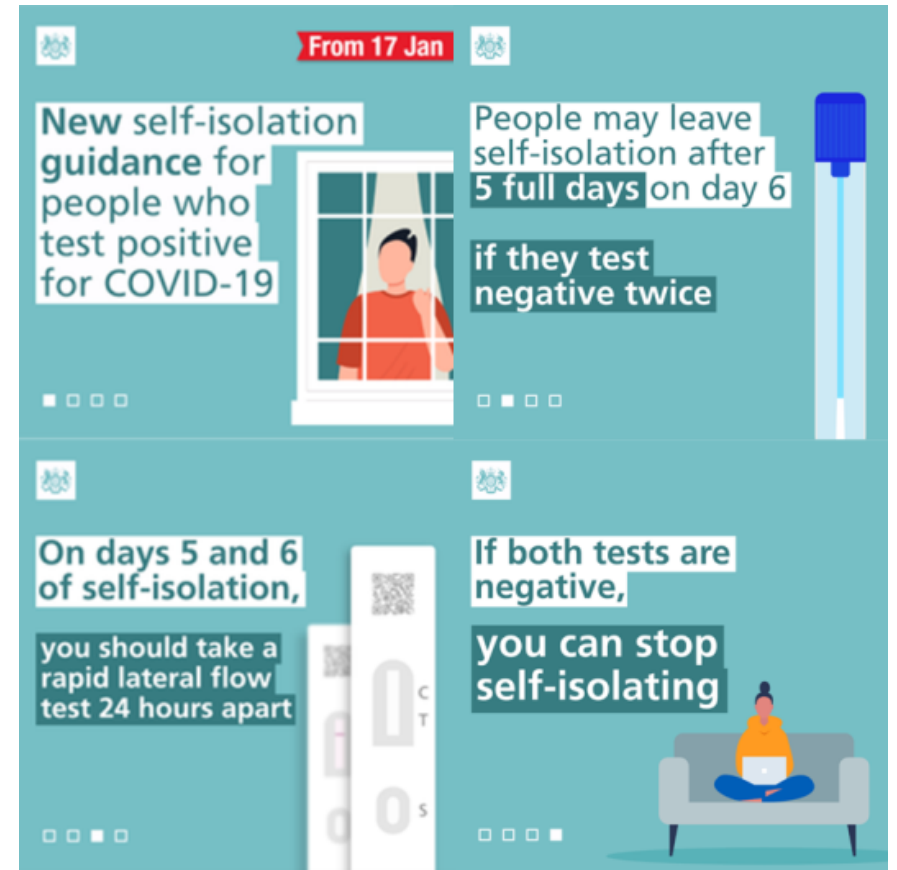


Keep telling us your test results and help beat Covid-19

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

The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. It includes a QR code, a plus sign icon, a minus sign icon, and two illustrations of lateral flow test strips. The text is bold and clear, emphasizing the importance of reporting results.



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

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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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For everyone every day