

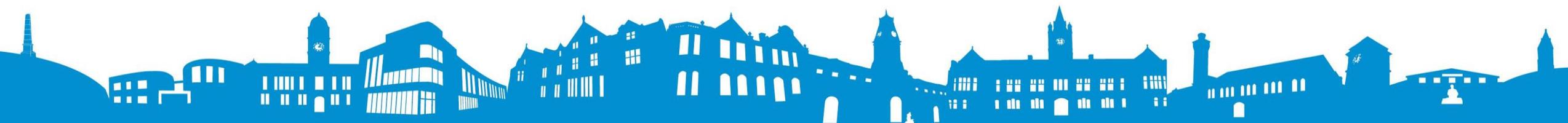
Neighbourhood Forums

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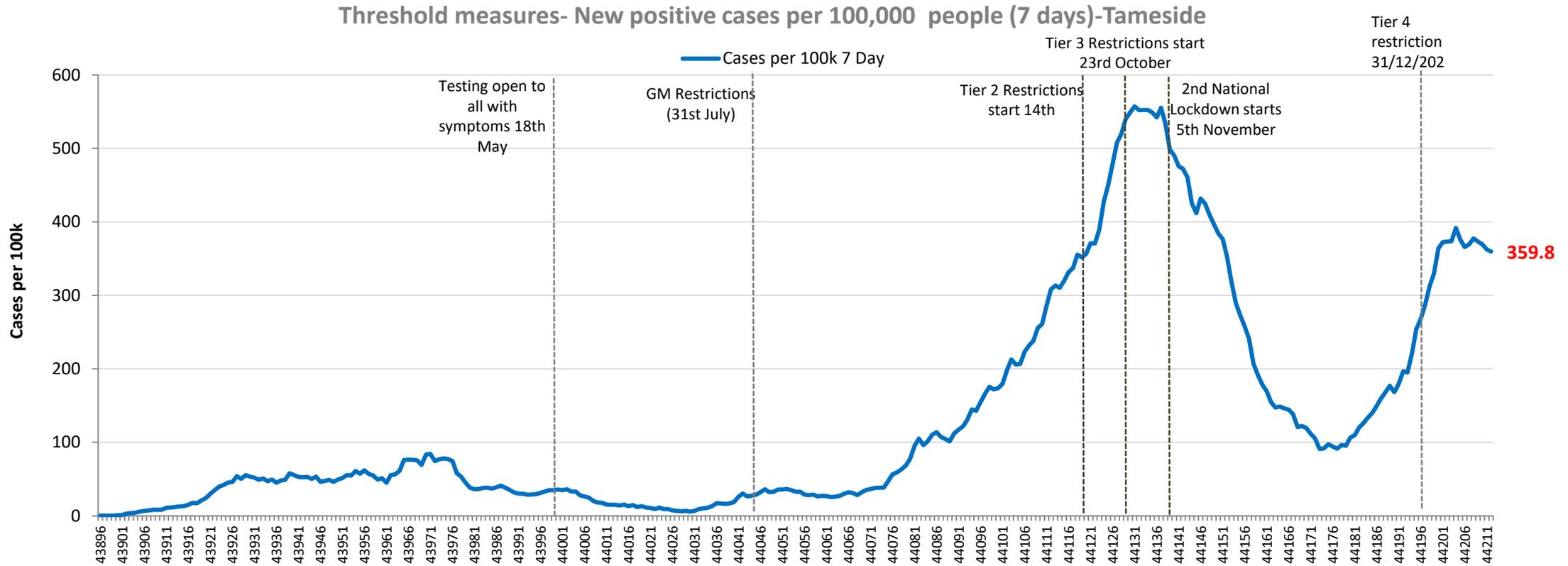
COVID-19 Update



COVID-19 – What is the Current Situation?



Trends in New Cases for Tameside (16/01/2021)



Current rate of new cases in the last seven days per 100,000 people is **359.8/100,000**

The rate has increased rapidly in recent weeks, however this is showing signs that it is stabilising

Highest numbers of new cases in younger working age adults (20-40)

The Current Situation in Tameside

- Tameside currently 8th lowest rate in GM (Rochdale and Oldham currently lower).
- GM still has lower rates nationally but neighbouring areas such as Liverpool City Region have very high and growing rates.
- The positivity rate (proportion of all tests that come back positive) is reducing.
- Seeing high numbers of outbreaks and some large outbreaks.
- New variant is more transmissible and estimated to be 70% of new cases in Tameside.
- Hospital activity steadily increasing and expected to do so for the coming weeks.

COVID-19 – What is Driving the Current Situation?



What is Driving Spread in Tameside? (1)

There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:



**Crowded
places**



**Close-contact
settings**

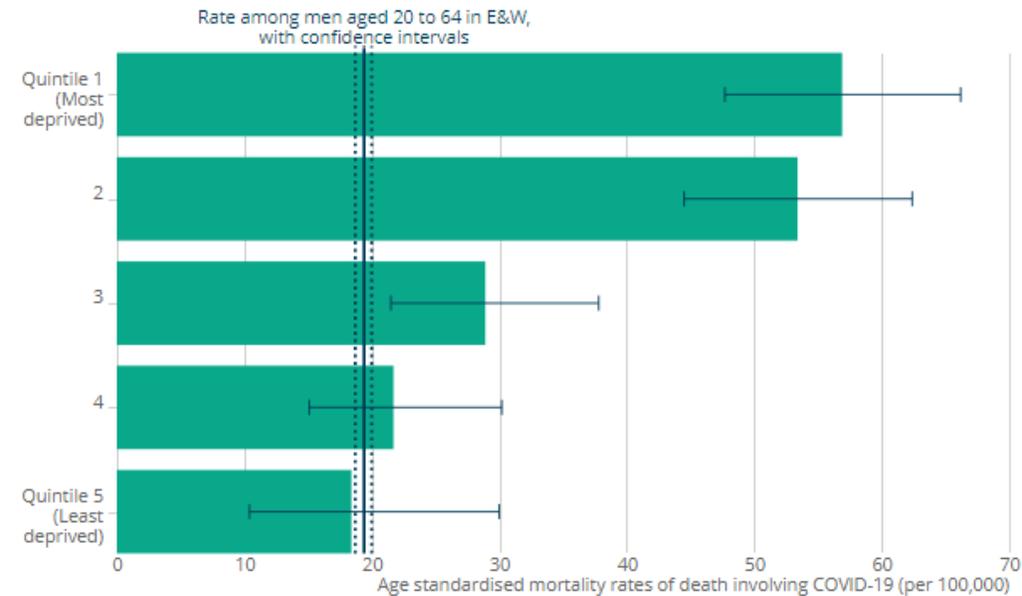


**Confined and
enclosed spaces**

- Widespread circulation of Covid-19 across all parts of the borough.
- Continue to see high numbers of outbreaks in settings across the borough.
- Certain situations increase risk of Covid-19 transmission (The Three C's).

What is Driving the Spread in Tameside? (2)

- Some of our communities are more likely to be exposed to The Three C's
 - people and families living in overcrowded housing
 - people with poor work conditions
 - people who use public transport or car share for work
 - type of work (eg. taxi drivers)
 - smaller settings (takeaways; small shops)
- Some communities at greater risk of severe disease
 - Older people
 - People living with long-term health conditions
 - Occupational exposure



Source: Office for National Statistics

- The reasons for this link to existing health inequalities which our residents experience in Tameside

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
 - Social distancing from others of at least 2 metres
 - Wear a face mask/covering when in certain places (especially where the Three C's are more likely)
- Following the relevant **guidance and restrictions**
 - Reducing our social contacts
 - National lockdown
 - Only essential retail and travel
- **Finding infections and stopping spread**
 - Test, Trace, Isolate
 - Outbreak Management



Solutions to Tackling the Pandemic

- **Test, Trace, Isolate**

- PCR Testing – wide availability of mobile and fixed sites for those with symptoms to get tested
- Targeted Testing at Scale – rapid lateral flow asymptomatic testing for front line staff and schools
- Contact Tracing – local call handlers / support for high risk settings
- Isolation – messaging and support to self-isolate (including £500 support payments)



- **Covid-19 Vaccination**

- Rapid roll out of the vaccination programme
- Priority groups to prevent deaths and protect the most vulnerable



Encouraging these Solutions in Tameside

- **Ongoing messaging** – lockdown / testing / vaccination.
- **Engaging** with our communities to provide information and listen to concerns.
- **Supporting people** to follow guidelines and reduce spread.
- Finding the right balance on **compliance** (support & enforcement) .
- The **vaccination programme** is already identifying those who may struggle to access (e.g. Troubleshooting transport issues).
- **Humanitarian Response** – this has been ongoing throughout the pandemic but has stepped up again in the new lockdown to provide support to those who need it most in the community.
- **Community Champions** programme.
- **Wider engagement** – workforce; partners (eg. Health & Wellbeing Board); BAME community groups.

Questions?



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