

# COVID-19 Updates

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## Royal Borough cases

There are now 73.3 cases per 100,000 - the last time we were at this figure was at the beginning of October. Thank you - this is all down to your fantastic efforts the past few months. Case rates among all ages also continue to fall, as do hospital admissions. But deaths are still 12% higher than they should be at this time of year compared to the previous five-year average.

We know it's hard, but now isn't the time to let things slip. Hang in there. Until enough of us have been vaccinated, if we start bending the restrictions numbers will raise again, along with hospitalisations and deaths. [Central government has a simple guide](#) on how to stop the spread, reminding us of the basics along with some tips such as the importance of ventilation.

The Royal Borough's case rates are updated daily on the [Berkshire Public Health website](#). The weekly reports, updated on Wednesday evenings, show Frimley Health's NHS hospital admissions and case breakdowns per Royal Borough ward.



## Roadmap out of lockdown

Following the government's announce last Monday, setting out England's four step plan to ease us slowly out of lockdown, we thought the diagram below would be helpful for you. You can also [find out more about the government's roadmap on its website](#).

STEP 1 8 March 29 March	STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April At least 5 weeks after Step 1
<b>EDUCATION</b> 8 MARCH • Schools and colleges open for all students • Practical Higher Education courses	<b>EDUCATION</b> • As previous step
<b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> 8 MARCH • Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person • Household only indoors 29 MARCH • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors	<b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors
<b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> 8 MARCH • Wraparound care, including sport, for all children 29 MARCH • Organised outdoor sport (children and adults) • Outdoor sport and leisure facilities • All outdoor children's activities • Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)	<b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> • All retail • Personal care • Libraries & community centres • Most outdoor attractions • Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only) • Self-contained accommodation • All children's activities • Outdoor hospitality • Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)
<b>TRAVEL</b> 8 MARCH • Stay at home • No holidays 29 MARCH • Minimise travel • No holidays	<b>TRAVEL</b> • Domestic overnight stays (household only) • No international holidays
<b>EVENTS</b> • Funerals (30) • Weddings and wakes (6)	<b>EVENTS</b> • Funerals (30) • Weddings, wakes, receptions (15) • Event pilots

STEP 3 No earlier than 17 May At least 5 weeks after Step 2	STEP 4 No earlier than 21 June At least 5 weeks after Step 3 All subject to review
<b>EDUCATION</b> • As previous step	<b>EDUCATION</b> • As previous step
<b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> • Maximum 30 people outdoors • Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)	<b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> • No legal limit
<b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> • Indoor hospitality • Indoor entertainment and attractions • Organised indoor sport (adult) • Remaining accommodation • Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)	<b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> • Remaining businesses, including nightclubs
<b>TRAVEL</b> • Domestic overnight stays • International travel (subject to review)	<b>TRAVEL</b> • Domestic overnight stays • International travel
<b>EVENTS</b> • Most significant life events (30) • Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots) • Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots) • Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)	<b>EVENTS</b> • No legal limit on life events • Larger events



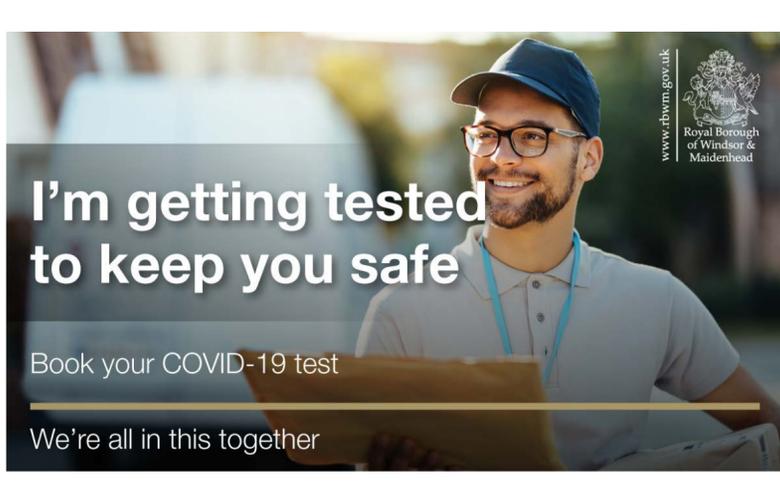
## MP visit to Town Hall

Last weekend Theresa May MP (pictured in the centre) visited the Maidenhead Primary Care Network vaccination centre in the Desborough Suite, in our Town Hall building.

The suite contains a large theatre auditorium with separate access to the Town Hall. As this facility can't be publicly used at the moment because of COVID-19, we were more than happy to offer it to our health partners to support the roll-out of the vaccine locally.

Most of the Royal Borough's population in highest four priority groups - residents of older people's care homes, frontline health and care workers, clinically extremely vulnerable patients and those aged 70 and over - have now had their first jab. If you're in one of these groups but haven't yet been invited to come in, please [book your appointment via the online national booking service](#). If you're aged 65 to 69, you'll soon be receiving your invitation from the National Vaccination Service. Wait to be contacted.

The vaccination programme is being run by the NHS, not the council. For Frimley Health and Care's statistics [see regional and national data on the NHS England website](#).



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I'm getting tested to keep you safe

Book your COVID-19 test

We're all in this together

## Community testing

Is your job public facing and can't be done from home? If so, you're eligible for twice weekly free tests at either Braywick or Windsor Leisure Centre. Not sure if you qualify? See the list of occupations on our website.

And don't be worried about losing pay if you test positive and need to self-isolate. There's [financial support available if you do](#).

We've so far tested tested 3,000 people and found 12 positive cases.

With one in three infected people not knowing they have the virus and unwittingly spreading it, community testing helps find these asymptomatic cases to stop the virus in its tracks.

[Find out about our community testing and how to book online.](#)



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[Government COVID-19 information](#)

[Public Health England and Department of Health and Social Care guidance](#)

[NHS England advice](#)

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