

# COVID-19 Updates

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## Royal Borough cases

As of today there are 57.5 cases per 100,000 - that's a 21% drop from the week before! But deaths remain 12% higher when compared to the previous five-year average.

94% of exposures to the virus are still via household members and household visitors. The actions of every single one of us counts.

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.



## Vaccine update

More than 43,000 Royal Borough residents aged 64 to 80+ have now had their first jab (up to 28 February).

If you're in one of the categories below, you can now contact the NHS to book your vaccine appointment. You don't need to wait to be invited:

- You're aged 60 or over
- You've previously received a letter saying you're at high risk (clinically extremely vulnerable)
- You're an eligible frontline health worker
- You're an eligible frontline social care worker
- You receive a Carer's Allowance

Book your appointment via the [online national booking service](#) at a local vaccination centre or pharmacy providing vaccinations. You must book in advance. It's not a drop-in service.

If you're not listed in the groups above, the NHS will let you know when it's your turn.

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



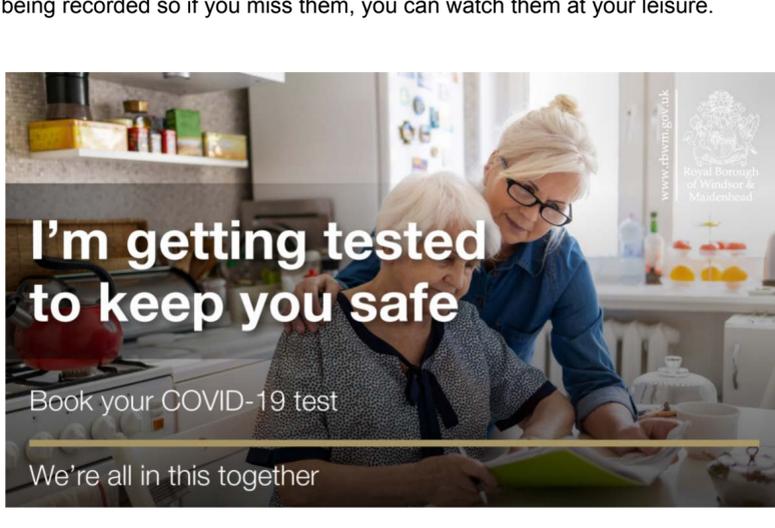
## How we're responding to COVID-19

At the last public meeting of our Outbreak Engagement Board on 15 February, you asked us about vaccinations, community testing, financial support when isolating, hygiene in shops, and border control. Your [answers from this meeting are now online](#) on our website.

The next public meeting is on Monday 15 March, starting at 2.30pm, and is again being live streamed. Submit your questions in advance by [emailing our Democratic Services](#) by midday Friday 12 March. You won't be able to ask questions during the session.

Find out more about our [COVID-19 Outbreak Plan](#) on our website and also see the answers to your questions from previous meetings.

To join the next meeting, visit our [Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead YouTube channel](#) where it will appear once it starts. These meetings are also being recorded so if you miss them, you can watch them at your leisure.



## Community testing

As of yesterday, we've tested 4,479 people and found 19 asymptomatic cases. That's scuppered 19 chances for the virus to spread.

If your job is public facing and cannot be done at home, get tested twice weekly free of charge at either Braywick or Windsor Leisure Centres. They're open early mornings, evenings, and weekends to make it easier for you to fit around your working hours.

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.

Our community testing is now going to be extended until at least the end of June. This is to tie-in with the gradual lifting of lockdown, during the next few months, with more of us returning to public workplaces.

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



## COVID-19 loves a good natter

With schools starting to reopen from Monday, not only will our children be happy to see their friends again – parents will too, catching up at the school gates and on the walk to and from school.

When you've been cooped up under lockdown it's easy to get caught up in the moment. But bunching together and chatting at the school gates, or en route, is what this virus loves. Don't give it what it wants.

## Lockdown roadmap starts on Monday

### STEP 1: 8 March

- Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.
- Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place. Household only indoors.
- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children, to enable parents to work.
- Stay at home. No domestic or international holidays.
- Funerals (30 people). Weddings and Wakes (6 people).

### 29 March

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.
- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults).
- Minimise travel. No domestic or international holidays.
- Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s).



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## Helpful contacts

[COVID-19 support in the Royal Borough](#)

[Government roadmap out of lockdown](#)

[Government COVID-19 information](#)

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

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