

# COVID-19 Updates



## Royal Borough cases

As of today, there are 40.9 cases per 100,000 people. If you do have to go out, remember hands, face, space. Don't take the virus home with you.

The Royal Borough's case rates are updated daily on the [Berkshire Public Health website](#). The weekly reports, updated on Wednesday evenings, show case breakdowns per Royal Borough ward as well as transmission rates and vaccination figures per age group. To find these, click on 'information centre' top right of the screen and then 'weekly reports.'



## Home testing for anyone in regular contact with children

We're launching our COVID-19 home testing scheme for people with regular contact with children (up to and including college-aged young people), on Monday 22 March.

The Community Collect testing scheme is encouraging anyone living with children or who is in a childcare bubble or support bubble with children, or those who are involved in related occupations, to carry out a COVID-19 test twice a week from home.

Anyone aged 18 or over who is eligible can book a free COVID-19 lateral flow test at one of the council's community testing sites at Braywick and Windsor Leisure Centres, and then collect their home test kits afterwards.

You'll be able to collect a maximum of two kits, containing seven tests each, per household.

Those eligible are:

- Everyone in a household, childcare and support bubble with early years, primary and secondary school pupils, as well as college students
- Everyone in a household, childcare and support bubble with early years, primary, secondary school and college staff
- Everyone in a household, childcare or support bubble with someone in an occupation associated with childcare or education e.g. school escorts and childminders, as defined by central Government

[Find out more about home testing and how to book online.](#)

## Council services reopening



With lockdown restrictions set to ease further from Monday 12 April we'll soon begin to reopen some of our services that have had to close or adapt because of the restrictions.

We're aiming to open Maidenhead and Windsor libraries from the 12 April for browsing, bookable PC and study sessions, and a click and collect service. Information about our other libraries will follow over the coming weeks.

Weddings will also return from 12 April as the Windsor Guildhall reopens to its busiest year on record.

For the initial phase ceremonies are limited to 15 people, and masks must be worn by guests. Social distancing will be maintained throughout.

[If you're looking to book your wedding or civil ceremony go online for more information.](#)



## Vaccination latest

If you're aged 50 and over, you can now [book your vaccination appointment](#).

You can also use this link to check whether you are among the other groups currently eligible for the vaccine.

If you are not yet eligible, please wait to be contacted. The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine.



## COVID-19 grants

The Government's £5billion Restart Grant scheme is intended to help the high street recover as it emerges from lockdown.

Grants of up to £18,000 will be available for businesses that were legally required to close and that will reopen next month.

We are still waiting for more details but do check for updates and information on this and the other grants available by visiting our [COVID-19 business grants](#) page.

## Keep up the good work

As lockdown restrictions will be easing soon and more people are being vaccinated, you might be tempted to bend or break the rules and meet up with friends and family.

But please remember the 'stay at home' rule doesn't end until Monday 29 March.

From then you'll be able to enjoy outdoor gatherings, including in private gardens, of either six people or two households.

We have all worked hard to win the fight against COVID-19 and made sacrifices by following the rules, so please keep up the good work.



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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](#)

[NHS England advice](#)

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