

COVID-19 Updates

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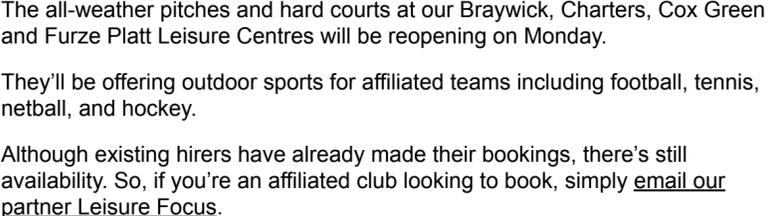
What can you do from 29 March?

As from next Monday 'stay and home' is changing to 'stay local.' Two households can meet, or up to six people, outdoors - including in your garden. Privately-run outdoor sports facilities such as golf are re-opening. Ad hoc activities such as walking groups are again allowed, and you can also take part in formally organised outdoor sports (see the story below).

From Monday, the key government message is changing to 'hands, face, space, and fresh air.'

Try to limit the number of your journeys, however, and if you need to travel on public transport avoid busy times. Don't discard the simple safety rules. Transmission rates may have fallen but until enough of us are vaccinated, and with the threat of the new variants, cases will simply rise again, and lockdown easing will stop.

More details about what you can do from 29 March are on the government's [gov.uk website](#). The site also has [a guide on safely enjoying the great outdoors](#) at this time.



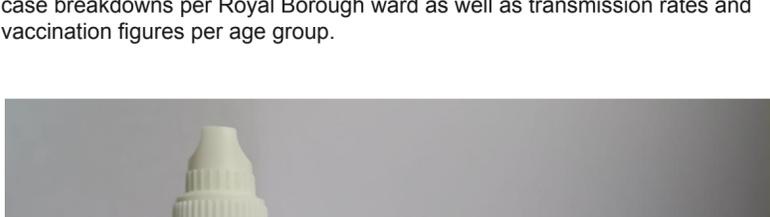
Outdoor sports at Royal Borough leisure centres

The all-weather pitches and hard courts at our Braywick, Charters, Cox Green and Furze Platt Leisure Centres will be reopening on Monday.

They'll be offering outdoor sports for affiliated teams including football, tennis, netball, and hockey.

Although existing hirers have already made their bookings, there's still availability. So, if you're an affiliated club looking to book, simply [email our partner Leisure Focus](#).

Leisure centre staff will be on hand to make sure everyone follows COVID-19 safety behaviours, and they'll also be sanitising any high touch point areas.



Royal Borough cases

As of today there are 50.2 cases per 100,000. The rate has increased slightly - and is to be expected - because the statistics also now include borough cases found thanks to community testing as well as the effects of lockdown easing.

That's why it's crucial we continue to follow the right safety behaviours during the coming weeks and months. We're not out of this yet. The actions of every single one of us still matter. Hang in there.

The good news is that our BAME communities are no longer overrepresented in case numbers, according to the latest figures.

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.



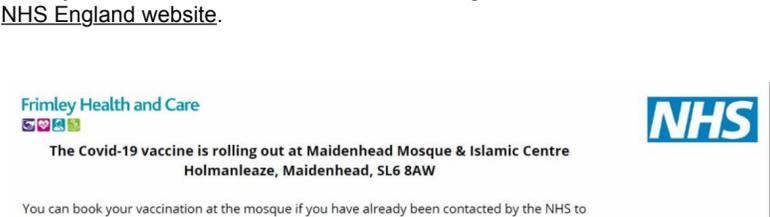
Community testing

Since we launched this scheme, at the beginning of February, we've done more than 9,000 lateral tests, and found 34 positive cases.

That's 34 people who were asymptomatic, not realising they were spreading the virus. This has stopped potentially hundreds more people from catching it and then passing it on making it thousands.

Our community testing sites at Braywick and Windsor Leisure Centres continue to offer free testing seven days a week, early mornings, early evenings, and at weekends. If you're in a public-facing job you cannot do at home, you can book your test on our website. It takes only 15 minutes of your time and parking is free.

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



Vaccination latest

Across the Royal Borough, Frimley NHS Health & Care has so far administered vaccines to:

- 94% - ages 80+
- 94% - 75 to 79
- 93% - 70 to 74
- 88% - 65 to 69
- 76% - 60 to 64
- 49% - 55 to 59
- 19% - under 55s

If you had your first dose at the start of the roll-out, you'll be soon due your second to get maximum protection. You'll get the same vaccine type as your first.

If you received your first dose at a hospital hub or via your GP service, you'll be contacted (if you haven't already) for your second appointment. You don't need to contact the NHS.

If you booked your first dose via the national online booking service, or by ringing 119, your second one would have been arranged at the same time. To remind yourself of your second appointment, visit the [online booking service](#) and go to 'manage my appointments.'

The Maidenhead Mosque & Islamic Centre is also now set up as a temporary vaccination centre (see advert below), starting on 1 April and then every Monday after that.

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](#).

Frimley Health and Care
The Covid-19 vaccine is rolling out at Maidenhead Mosque & Islamic Centre
Holmanleaze, Maidenhead, SL6 8AW

You can book your vaccination at the mosque if you have already been contacted by the NHS to have your vaccine, or if you are:

- Aged 50 and over
- High risk from coronavirus e.g if you have heart disease, diabetes or asthma
- An adult with a learning disability
- The main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus

To book your appointment please call 0300 077 0308, between the hours of 9-5pm, Monday - Friday only.

Appointments with the NHS Covid-19 vaccination team will be available on Thursday 1 April and then every Monday from 5 April between 10am-6pm.

The Covid-19 vaccine is safe and effective. If you are from any of the groups above, please book your appointment today.

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Helpful contacts

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- [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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