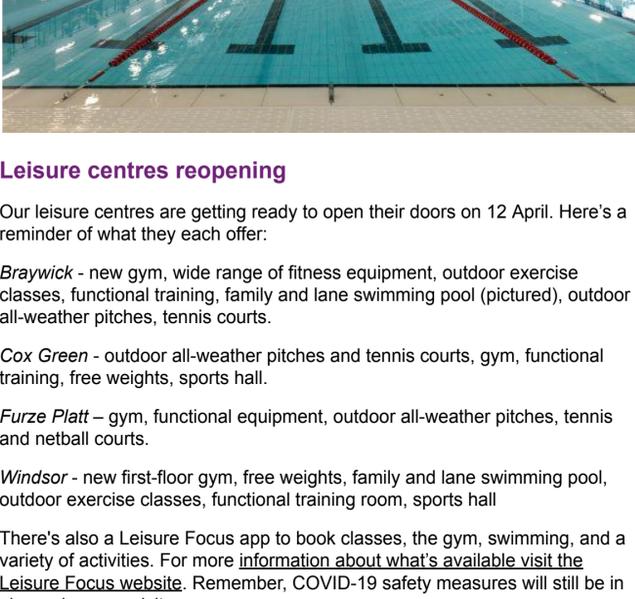


COVID-19 Updates

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Leisure centres reopening

Our leisure centres are getting ready to open their doors on 12 April. Here's a reminder of what they each offer:

Braywick - new gym, wide range of fitness equipment, outdoor exercise classes, functional training, family and lane swimming pool (pictured), outdoor all-weather pitches, tennis courts.

Cox Green - outdoor all-weather pitches and tennis courts, gym, functional training, free weights, sports hall.

Furze Platt - gym, functional equipment, outdoor all-weather pitches, tennis and netball courts.

Windsor - new first-floor gym, free weights, family and lane swimming pool, outdoor exercise classes, functional training room, sports hall

There's also a Leisure Focus app to book classes, the gym, swimming, and a variety of activities. For more [information about what's available visit the Leisure Focus website](#). Remember, COVID-19 safety measures will still be in place when you visit.

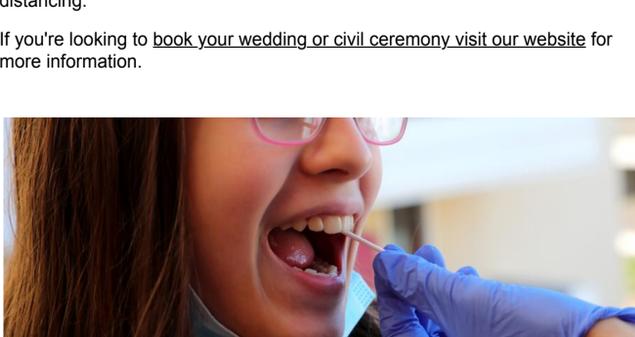


Welcome back to our libraries

Maidenhead and Windsor Libraries are also gearing up to welcome you back from 12 April for browsing, bookable PC and study sessions, the click and collect service, and cashless council payments.

Assuming all goes well with the easing of lockdown, we hope to reopen Ascot (pictured) on 19 April followed by Dedworth, Cookham and Cox Green on 26 April. All other community libraries - Datchet, Sunninghill, Boyn Grove, Eton Wick, and Old Windsor - should reopen on 4 May. Our container library is due to reopen in June.

For [more details visit the libraries section on our website](#). As with our leisure centres, COVID-19 safety measures will still be in place.

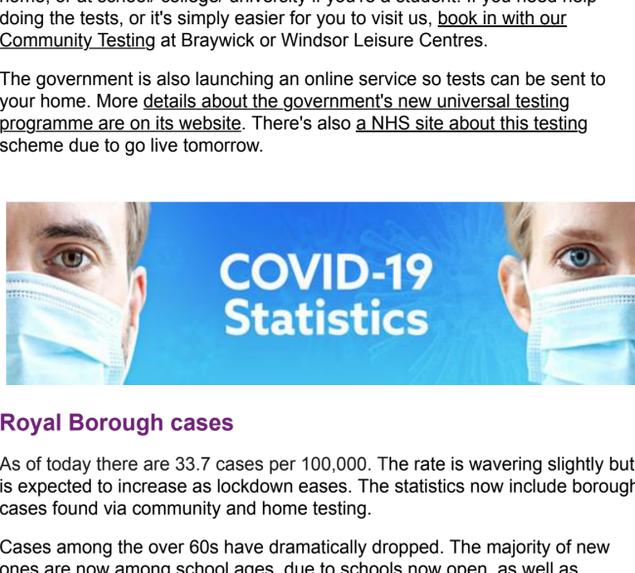


Weddings

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

Ceremonies are limited to 15 people from Monday and hopefully extended to 30 people from 17 May. Masks must currently be worn by guests with social distancing.

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



Test don't guess

Remember to keep testing your children and teenagers twice weekly during the Easter break. This will help keep your family safe and education open next term.

As from tomorrow, everyone in England is being encouraged to take twice-weekly tests - even vaccinated you can still pass on the virus. Regular testing and the vaccine rollout are key in the government's plans to restart the economy, suppress and control the spread of variants, and allow us to do the things we miss.

You can [pick up these tests at local pharmacies](#) (more will be added), via our [Community Collect home testing service](#), or at our new drive-through collect service at Ascot Racecourse (car park 3) Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am to midday.

Alternatively, you might be offered them by your employer if you cannot work at home, or at school/ college/ university if you're a student. If you need help doing the tests, or it's simply easier for you to visit us, [book in with our Community Testing](#) at Braywick or Windsor Leisure Centres.

The government is also launching an online service so tests can be sent to your home. More [details about the government's new universal testing programme are on its website](#). There's also a [NHS site about this testing scheme](#) due to go live tomorrow.

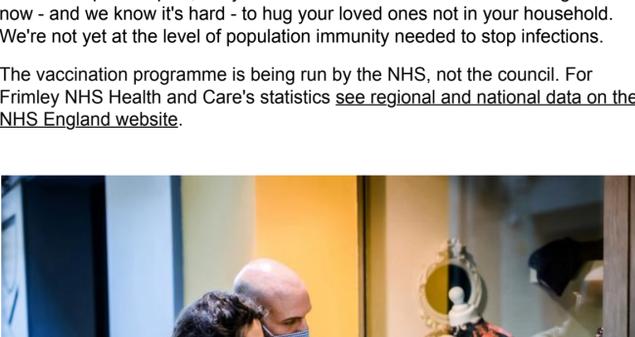


Royal Borough cases

As of today there are 33.7 cases per 100,000. The rate is wavering slightly but is expected to increase as lockdown eases. The statistics now include borough cases found via community and home testing.

Cases among the over 60s have dramatically dropped. The majority of new ones are now among school ages, due to schools now open, as well as working age adults. So hang in there! Be safe when out and about. Hands, face, space still applies.

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.



Ask us about COVID-19

Now's the time to submit your questions for our next public meeting of our Streamed Engagement Board on Monday 19 April, which is again being live streamed from 2.30pm.

Submit your questions in advance by [emailing our Democratic Services](#) by midday Friday 16 April. 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 the previous meetings.

To join this 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.



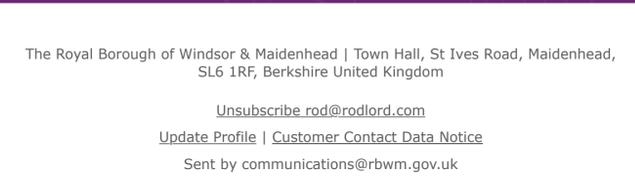
Vaccination latest

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

- 94% - ages 80+
- 94% - 75 to 79
- 92% - 70 to 74
- 90% - 65 to 69
- 86% - 60 to 64
- 82% - 55 to 59
- 81% - 50 to 54
- 24% - 16 to 49

But remember, even vaccinated, you can still catch COVID-19 although you won't end up in hospital, but you could still infect others. Resist the urge for now - and we know it's hard - to hug your loved ones not in your household. We're not yet at the level of population immunity needed to stop infections.

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](#).



What's changing from Monday?

- Non-essential retail, personal care premises (hairdressers and nail salons) and public buildings reopen
- Pubs and restaurants reopen outdoors
- Outdoor attractions and settings, such as zoos and theme parks reopen
- One household can stay overnight in self-contained holiday accommodation

We're all in this together

All the latest at your fingertips

Keep abreast of all the Royal Borough's non COVID-19 news in our other weekly e-newsletter. You can [sign up for it here](#) and unsubscribe at any time. You're in control.

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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