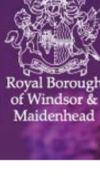


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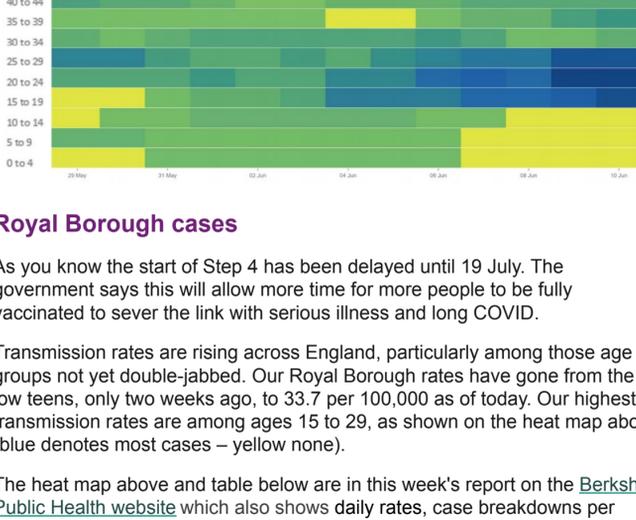
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Weekly rates by age group in RBWM from 28th May to 10th June 2021



Royal Borough cases

As you know the start of Step 4 has been delayed until 19 July. The government says this will allow more time for more people to be fully vaccinated to sever the link with serious illness and long COVID.

Transmission rates are rising across England, particularly among those age groups not yet double-jabbed. Our Royal Borough rates have gone from the low teens, only two weeks ago, to 33.7 per 100,000 as of today. Our highest transmission rates are among ages 15 to 29, as shown on the heat map above (blue denotes most cases – yellow none).

The heat map above and table below are in this week's report on the [Berkshire Public Health website](#) which also shows daily rates, case breakdowns per ward, vaccinations for each age group, testing, and much more.

Our borough is surrounded by rates ranging from the 80s to 90s per 100,00, with enhanced community (surge) testing being carried out in Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell and Slough, as shown below.

It's not surprising our rates are affected as so many of us work in or visit family and friends in these areas. We've already starting planning in case we need to also do enhanced community testing in our borough.

Targeted areas in Reading	Targeted areas in Wokingham	Targeted areas in Bracknell Forest	Targeted areas in Slough
Testing is taking place between Monday 7 th and Sunday 20 th June.	Testing is taking place between Monday 7 th and Monday 21 st June.	Testing will take place between Wednesday 16 th and Wednesday 30 th June.	Surge testing will launch on Wednesday 16 th June and finish on the 7 th July.
Anyone over the age of 12 living, working or going to school in the following postcodes:	Anyone over the age of 12 living in the following wards:	Anyone over the age of 11 (year 7) who are living or working in the GU47 0 postcode area.	Anyone living or working in the following postcodes:
RG1 3 RG1 5 RG1 6 RG1 7	Bulmershe and Whitegates Evdons Norreys Westcott Schools and businesses in these areas will be contacted by the council to arrange delivery of testing kits for pupils and staff.	All staff and pupils at the borough's secondary schools and colleges and all staff at primary schools. Primary school children attending Binfield CE primary school	SL1 3 SL2 1 SL2 5 All staff and pupils at the borough's secondary schools and colleges and all staff at primary schools.



Easier access to free tests in Windsor

If you're out and about in Windsor on Thursdays to Sundays, you can now collect free lateral flow tests (LFTs) from the Royal Windsor Information Centre, in Thames Street (10am to 4pm).

From next Wednesday (23 June) our mobile drive through collection service will be starting in Wraysbury – the car park at The Green, TW19 5NA – from 9am to 1pm, and there every Wednesday thereafter. We'll also be offering assisted testing at the mobile unit if you need it.

Discussions are also underway to place the mobile unit in Horton, and we hope to let you know soon.

Fully vaccinated you can still catch the virus – you may not even show symptoms – and pass it onto someone still waiting for their first or second jabs. [There are lots of ways to get hold of free LFTs in the Royal Borough.](#)



Changes to free testing in Ascot

Our drive-through LFT collection service at Ascot Racecourse will be finishing there next Monday (21 June).

You can still pick up free tests from reception at Charters Leisure Centre in Sunningdale, weekdays 4.30pm to 10pm, and weekends 9am to 6pm.

We've decided to relocate the mobile unit following a review of take-up at the racecourse as well as the number of options available for testing and kits.

[There are lots of ways to get hold of free LFTs in the Royal Borough.](#)

You can also use the testing facilities in Bracknell, or collect your tests from there, if that's more convenient for you. [See more details on Bracknell Forest Council's website.](#)



Vaccination changes in Windsor

The NHS vaccination centre has now moved from Windsor Racecourse to the former Lakeland unit at Windsor Yards Shopping Centre in King Edward Court.

The NHS has been busy letting people know about the venue change if they were already booked in at Windsor Racecourse. New bookings will show Windsor Yards.

By the end of this week everyone aged 18+ will be able to book their jabs. If you haven't yet responded to previous invitations, it's not too late. Simply contact your GP to arrange it.



How are we fighting COVID-19?

Find out at our next public meeting on 21 June, live on our YouTube channel from 3.30pm (normally it's 2.30pm).

There's still time to submit your own questions about our response. [Email them to us](#) by noon this Friday (18 June). You won't be able to ask questions during the session.

If you miss the session, it's being recorded if you want to view it later at a time suiting you. You can also [find the answers to your previous questions on our website.](#)



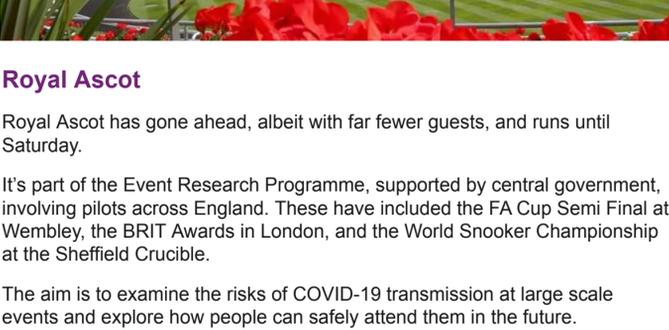
What matters most to you

[Healthwatch Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead](#) has published the results of its 'What Matters Most' survey.

The survey, which took place earlier this year, asked you to share your experiences and views of local health and care services.

The results show positive ratings for local COVID-19 vaccination services (94% rating it excellent or good) but also areas of improvement including GP and mental health services.

Read the full report on the [Healthwatch website.](#)



Royal Ascot

Royal Ascot has gone ahead, albeit with far fewer guests, and runs until Saturday.

It's part of the Event Research Programme, supported by central government, involving pilots across England. These have included the FA Cup Semi Final at Wembley, the BRIT Awards in London, and the World Snooker Championship at the Sheffield Crucible.

The aim is to examine the risks of COVID-19 transmission at large scale events and explore how people can safely attend them in the future.

The organisers have set up stringent control measures to protect those attending and working at the racecourse, and our communities.

Those attending must also show and verify a negative result from a lateral flow test (LFT) before they're allowed in. They're being asked to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test which detects variants of concern. They're being encouraged to use their own transport, and arrival and departure times to and from the event are being staggered.

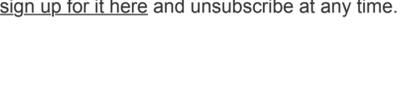
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I am grateful I have had 2 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. When I did catch Covid, I was only unwell for a couple of days and was able to make a swift recovery.



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