

COVID-19 Updates

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Weekly rates by age group in RBWM from 1st to 7th October 2021



Cases and vaccinations

The Royal Borough is experiencing a slow upward trend in cases. As of today, there are 435.6 cases per 100,000, which remains above both the South East and England averages.

Cases are rising across all age groups, although ages 10 to 18 continue to take the brunt of infections. You can clearly see this on the above graph.

Six Royal Borough residents have been admitted to hospital. According to England-wide statistics of those currently in hospital with the virus, on average only 5% are fully vaccinated.

Our Contact Tracing Team continues to receive some 400 new cases per week – a level which started at the end of August. 65% of these cases are among school aged children.

Vaccination take-up has slowed in the Royal Borough in the past few weeks. 79% of Royal Borough residents have had both jabs, and among those aged 40+ it's 86%. Boosters have started and vaccinations for ages 12 to 15 continues. Parents, please remember to return your consent for your children no later than 48 hours before the Immunisation Team visits your school.

For the latest Covid information in the Royal Borough - including case rates among age groups, ward breakdowns, hospital data and vaccinations - visit the [Berkshire Public Health website](#) and see the weekly report in the information centre.



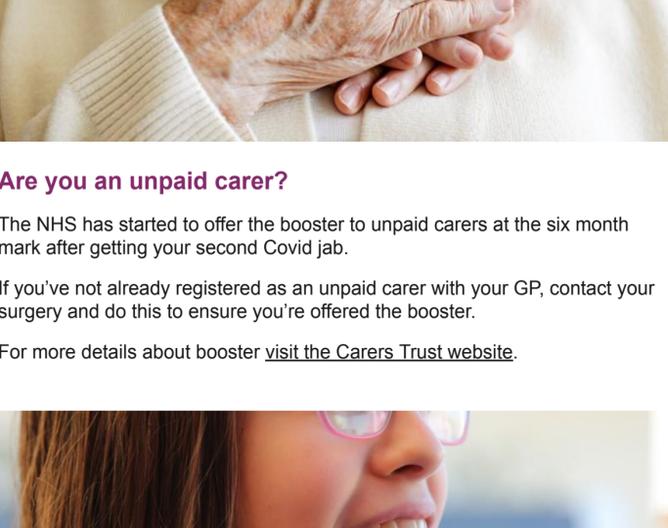
Covid grant for community groups

If you're a community group, voluntary or not-for-profit organisation in the Royal Borough, you could be eligible to get a grant to help tackle the prevalence of Covid in your area.

The council has a £50,000 funding pot to support hidden or hard to reach communities within the Royal Borough, to help boost uptake of the vaccination and regular testing.

Applications are open for this one-off grant funding and you apply online. The closing date is Sunday 21 November.

For more information, and to apply, [visit our website](#).

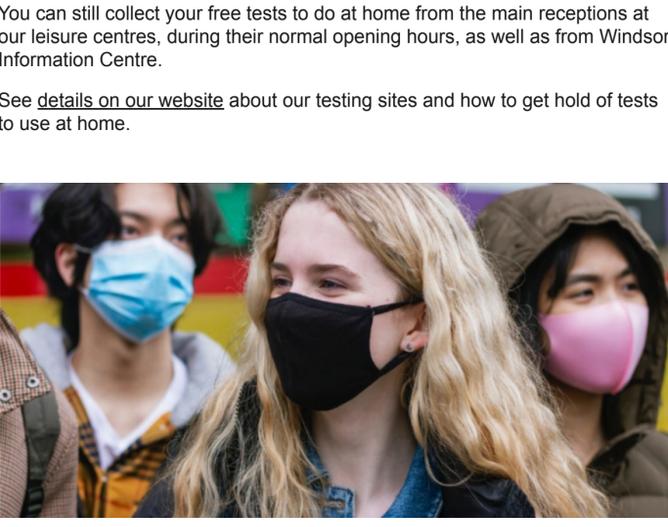


NHS Vaccine Bus

Some 600 people visited the NHS Vaccine Bus last week when it visited Datchet, Dedworth and Ascot.

The aim of the bus, run in partnership with us and the NHS, was to make it easier for anyone who'd not yet had time for their first or second jabs.

For details about other ways you can get your Covid jabs, [visit the Frimley Health and Care website](#).

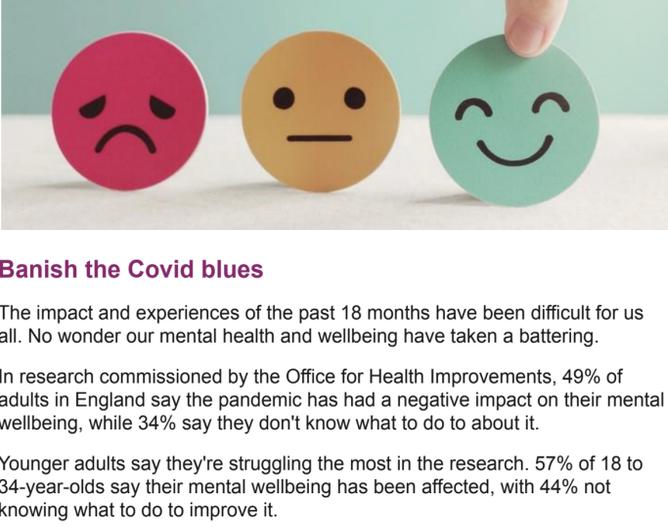


Are you an unpaid carer?

The NHS has started to offer the booster to unpaid carers at the six month mark after getting your second Covid jab.

If you've not already registered as an unpaid carer with your GP, contact your surgery and do this to ensure you're offered the booster.

For more details about booster [visit the Carers Trust website](#).



Assisted testing at Braywick

On Thursday 21 October, the assisted lateral flow testing service at Braywick Leisure Centre will only be open from 8am to 9.45am. This is due to an event taking place at the centre. However the evening session that day, 4pm to 7pm, remains unchanged.

You can still collect your free tests to do at home from the main receptions at our leisure centres, during their normal opening hours, as well as from Windsor Information Centre.

See [details on our website](#) about our testing sites and how to get hold of tests to use at home.

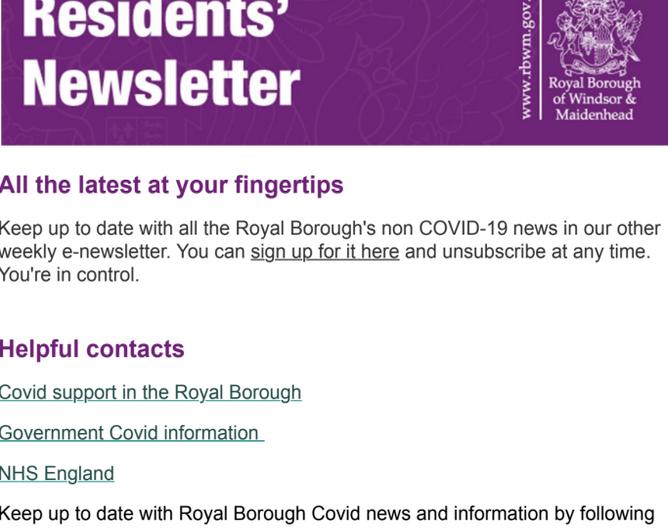


Everything Covid

Everything Covid is a new website designed by young people, for young people, where they can learn more about the vaccine, get answers to questions, and find out how to arrange their jab.

Young people also share their experiences of receiving the vaccine and there's a section on testing.

Visit the [Everything Covid website](#).



Banish the Covid blues

The impact and experiences of the past 18 months have been difficult for us all. No wonder our mental health and wellbeing have taken a battering.

In research commissioned by the Office for Health Improvement, 49% of adults in England say the pandemic has had a negative impact on their mental wellbeing, while 34% say they don't know what to do to improve it.

Younger adults say they're struggling the most in the research. 57% of 18 to 34-year-olds say their mental wellbeing has been affected, with 44% not knowing what to do to improve it.

The charity Every Mind Matters can help. In addition to practical advice and tips, it also offers the free NHS-approved Mind Plan with a personalised mental health action plan to help you deal with stress and anxiety, boost your mood, sleep better, and feel more in control.

Find out more at the [Every Mind Matters website](#).

Consultation on mandatory vaccines for frontline health and care staff

There's still time to take part in a government consultation seeking views on proposals for staff in health and care settings in England to have Covid and flu vaccines to protect vulnerable people.

It would mean only those who are fully vaccinated, unless medically exempt, could deliver health and care services.

Staff, healthcare providers, stakeholders, patients, and their families are being urged to take part to have their views heard, with a final decision expected this winter.

The [online consultation](#) closes on Friday 22 October.

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