

# COVID-19 Updates

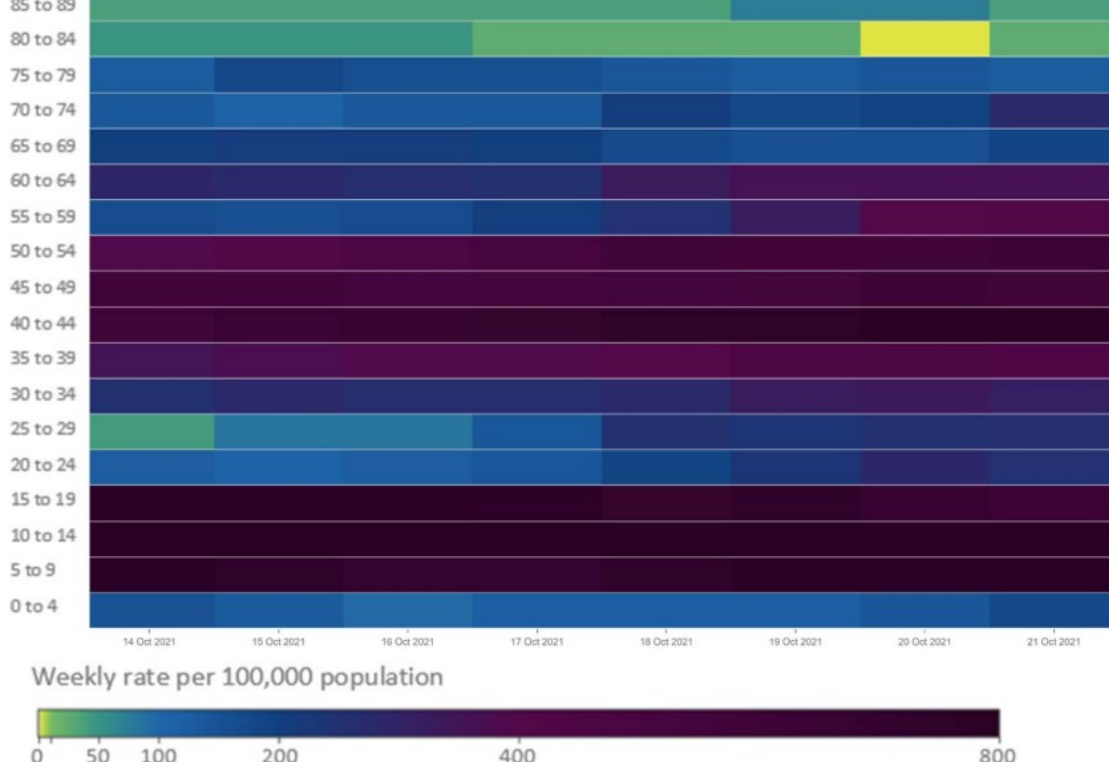
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Weekly rates by age group in RBWM from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021



## Cases and vaccinations latest

We appreciate everything you're doing to protect each other across the Royal Borough, and we thank you for that.

Cases have now reached a rate of 561.9 per 100,000, which remains above both the South East and England averages. Between 15 and 21 October, the borough saw 853 new cases.

The heat map above shows the age groups taking the brunt of infections - linked we believe to household transmission. 45% of new cases are among the under 18s, with 42% among ages 35 to 64.

Although local hospitalisations remain low, pressure on primary care is growing. 31 people across Frimley CCG were admitted in the last seven days and of these four were from the Royal Borough. It takes only one Covid case to see a ward closed to be used exclusively for Covid patients, creating a knock on affect providing other essential healthcare. As of 19 October, there were 56 patients in Frimley CCG hospital care, with eight on mechanical ventilation.

80% of borough residents aged 18+ are now doubled jabbed, but that still leaves a fifth of the population without protection. But hats off to 16 and 17 year-olds across Frimley CCG, with one of the highest vaccine coverage rates in the country.

If you're eligible for the booster, wait to be contacted by the NHS or your GP to use the [online National Booking System](#). You won't be able to book online until exactly six months after your second jab. If it's been more than six months and you've not been contacted, try the online booking service or call 119 for advice. If this doesn't work, contact your GP directly.

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.



## Vaccine and testing for ages 12 to 15

If you've missed the visit of the Immunisation Team to your child's school, or didn't submit your consent form in time, don't worry.

You can now book your child's vaccine via the [National Booking System](#) and choose the nearest Windsor or Maidenhead venue to you. If you live in Ascot, you can use those in Bracknell if that's more convenient.

Where possible, appointments should be booked outside of school hours to avoid missing lessons. Some vaccine centres however are organising additional sessions out of school hours to accommodate this.

Find more information about vaccinations for 12-15-year-olds on the [NHS website](#).

And remember to encourage your child to take a lateral flow test before they return to school on Monday. And please [report the result](#), whether positive or negative.



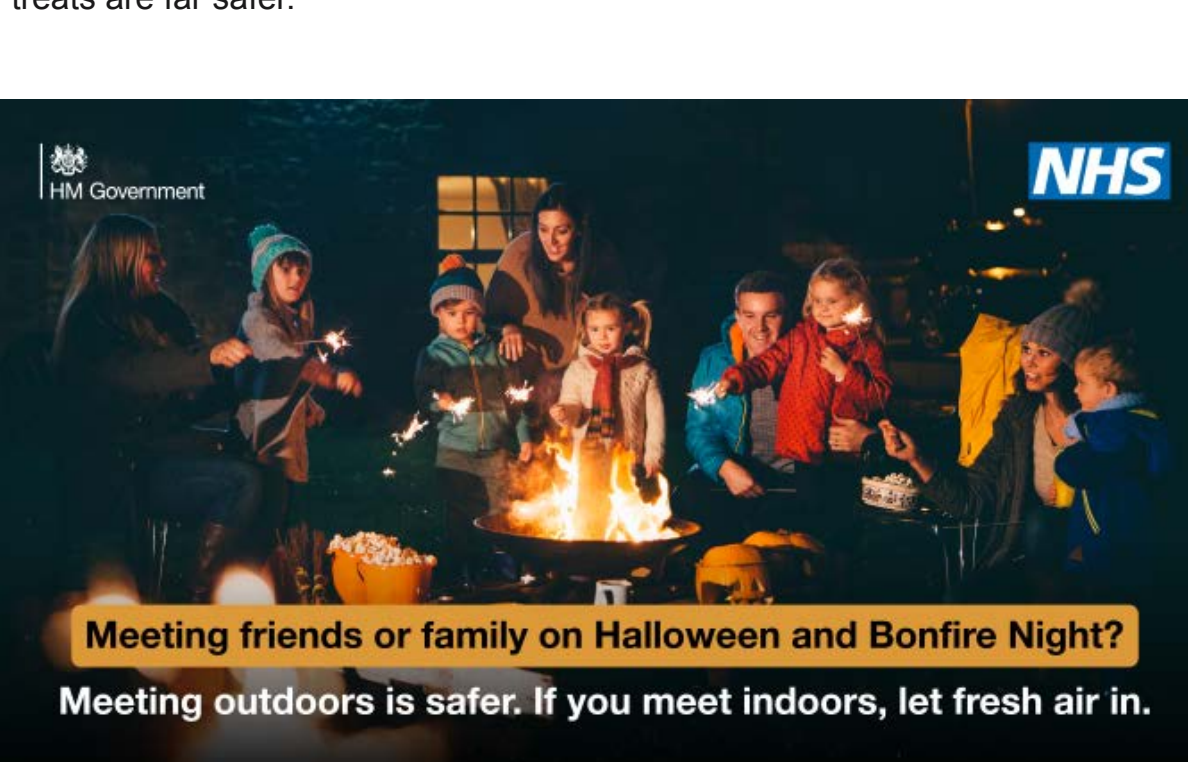
## Tips for a safer Halloween

If you're planning on Trick or Treating this weekend, here's how to keep you and your neighbours a bit safer.

Take a negative lateral flow test before you go. One in three people won't have Covid symptoms, so it's a good idea to take a test even if you feel fine. Also, use a hand sanitiser after you've handled treats you collect.

Wear a face covering - unfortunately a werewolf or vampire mask won't work. But you can customise your Covid face covering to be part of your costume.

If you live on a Trick or Treat route, and are reluctant to open your door but still want to take part, leave a bowl of wrapped sweets on your doorstep. Wrapped treats are far safer.



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