

COVID-19 Updates

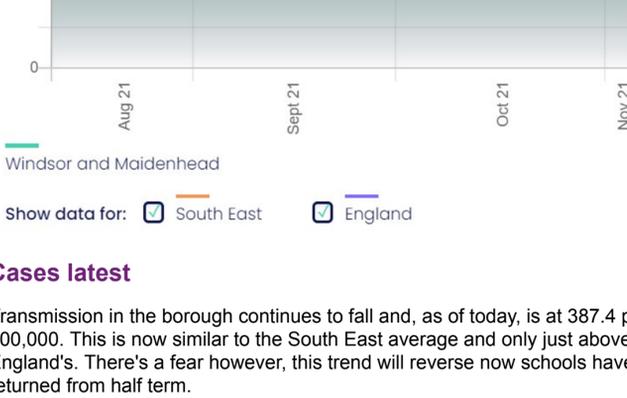
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Weekly rate of confirmed cases per 100,000 population

in Windsor and Maidenhead (7-day rolling average)

Reported up to 5 Nov 2021



Cases latest

Transmission in the borough continues to fall and, as of today, is at 387.4 per 100,000. This is now similar to the South East average and only just above the England's. There's a fear however, this trend will reverse now schools have returned from half term.

Ages five to 16 continue to be the hardest hit, although infections among other ages do appear to be easing a little.

Hospitalisations however are beginning to rise, with a worrying increase in the number of double-jabbed older people being admitted. It's no longer the case, locally and nationally, that 95% of patients admitted to hospital with Covid are unvaccinated. Health experts believe this is due to waning immunity among older age groups as they reach their booster deadline. Health experts also remain concerned about the low vaccine uptake among pregnant women.

Another worrying development is an increase in Covid outbreaks in hospitals, and in primary care, caused by visitors seeding this transmission. Please remember, in healthcare settings, to wear a face covering, wash or sanitise your hands, and to socially distance.

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.



Vaccinations update

Nearly 81% of the borough's population has now had both jabs, which is above the South East and England averages. But ages 30 to 39 remain the lowest compared to other year groups.

If you're eligible for the booster, and your second jab was five months ago, use the online [National Booking System](#) to be offered an appointment at your six-month mark. You may also be able to use a local walk-in site or pharmacy, but please see the [Frimley Health and Care website](#) as arrangements differ.

If you missed the visit of the School Immunisation Team for your child aged 12 to 15, some local vaccine centre are organising out-of-school hours. See the above Frimley Health and Care website for more information.

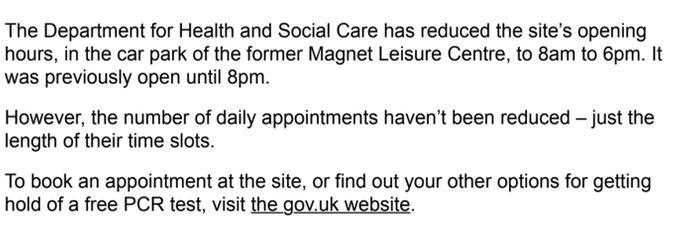


NHS Vaccine Bus visiting Eton Wick

The bus is due to be at Eton Wick and Boveney Village Hall, Eton Wick Road, Windsor, SL4 6LT, next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (15 to 17 November).

The NHS team will be inside the building, in the Youth Club on the ground floor, from noon to 8pm each day. You don't need to book an appointment and they'll be offering first, second, and booster jabs.

Eton Wick is one of the areas in the borough where vaccine take-up is lower which is why the team is visiting. This is also why White Waltham and Datchet were chosen as locations for the NHS Vaccine Bus in recent weeks.

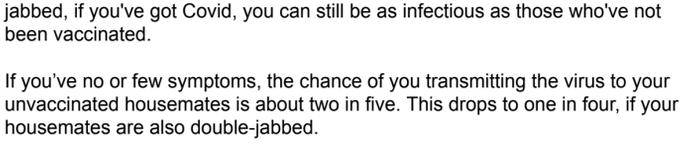


PCR walk-in site in Maidenhead

The Department for Health and Social Care has reduced the site's opening hours, in the car park of the former Magnet Leisure Centre, to 8am to 6pm. It was previously open until 8pm.

However, the number of daily appointments haven't been reduced – just the length of their time slots.

To book an appointment at the site, or find out your other options for getting hold of a free PCR test, visit [the gov.uk website](#).



Fully vaccinated you're still a risk to others

A study of UK household cases [published in The Lancet](#) says even double-jabbed, if you've got Covid, you can still be as infectious as those who've not been vaccinated.

If you've no or few symptoms, the chance of you transmitting the virus to your unvaccinated housemates is about two in five. This drops to one in four, if your housemates are also double-jabbed.

Households are where most Covid transmission occurs, and during winter of course we'll all be inside more.

Another thing to remember is that Covid is far more airborne than previously thought. It hangs around in the air like smoke. Therefore when you're inside simply opening a window, for a few minutes at a time, can help blow its particles away.



Covid Grants

Covid grants for community groups, voluntary and not for profit organisations

We're all in this together

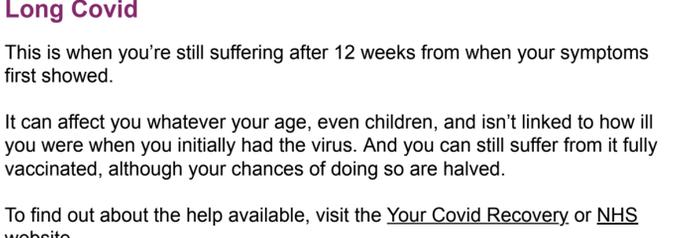
What would you do with your funding?

There's still time to apply. The deadline is 21 November.

You can use this one-off funding in the way that best suits your community or members, to encourage vaccine take-up.

Perhaps it could provide volunteers to help people book or go get their jabs? Maybe pay for telephone calls or publicity material to refute vaccine myths? Even subsidise your group's membership to first time vaxxers?

You may have different ideas. [Apply online on our website](#).



Long Covid

This is when you're still suffering after 12 weeks from when your symptoms first showed.

It can affect you whatever your age, even children, and isn't linked to how ill you were when you initially had the virus. And you can still suffer from it fully vaccinated, although your chances of doing so are halved.

To find out about the help available, visit the [Your Covid Recovery](#) or [NHS website](#).

GOT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS?

TAKE A PCR TEST.

NO COVID-19 SYMPTOMS?

TAKE A RAPID LATERAL FLOW TEST TWICE A WEEK.

