

COVID-19 Updates

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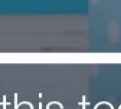


Covid – the unwanted gift you can't return

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mask



hands



open windows



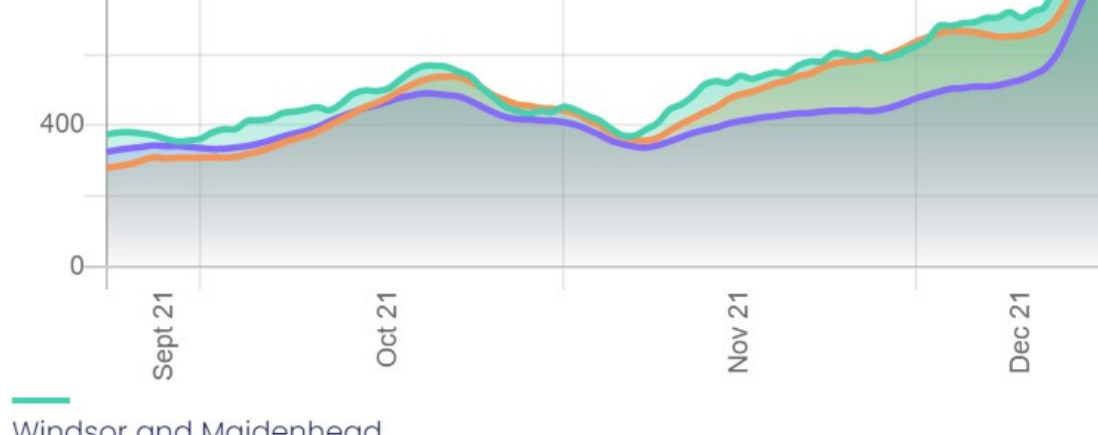
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Weekly rate of confirmed cases per 100,000 population

in Windsor and Maidenhead (7-day rolling average)

Reported up to 17 Dec 2021



Windsor and Maidenhead

Show data for: South East England

Royal Borough cases

Case numbers are now sadly at 1,127.1 per 100,000, with no indication of slowing over Christmas. In the last seven days alone, the Royal Borough has seen a 34% increase in cases. The rate now is well above the peak seen last January, as well as the current South East and England averages.

Our Contact Tracing numbers also trebled last weekend.

The Royal Borough, however, is not alone. Cases across the South East are also rising sharply, although Berkshire remains the highest across the region.

All age groups in the borough are seeing large increases in cases, although among the over-60s the rise is slower.

As of 14 December, there were 80 Covid patients in Frimley NHS Trust hospitals, with ten people on mechanical ventilation.

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.



The best present for your immune system

86.1% of the borough's population have received their first two vaccine doses. And 76% of those aged 50+ have had their boosters.

The NHS booster programme is going well at Maidenhead Town Hall and Windsor Yards. Both sites have the capacity to vaccinate everyone eligible in the borough by 31 January.

Maidenhead Town Hall will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 27 and 28 December, New Years Day and 2 January. Windsor Yards is almost the same, but is due to be open on 28 December.

Use the [National Booking Service](#) or call 119 to book your first, second and booster jabs. The NHS has added additional slots for the Town Hall.

The NHS is this week sending letters to parents detailing how they can access vaccines for their children aged 12 to 15.



Assisted Covid testing and tests to do at home

Both our Assisted Testing and Community Collect schemes for lateral flow tests (LFTs), at our leisure centres, are open during the Christmas period. To check their opening times, [please visit our website](#).

We have enough supplies of LFTs, so please feel free to pop down. The LFT kits available have more tests in each, so we now offer one kit per household.

You'll need LFTs to test yourself if you're a contact of someone with Covid (Delta and Omicron) - even if you're fully vaccinated.

It's also wise to take a negative LFT before visiting your relatives or friends this Christmas.



Self-isolation rules have changed

If you're double jabbed, and your Covid symptoms have gone, you can now [finish your self-isolation after seven days](#) - not ten. To do this, you'll need to show negative LFTs taken on the sixth and seventh days.

But please limit close contact with other people in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces, work from home, and minimise being near anyone at higher risk of severe illness from Covid.

If you're unvaccinated, you must self-isolate for ten full days from the date you were exposed to the virus.

If you're confused about the self-isolation rules, Berkshire Public Health has a [helpful online guide](#).



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Mobile PCR testing during Christmas

If you test positive with a LFT but have no symptoms, self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) online to do at home. Also use a PCR test if you develop Covid symptoms, and self-isolate.

Alternatively, [book a PCR](#) to visit one of the two mobile PCR sites in the Royal Borough.

The unit in the car park at the former Magnet Leisure Centre in Maidenhead is running a reduced service on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day - 10am to 2pm. The other days will be as normal - 8am to 6pm.

The mobile unit at Windsor Coach Park, Alma Road, is also due to return in January on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.



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Wishing you a healthy 'elfy' Christmas!

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[Government Covid information](#)

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