

Worcestershire County Council

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COVID UPDATE

- Confirmed cases in Worcestershire have reduced by **30%** in the last 7 days compared to the previous 7 days. The rate of cases in all districts is declining.
- As of today, the Worcestershire rate stands at **150** cases per 100,000. The current England rate is **143**. The West Midlands rate stands at **188** per 100,000.
- Redditch has the highest number of cases in Worcestershire. There are currently **195** cases per 100,000 in Redditch. Worcester has **162** cases, Wychavon has **161**, Bromsgrove has **135**, Wyre Forest has **133** cases, while Malvern Hills has **107** cases per 100,000.
- The number of cases in people over the age of 60 currently stands at **102** per 100,000. In that age group Bromsgrove has **136**, Redditch has **116** cases, there are **114** cases in Worcester, **99** cases in Wychavon, **83** cases in Wyre Forest and there have been **72** cases per 100,000 in Malvern Hills.
- In the last 7 days there have been **892** confirmed cases of coronavirus recorded in Worcestershire.
- The highest percentage of individuals testing positive has been in Redditch (**7.1%**) and in Bromsgrove (**5.4%**).
- **59** care homes in Worcestershire have current outbreaks (more than 2 cases, linked in either time place or person).
- Lateral Flow Testing is operational at mass testing sites at **Pershore Leisure Centre, Redditch Town Hall, Worcester Cathedral, the Ryland Leisure Centre in Bromsgrove** and at **Wyre Forest House in Kidderminster**.
- We have community testing capacity in Worcestershire for **13,000 to 15,000** people per week.
- Local testing sites which were set up for residents in parts of the **WR3** and **WR9** postcode area in response to a small number of cases of the **South African variant** are now closed. Home testing kits have been delivered and those residents who haven't yet returned them have until the end of Friday 19 February.
- The county's hospitals remain under significant pressures.
- The daily registered deaths from all causes has dropped below the 5 year average and is below the peak that we saw in April. We continue to monitor this closely.
- The latest phase of the vaccination programme is underway in Worcestershire.
- All of our GP-led Primary Care Networks (PCNs) are running vaccine clinics for eligible patients. A number of pharmacies are also administering vaccines
- The vaccination sites at **The Artrix in Bromsgrove** and **St Peter's Church in Worcester** are operational. The opening date for the site at the **Three Counties Showground in Malvern** is still to be confirmed.
- The vast majority of care home residents in Worcestershire have been offered their first vaccination.

- Here2Help Worcestershire is supporting the clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) cohort and those who have been newly identified as CEV
- The supply of free PPE has been extended to unpaid carers

Priory Road footpaths are scheduled to start Mid April.

There are a number of road closures around the villages in the coming months which unfortunately may cause some disruptions to residents. These are vital works for Severn Trent and BT Openreach.

We have a new Police Officer joined our Safer Neighbourhood Team, PC Stone. He is keen on PACT meetings and I will be happy to join him in arranging one in Dodford as soon as safe to meet up should you wish to do.

Highways officers are still unable to make site visits due to lockdown restrictions, all issues can be reported directly to myself or online at Worcestershire County Council's website.

Stay safe and well

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