



# **County Durham COVID-19 Health Protection Assurance Board Update**

**Health and Wellbeing Board  
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# Local Data – County Durham Case Summary

## COVID-19 surveillance dashboard County Durham cases summary



7 day rate per 100,000  
by Local Authority

All data accurate as of 7pm 07.01.21

14 day  
positivity rate

16.2%



1,952

7 day cases



4,033

14 day cases



499.2

7 day rate per 100,000



-6.2%

Percentage change in 7 day cases



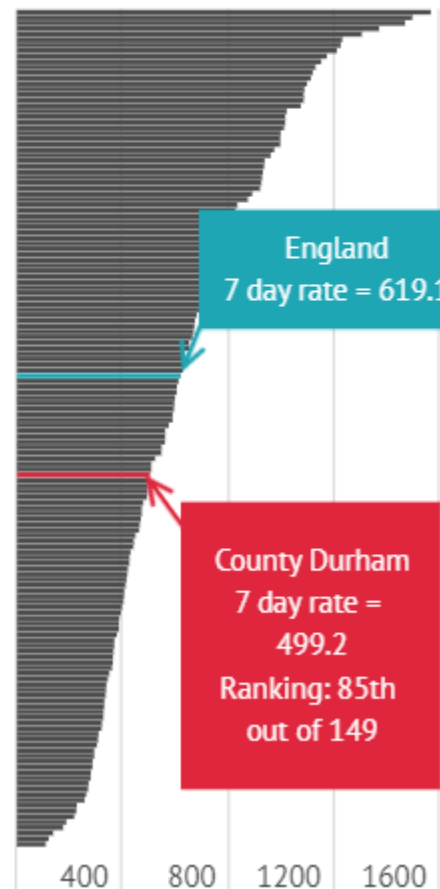
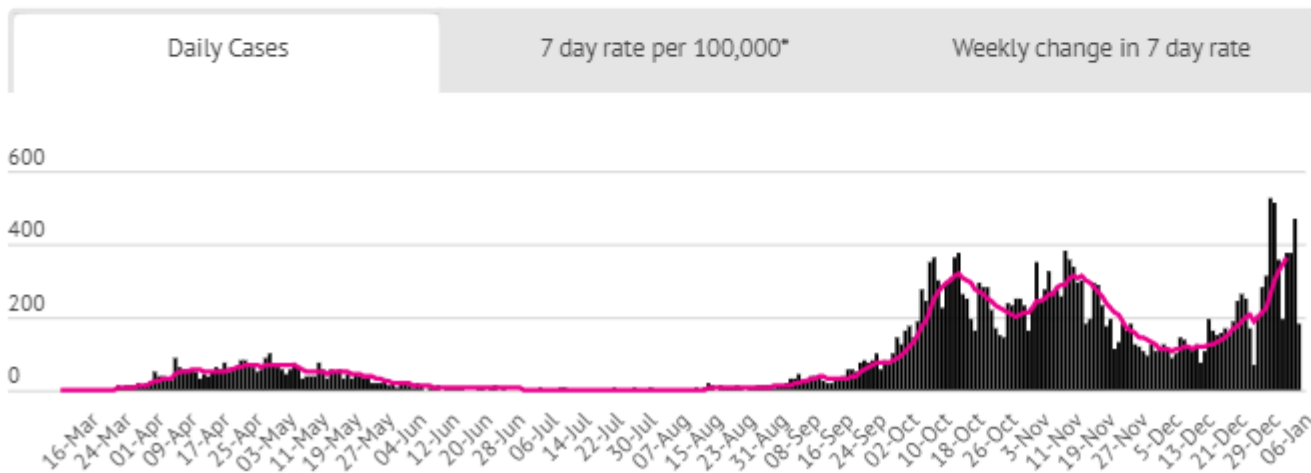
+72.7%

Percentage change in 14 day cases



+218.5

Change in 7 day rate from previous week



County Durham  
7 day rate =  
499.2  
Ranking: 85th  
out of 149

England  
7 day rate = 619.1

# Update on National Lockdown and Tier 4

New National Lockdown (the third national lockdown) legally came into force Wednesday 06 January 2021, in response to a steep rise in cases throughout the country and growing admissions to hospital.

[www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home)

Next Review is planned for 15 February 2021

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(Previously – County Durham was placed in a new Covid Alert Level - Tier 4 when it was introduced on the 19 December 2020).



# Update on the work of the Health Protection Assurance Board (HPAB)


Current work covers:

- Regional oversight of LA7 work
- Data and intelligence analysis, including health CCDFT / CCG
- Developments and innovation: eg. Vaccination Programme and the spike detection tool
- Settings – educations, care homes, community, workplaces, University, etc...
- PCR Testing and LFD Testing – rapid targeted community testing / school testing / Uni testing / LA7 testing proposal
- Funding and outbreaks
- Local Tracing Partnership – aligned to Community Hub
- Covid Champions





# Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

- Three vaccines are currently approved for use in the UK, these are the Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccine.
  - Covid vaccination programme began across County Durham on 14 December 2020.
  - Three strategic sites in County Durham (Seaham, Newton Aycliffe and Stanley) were identified as vaccination centres along with the University Hospital Durham. (Dec 2020)
  - Rollout to an ever-increasing number of vaccination sites began 04 January 2021. Those in line for the vaccine will be contacted by the NHS/GPs directly and will follow the identified NHS nine high-priority groups.
  - By Wednesday 06 January 2021 a total of 28,000 vaccinations had been administered across our CDDFT and primary care sites.
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# Questions from members of the public

- When there are spikes in the community transmission, do we know the reasons – for example there was a recent spike in Durham City prior to the Christmas break?
- What is the current situation in County Durham regarding visits to Care Homes?
- What services are the Council and partners able to offer local people if they have to self-isolate due to either being Covid positive or being a Covid contact?

