

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

COUNTY DURHAM COVID-19  
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# COVID-19 surveillance dashboard

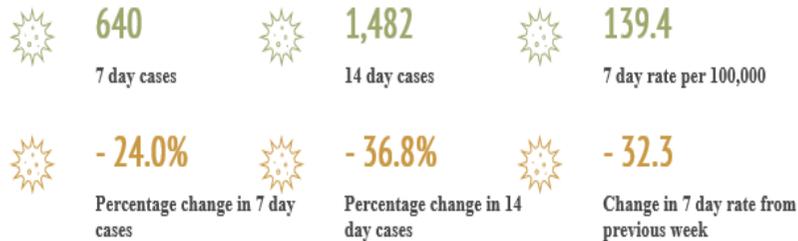
## County Durham cases summary

All data accurate as of 8.15am 23.02.21

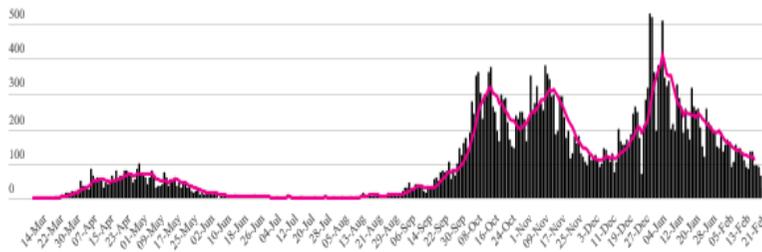


7 day positivity rate  
6.2%

7 day rate per 100,000  
by Local Authority

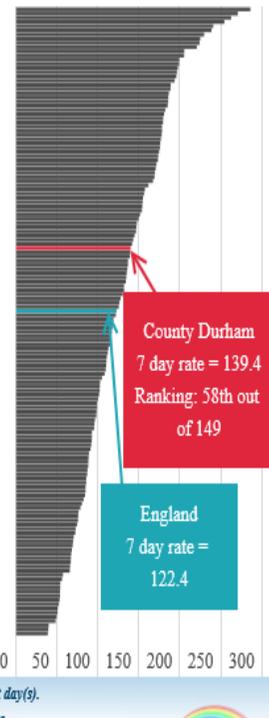


Daily Cases      7 day rate per 100,000\*      Weekly change in 7 day rate



Includes both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 data. Please note that only partial data may be included in the most recent day(s).

\*The seven day rate per 100 000 excludes cases with sample date in the last four days due to partial data



# COVID 19 DATA

The latest figures are available by using the local County Durham Covid-19 dashboard. Find information on:

- Summary of cases
- Cases by age band
- Hospital bed/ICU occupancy
- Covid-19 deaths
- Local rates (MSOA)

As of 23 February 2021 County Durham's 7 day rate has decreased to 139.4 per 100,000



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# LOCAL COVID UPDATE

## **Third National Lockdown**

In response to a steep rise in cases and transmission, new variants and growing admissions to hospital.

## **New UK Variant**

first detected in the South East - first 'Variant of Concern'. 30-50% more transmissible. No evidence of increased risk of illness, control measures remain the same.

## **Local Developments and Innovation**

Local Tracing Partnership aligned to Community Hub taking local control of Test and Trace who have been lost to contact from the national team.  
Spike Detector Tool – identifying very local areas (MSOAs) where rates are exceeding expected numbers.

## **Vaccination Programme**

Progressing well through the NHS priority list. By 15 Feb, offered/vaccinated all over 70s and the clinically extremely vulnerable group. Next priority group - the over 65s progressing

County Hall Vaccination centre offering 500 vaccines a day. Over 5000 people vaccinated so far. Vaccines currently paused.

## **PCR and LFD Testing**

Good coverage of PCR testing for those with Covid symptoms. Launched asymptomatic LFD testing 22 February

## **Settings**

- Education – Public Health support to case manage positive cases and introduce LFD testing.
- University – close working relationship/multi-agency response to issues.
- Care homes – wrap around DDC support with outbreak control for complex setting.
- Prisons – managed by HMP and supported by local Public Health.
- Workplaces – complacency issues, nightshift and car sharing

## **Funding**

Support our response to Covid, internally for staffing, outbreaks, compliance and testing, Externally for financial grants, loans for businesses, furlough, self-isolation payments, welfare grants etc.

## **Outbreaks**

Managing outbreaks with OCT teams covering all settings. Preventing outbreaks through early detection and intervention (local spike detector tool). Building resilience, providing support from Covid awareness teams, Covid Champions – based on wellbeing principles

## **Regional oversight**

LA7 providing a stronger North East regional voice.

## **Evidence led work**

Data and intelligence analysis, including local data, PHE/CCDFT/CCG data.



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# NEXT STEPS – ROUTE OUT OF LOCKDOWN

## Government announcement 22 February 2021:

- 4 step roadmap to ease restrictions
- minimum 5 weeks between each step
- Each step assessed against 4 tests

## Step 1: from 8 March

- Return to face to face education including students on practical courses
- Wraparound childcare/supervised children's activities resuming
- Care home residents allowed; 1 regular visitor
- Stay at Home remains; allowed recreation outdoors

## From 29 March

- Rule of 6 or 2 households for outdoor gatherings
- Outdoor sports facilities allowed to reopen
- Formally organised outdoor sports allowed
- Stay at Home order will end, some lockdown restrictions will remain

## Step 2: from 12 April

- Non essential retail, personal care premises and public buildings will reopen
- Outdoor attractions and settings to reopen
- Indoor leisure facilities reopen for people on their own or within households
- Hospitality services can serve outdoors only
- Self-contained accommodation to reopen
- Funerals continue with up to 30 people with 15 allowed to attend weddings, receptions and wakes.

## Step 3: from 17 May

- Outdoors, social contact rules lifted; over 30 people remains illegal.
- Outdoor performances will reopen
- Indoors, the rule of 6 or 2 households will apply but to review
- Indoor hospitality, entertainment venues, remainder of accommodation sector, and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes will reopen
- Larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people/half-full allowed.
- Outdoor venues with a capacity of 4000 people/or half-full will be allowed.
- Larger outdoor seated venues, up to 10,000/quarter-full
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings, receptions wakes and funerals, including bar mitzvahs and christenings.

## Step 4: from 21 June

- Anticipated all legal limits on social contact can be removed.
- Reopen nightclubs, and lift restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3.
- Guided decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

## Quality Assurance of the Local Outbreak Control Plan

- Further £400 million funding for the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) from 1 April, total COMF support across 2020-21 and 2021-22 to £2 billion.
- Funding covering further public health activities in 2021-22, further details to follow
- In March, updated COVID-19 contain outbreak management framework for local areas to be published to continue to prevent, contain and manage outbreaks.
- Framework to include details of enhanced toolkit of measures to address Variants of Concern.



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# Questions from members of the public

- What is the Test and Trace payment progress?
- What is the eligibility for vaccines for “frontline” voluntary services?
- When can people can go further afield for travel?
- How can we access community Lateral Flow Device Testing?

