

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

COUNTY DURHAM COVID-19
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COVID-19 surveillance dashboard

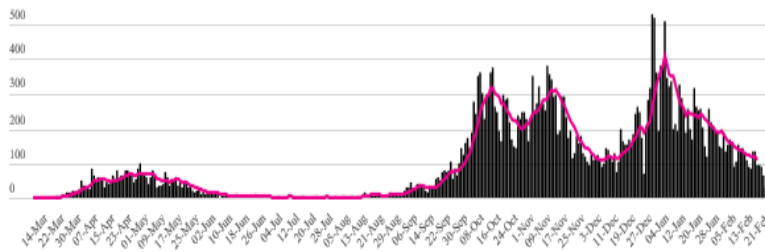
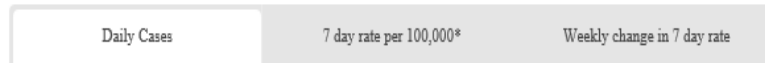
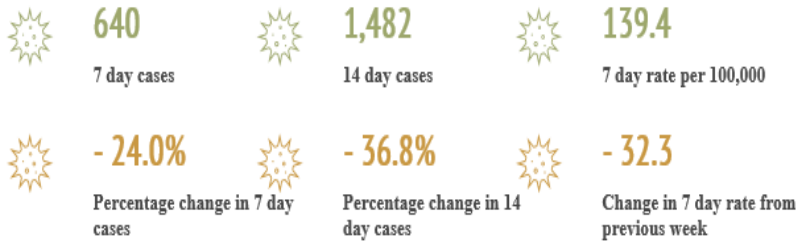
County Durham cases summary

All data accurate as of 8.15am 23.02.21



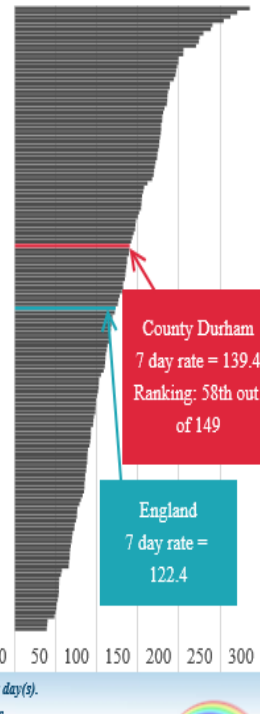
7 day positivity rate
6.2%

7 day rate per 100,000
by Local Authority



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?

