

**COUNTY DURHAM COVID-19
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**LOCAL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN (LOMP)
UPDATE
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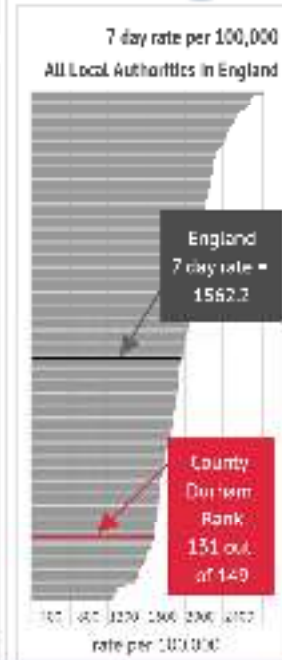
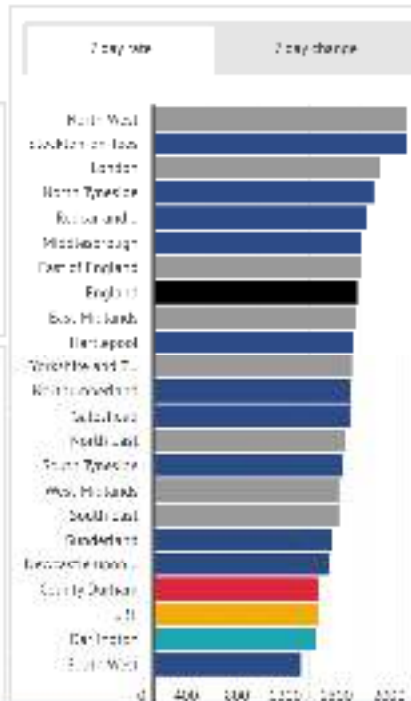
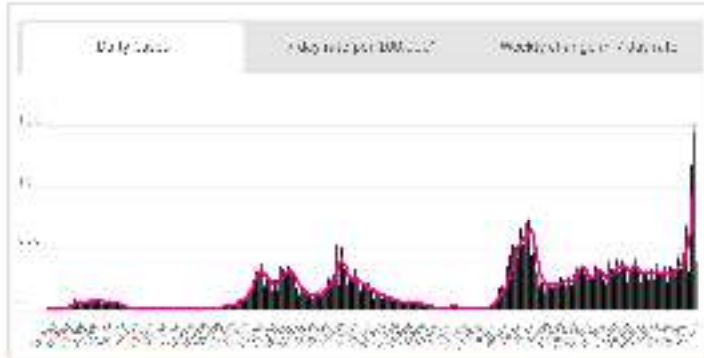


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Covid-19 Data

COVID-19 surveillance dashboard County Durham Cases Summary

All data accurate as of 12:00pm 04.01.22



Key Point

- Rapid case rise driven by omicron variant
- 70% of cases in 20-59 year age group

Covid-19 Dashboard www.durhaminsight.info/covid-19



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Covid-19 vaccinations

COVID-19 surveillance dashboard County Durham Vaccinations

Data published 03.01.22



100% of eligible people who have received their 1st dose will be vaccinated. 86% of all eligible people have received 1st dose. 80% including 1st and 2nd dose. 14% unvaccinated. (page 8, page 11)



1,094,118

Cumulative total doses (1st, 2nd and Booster) in case



415,708

1st dose



386,006

2nd dose

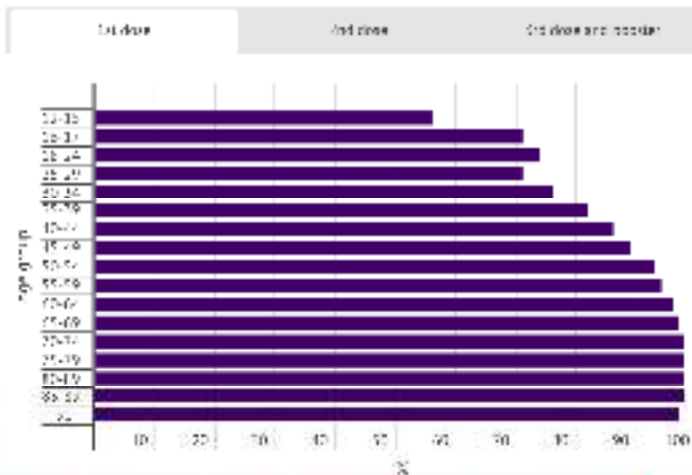


292,404

1st dose and booster



Percentage of population having received vaccine



For an interactive map on local vaccination uptake please visit <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map/vaccinations>
Numbers may differ due to the case of advice.

86% 1st Dose
80% Fully Vaccinated
14% Unvaccinated

- Leaving no one behind - targeted work ongoing.
- Melissa Bus and walk-ins
- Covid-19 boosters for all adults.
- The 12-15 programme.



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Updated Guidance

Face Coverings

- From Tuesday 30 November face coverings will be compulsory in shops and other settings such as banks, post offices and hairdressers, as well as on public transport unless individuals are exempt from doing so.
- From 4th January - updated face coverings guidance to include the use of face coverings in classrooms for Year 7 and above, in addition to guidance for face coverings to be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms and on school transport (to be reviewed 28th January).

Self-isolation for COVID-19 cases - reduced from 10 to 7 days following two negative LFD tests

- From the 22nd December the self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day. The guidance also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting.
- You should not take any more LFD tests after the 10th day of your isolation period and you may stop self-isolating after this day.

Change to testing for International Travellers

- All travellers arriving into the country from 4am on Tuesday 30 November will be required to take a PCR test on or before day 2 and self-isolate until they have received a negative test result.



Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP) Update

LOMP activity

- Continued monitoring of cases – to ensuring the NHS and Social Care is not overwhelmed.
- Maximising uptake of the Covid vaccine, booster programme and 12-15 vaccinations.
- Continue to support Test and Trace to identify and isolate positive cases to limit transmission while providing support for self-isolation.
- Support the most vulnerable to prevent increased inequalities.
- Promoting Covid Safe measures Hand, Face, Space, Fresh Air to enable the public to make informed decisions. Continued 'Working Safely' guidance for all employers.
- Continued support for setting such as workplaces, schools and university.
- Flu season and other respiratory viruses expected to be high.
This winter we are faced with the double threat of both Covid-19 and flu.
- Communication.



Contribution to Public Health Recognition

- We want to recognise the actions made by countless staff across many organisations and private individuals who have contributed to the local Covid-19 response.
- To provide a more personal and individual thank you.
- Simple submission process – email PublicHealth@durham.gov.uk with the reasons for nomination and example.
- PDF letter of thanks and certificate issued.
- Award is 'always on' – No deadline for submission.
- 300 awards nominations received to date.

Building on the recognition that has been given at a population level.



Contribution to Public Health Recognition - Examples

90yr old lady of Little's Newsagents, Hunwick
During 1st lockdown up at 4am daily for papers,
provided a bigger range of groceries, ensuring
those who were shielding and those who
didn't feel safe to travel to large supermarkets
could buy what they needed.

Girls Football team created food parcels for
their vulnerable girls and parcels for key
workers delivering these to care homes
making sure those staff in such a hard time
felt needed. They protected the mental
health of their young girls with check in calls
and zoom quizzes to ensure the girls and
their families were ok and safe.

Local 17yr old student 'modelled' for our
DCC Get Tested posters as part of the Covid
Safe County campaign. Admirable as given
her age and the risk of being judged or
embarrassed by her peer group, she saw
the importance of the message and put
aside her own concerns to help others and
promote the importance of testing.

Pupil from Shotton Hall Academy used his
money saved for his birthday and pocket
money to buy supplies to create over 1,000
coronavirus survival packs which he delivered
to youngsters across Co Durham and created
special VE Day bags for care home residents.

Public questions

1. The information is so confusing, where is the best place to get accurate, up to date and easy to understand information?
2. How will scaling up the vaccine programme and the impact of Omicron affect other GP and health services?
3. When should I isolate, and how long for?
4. What's the difference between LFT and PCR tests – why do you take LFT when asymptomatic / PCR when you have symptoms? Please can you explain.

