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READING COVID-19 OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD

2 JULY 2021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Presentation Slides

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# Covid-19 Update

## Local Outbreak Engagement Board

July 2021

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes from Previous Board Meeting
- Questions from the Public
- Local Covid-19 Data Update
- Recent Covid-19 Outbreaks - Environmental Health
- Thematic Item - Surge Testing & Vaccinations
- Local Outbreak Control Plan Development



# Local Covid-19 Data Update

## David Munday

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# Latest Data

Situational awareness indicators from the 16/06/2021 to 22/06/2021  
 - in comparison to previous 7-day period

<https://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/covid-19-dashboard> is updated daily. “Information Centre” weekly report

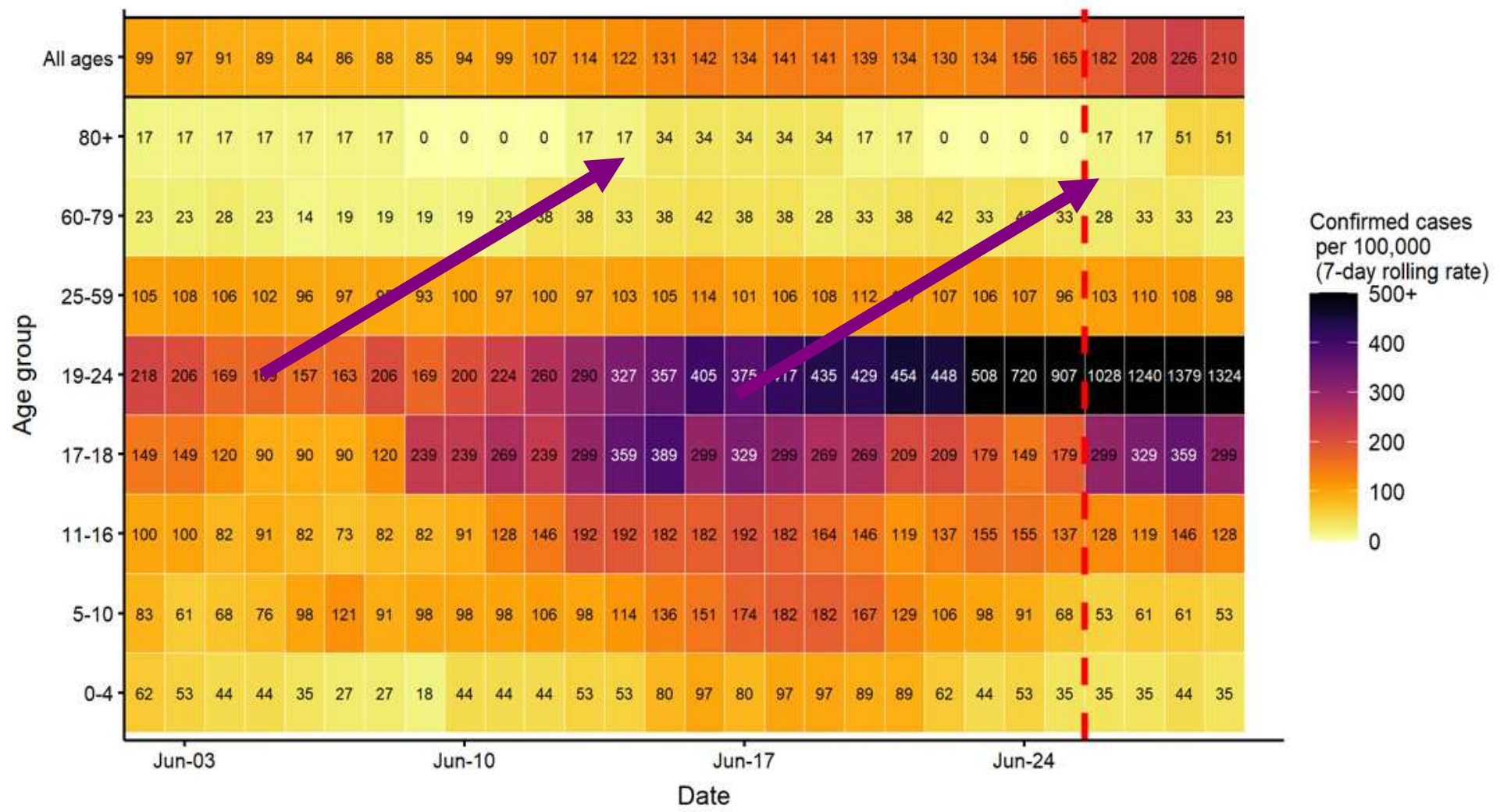
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Area	Individuals tested per 100,000 population (7-day moving average)		Percentage individuals test positive (weekly)		Cases per 100,000 population - all ages (weekly)		Cases per 100,000 population - 60+ (weekly)		Number of confirmed cases (last 7 days)
	Value	Change	Value	Change	Value	Change	Value	Change	
Bracknell Forest	1444.9	↓	1	↓	105.3	↑	16.3	↑	129
Reading	707.8	↓	3.5	↑	165	↑	25.8	↓	267
Slough	793.2	↑	1.6	↓	80.9	↑	23.3	↓	121
West Berkshire	435.1	↓	2.3	↑	72.6	↑	12.4	→	115
Windsor and Maidenhead	655.7	↑	2.1	↑	101.7	↑	16.4	↑	154
Wokingham	581.5	↓	2.5	↑	109.9	↑	12.7	↓	188
South East	523.2	↑	2.3	↑	88.1	↑	11.1	↑	7,848
England	516.2	↑	4.1	↑	149	↑	23.7	↑	83,880



Age-specific 7-day rolling case rates per 100,000 population, Reading, 2 June to 29 June, highlighting age groups of interest. The red dashed line denotes the 4 most recent days data are provisional.

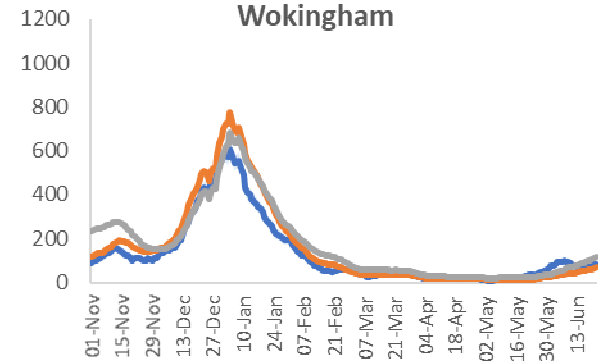
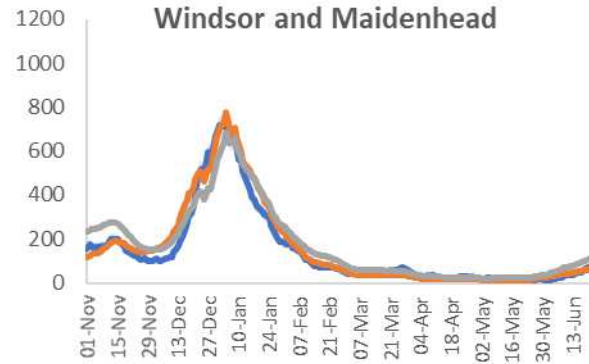
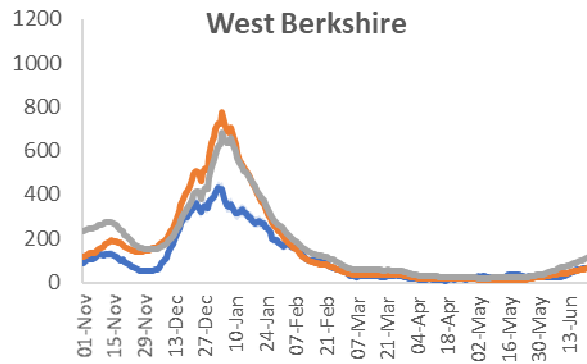
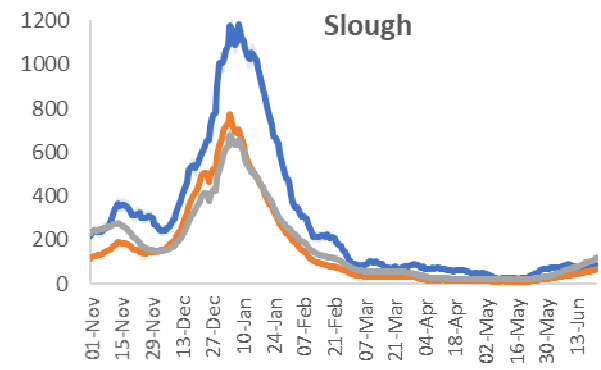
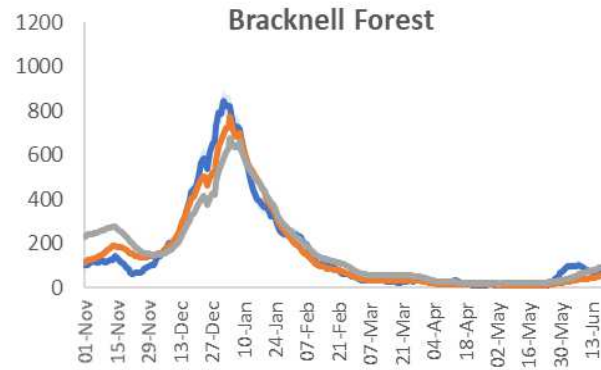
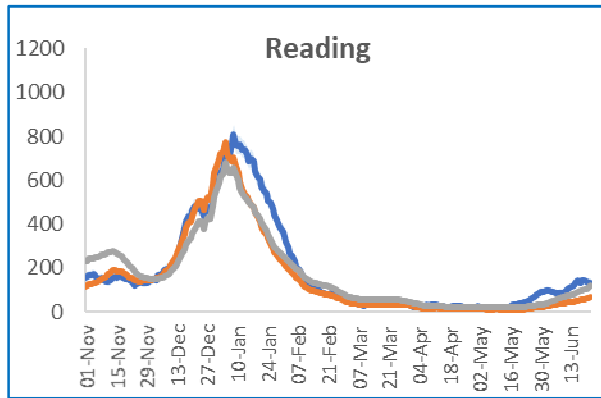
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Case rate per 100,000 by age group - PHE LA Report - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

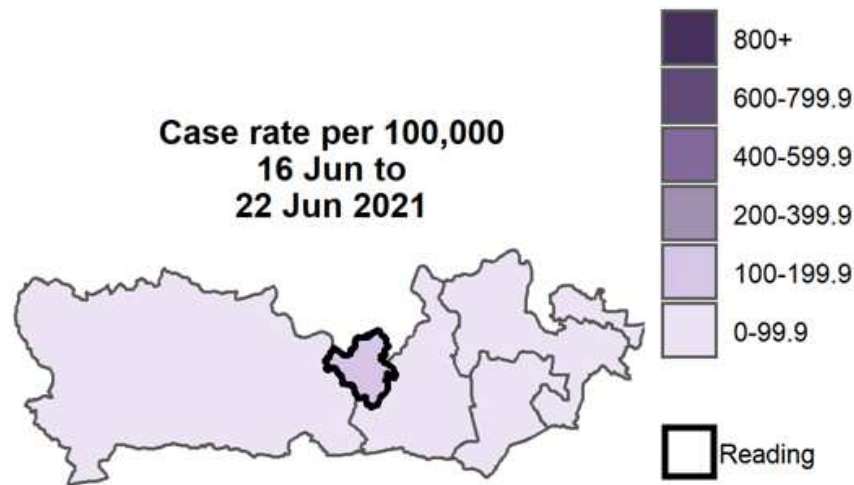


# Comparative Data





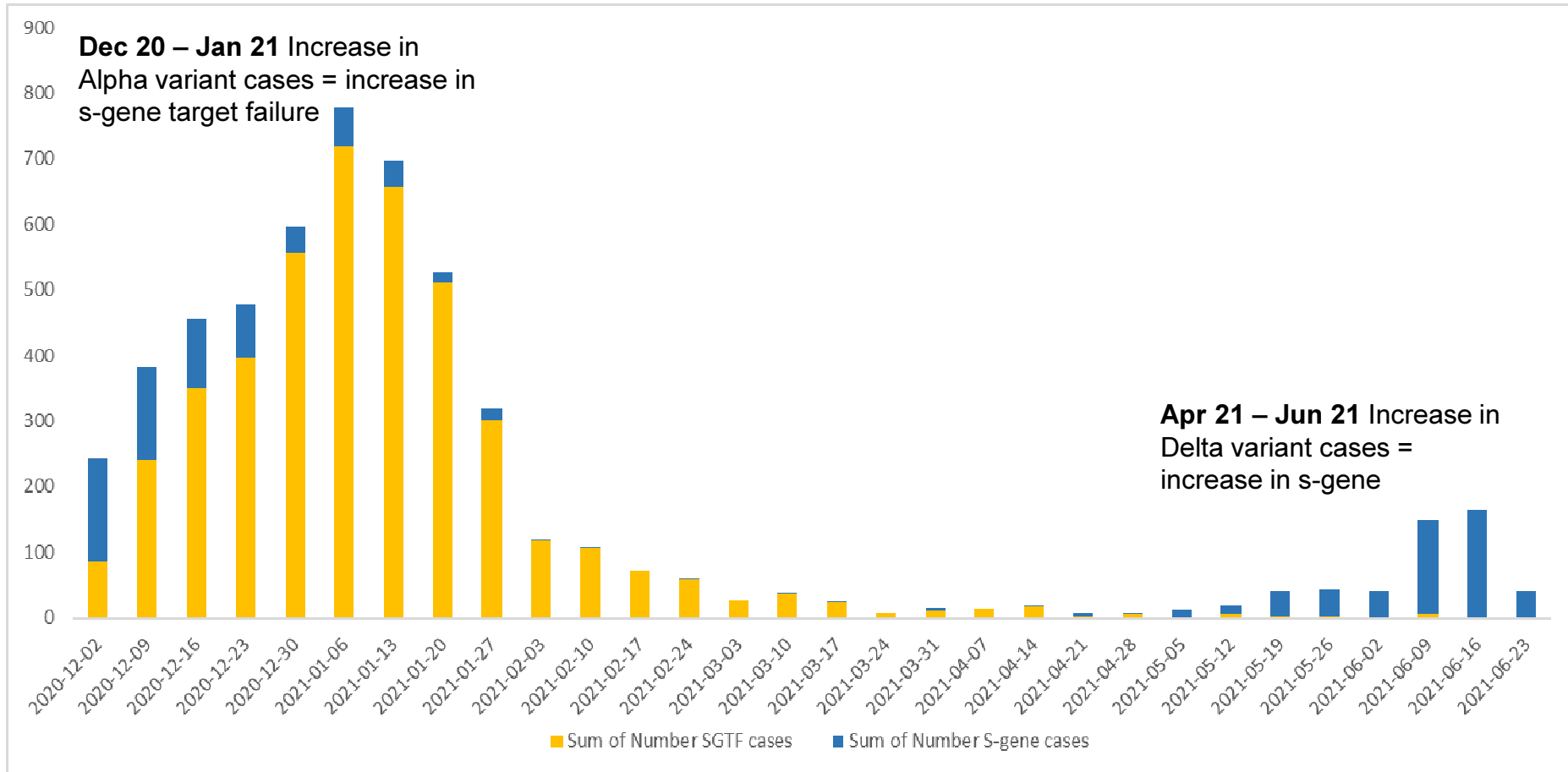
# Comparative Data



# Comparison of SGTF cases and S-gene cases

*Includes Reading cases tested in Taqpath labs and classifiable only*

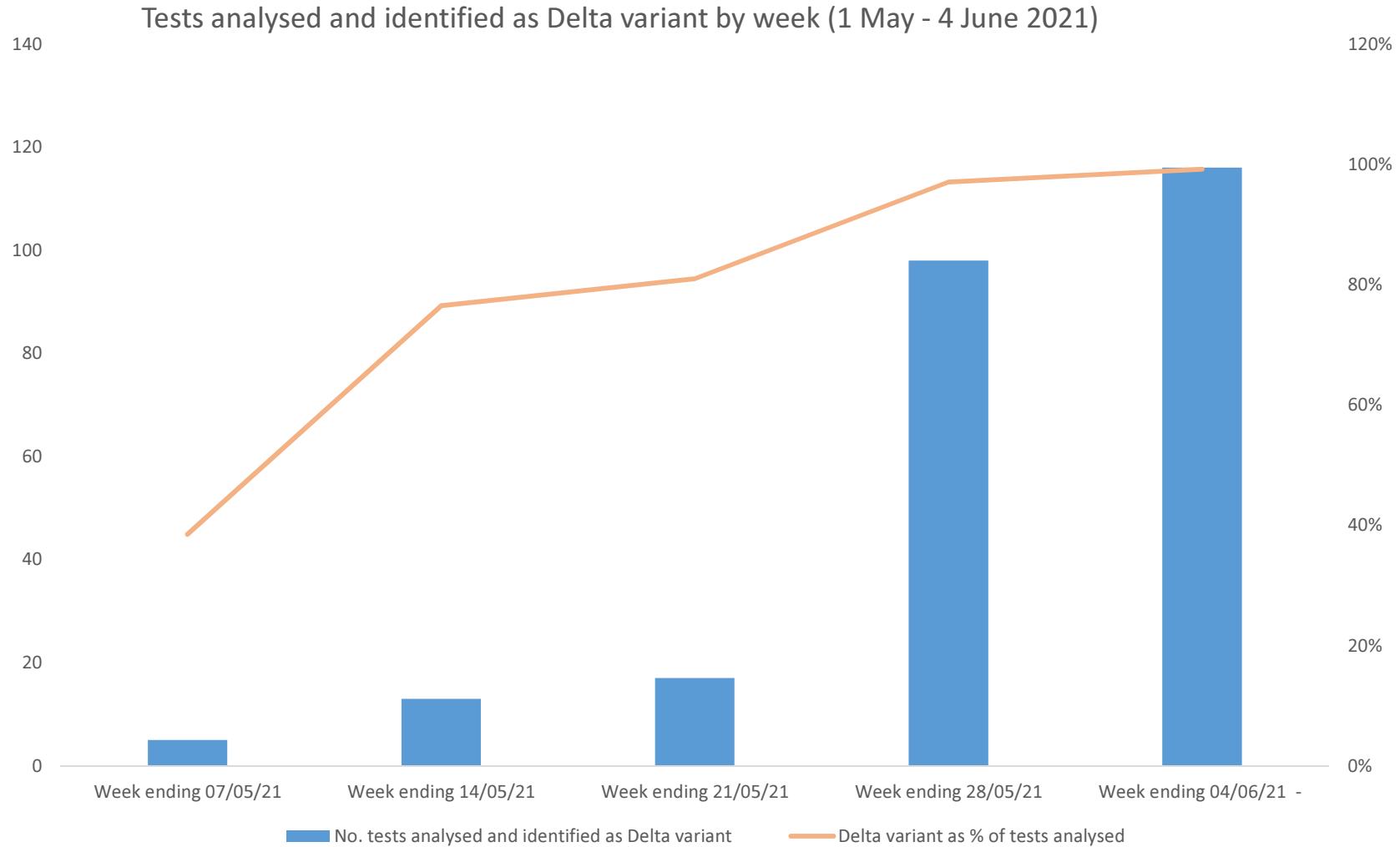
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PHE SGTF LAs Weekly - 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

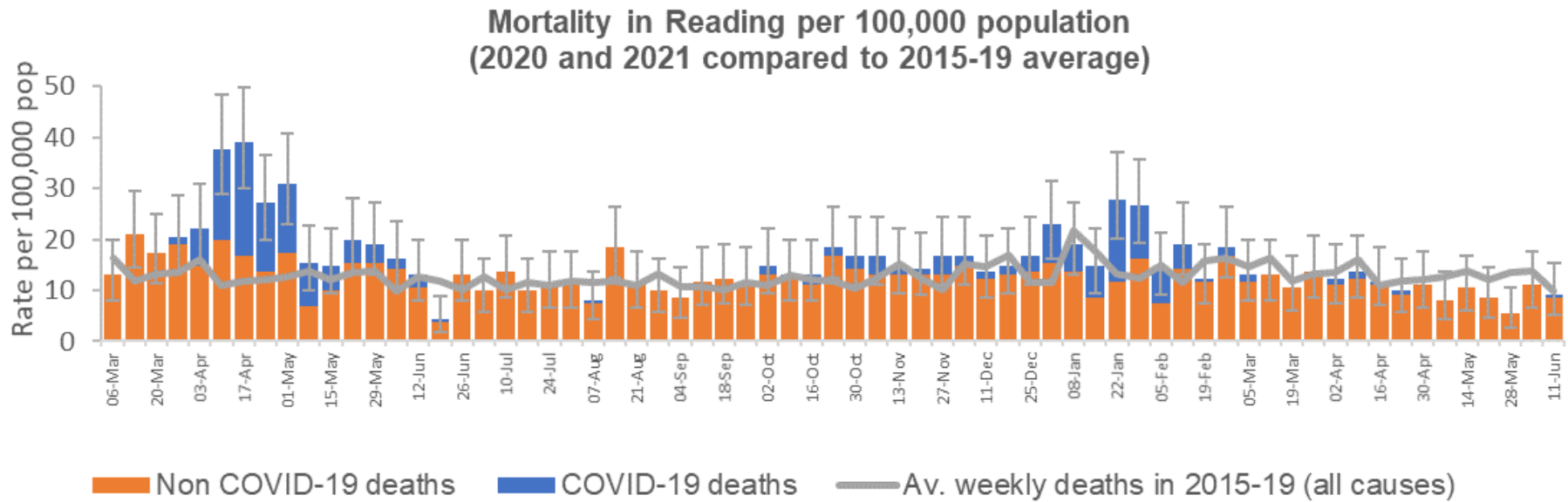


# Increase in cases identified as Delta variant



# Mortality Rate in Reading

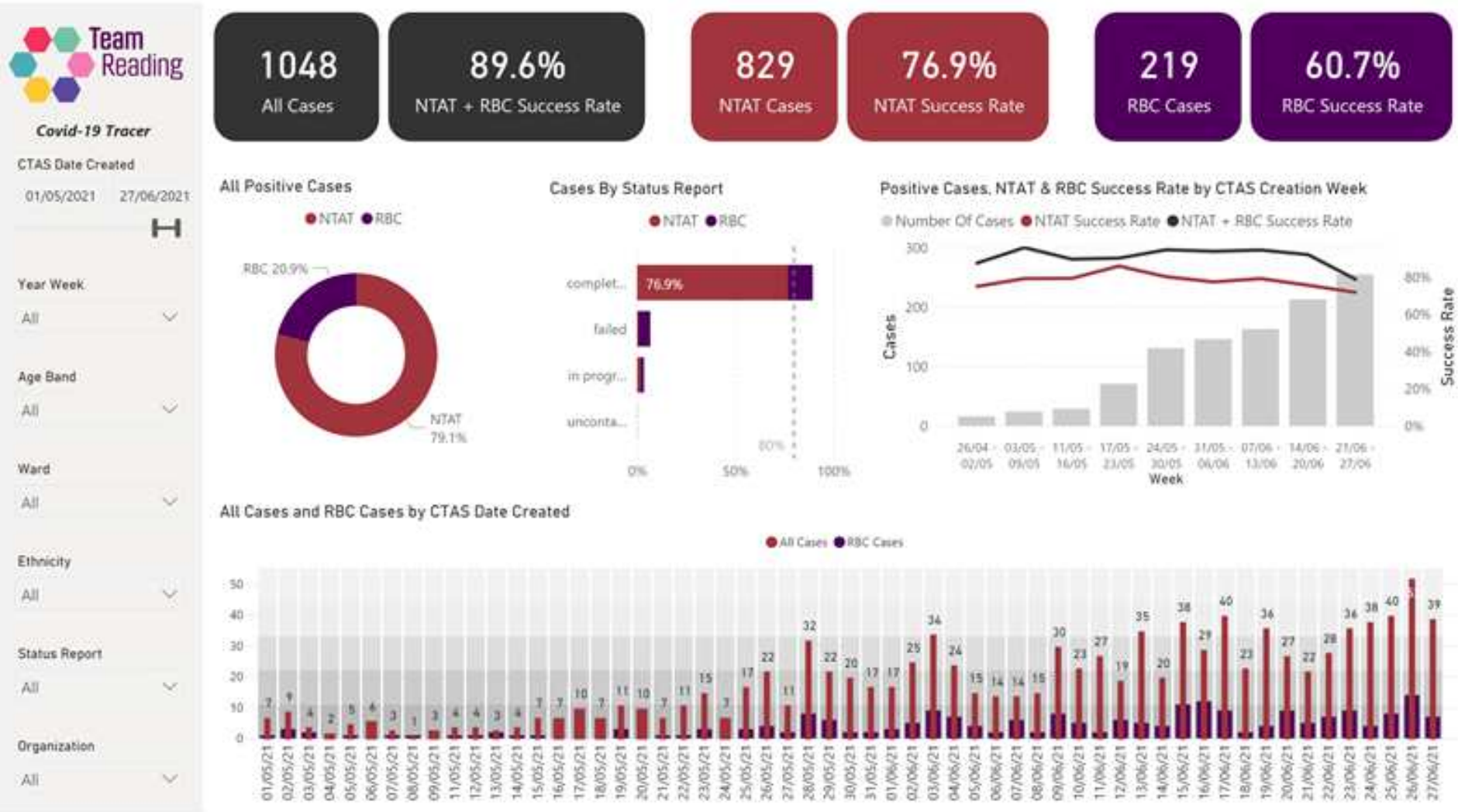
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PH Berkshire Covid-19 Surveillance Dashboard - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021



# Contact Tracing - Cases (1 May - 27 June)



# Isolation Support (1 May - 27 June)



## LCT - Isolation Support

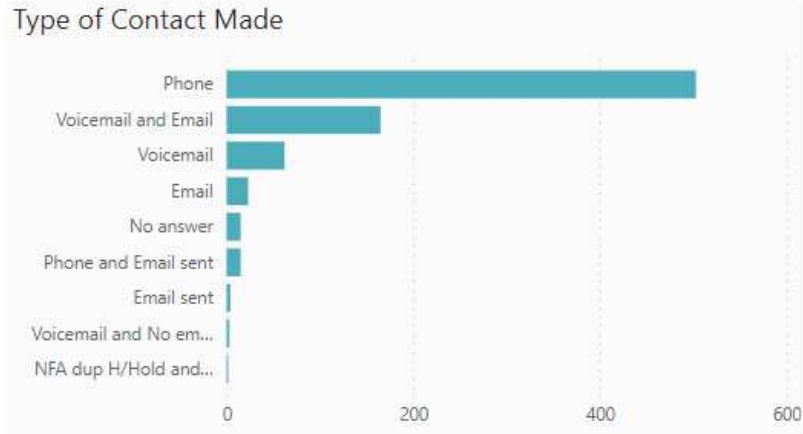
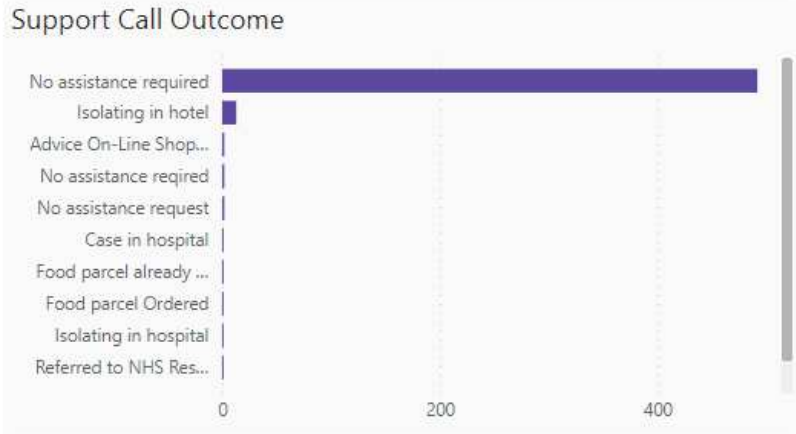
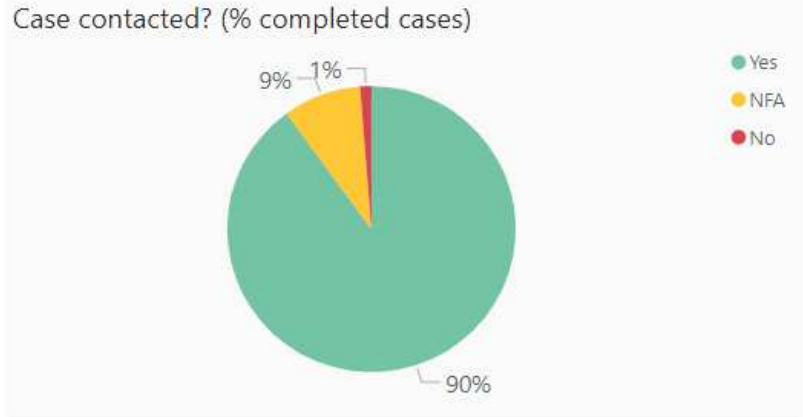
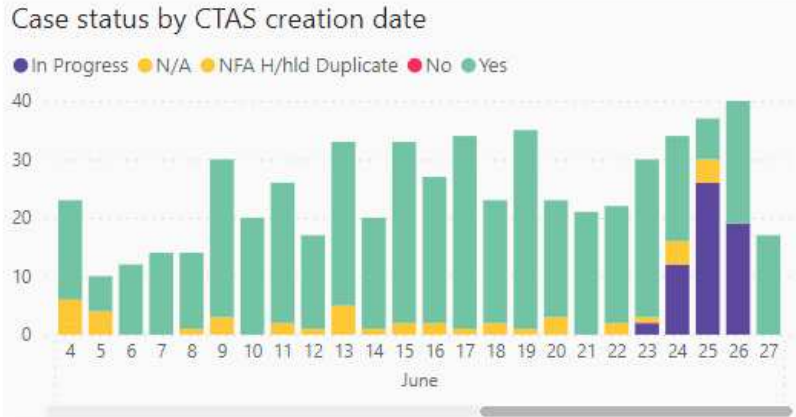
Total Cases	Priority Cases	Contact Made
935	692	789

Date case created  
01/05/2021 27/06/2021

Gender  
All

LA Support Req'd  
All

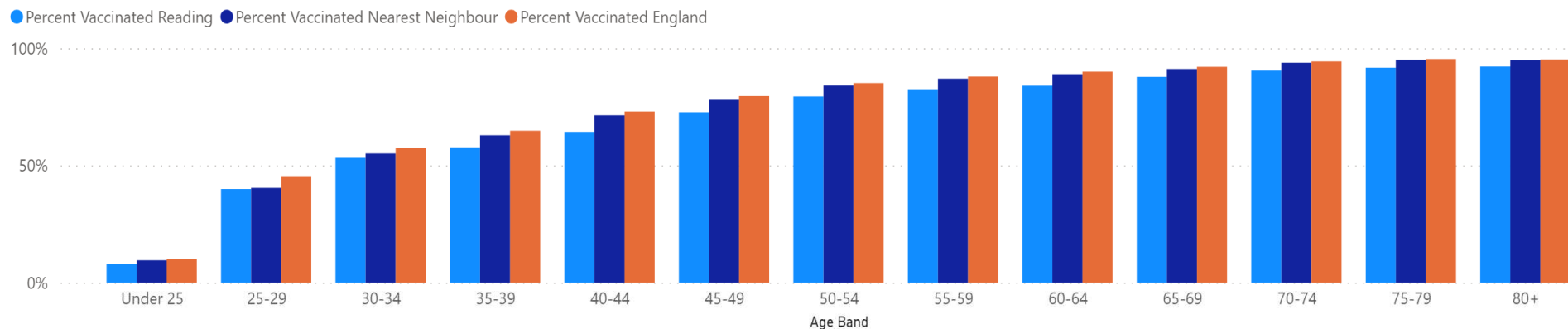
Priority Cases  
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Cases recorded as No Further Action (NFA) are primarily cases where local contact has been made and isolation support provided through Local Contact Tracing.

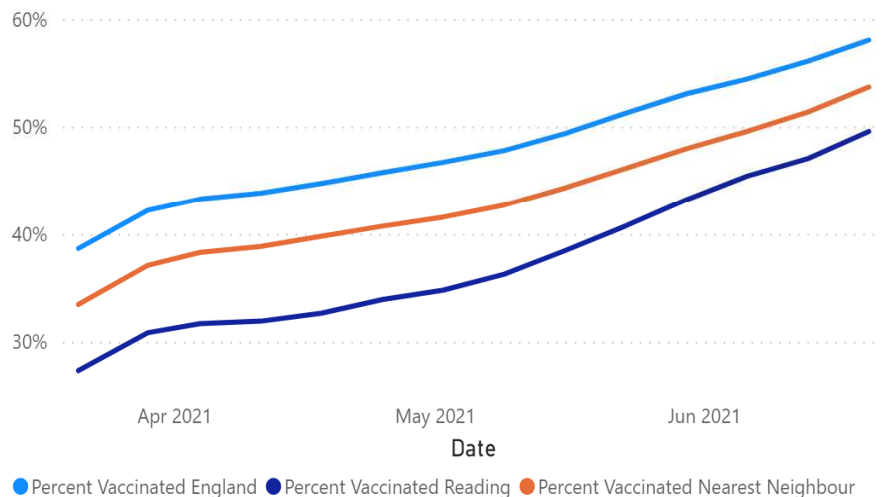


# Vaccination rates in Reading



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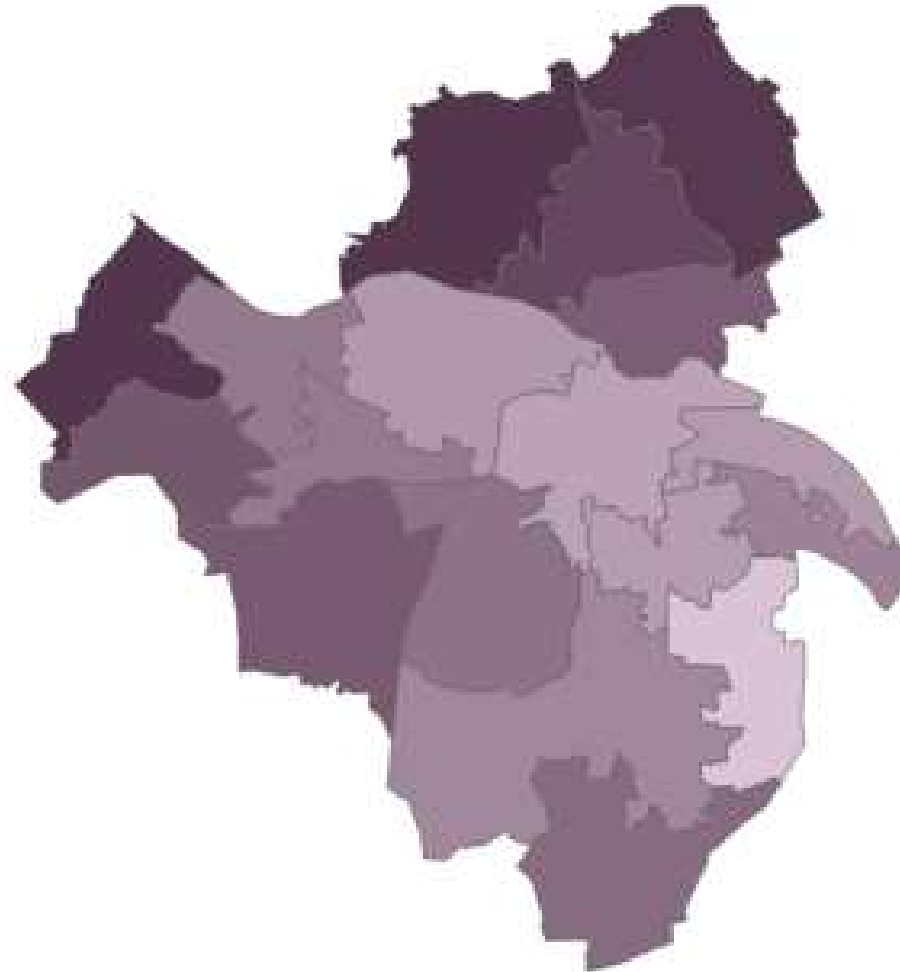
Percent Vaccination Rates by Time



Age Bands	Percent Vaccinated England	Percent Vaccinated Nearest Neighbour	Percent Vaccinated Reading	Percent Fully Vaccinated England	Percent Fully Vaccinated Nearest Neighbour	Percent Fully Vaccinated Reading
80+	95.2%	94.89%	92.2%	92.8%	92.63%	89.0%
75-79	95.4%	94.95%	91.7%	93.8%	93.24%	89.7%
70-74	94.3%	93.79%	90.5%	92.7%	91.94%	88.2%
65-69	92.1%	91.13%	87.8%	89.6%	88.51%	84.5%
60-64	90.0%	88.93%	84.0%	85.9%	84.33%	79.6%
55-59	87.9%	87.01%	82.5%	82.2%	80.46%	76.4%
50-54	85.1%	84.07%	79.4%	78.0%	75.82%	70.8%
45-49	79.6%	77.98%	72.7%	48.4%	43.93%	34.2%
40-44	73.0%	71.35%	64.3%	34.5%	31.60%	22.6%
35-39	64.8%	62.83%	57.7%	24.7%	22.30%	16.0%
30-34	57.4%	55.08%	53.2%	20.3%	18.56%	14.0%
25-29	45.4%	40.40%	39.9%	17.5%	15.72%	13.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>53.70%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>	<b>37.30%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>



# Vaccinations by MSOA





**STEP 3**

No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

 **EVENTS**

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%

**STEP 4**

No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

 **EDUCATION**

- As previous step

 **SOCIAL CONTACT**

- No legal limit

 **BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES**

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

 **TRAVEL**

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

 **EVENTS**

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events

# Recent Covid-19 Outbreaks - Environmental Health Katie Heath



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# CV19 - EH Role

## Roadmap out of lockdown

- Complaints
  - Member of the public
  - Referral from businesses
  - PHE/HPT notifications of positive cases
- Proactive Interventions and advice
  - HRS focus - aligned with lifting of restrictions and premises of high interest, e.g. supermarkets in January 21.
  - EH and Licensing staff undertaking proactive visits to high priority premises.
  - Physical presence in Reading Town Centre at each restriction change
  - Local industry support through Pub Watch and local partnerships
    - Written business advice provided
  - Local media
  - Partnership working - HSE, BID, Joint visits
  - Duty Rota - 7 day/week monitoring



# CV19 - EH Role

- Events
  - Multi department review
  - SAG Meetings
  - Challenge - Can the event proceed if SD restrictions remain?
- Reading FC
  - Working in close conjunction with staff to ensure safe return of spectators
    - Review of procedures
      - Advice
    - SAG Meetings - key agencies incl. Public Health
    - Amended capacity of Safety Certificate
    - Match Inspection



# CV19 - EH Role

## What action can we take?

- Triage
  - HPT Action
  - Previous interventions including visits and business advice given
  - Complaints received
  - Employee cases
  - Number of cases and Epi curve, frequency of cases
- Covid Secure?
- Recommendations
  - Encourage uptake of vaccination
  - Encourage update of LFD's
- Prioritising resources



# Premises 1

- National chain / Hospitality
- Primary Authority Partnership and extensive business advice available
- Notification - several positive cases occurred across several days in two weeks prior to notification to RBC.
- **Actions**
  - HPT contacted business and discussed contact tracing, isolation, cleaning. No concerns identified;
  - Previous interventions by RBC. Premises compliant with no ongoing concerns.
  - Isolation periods passed by time notification received by RBC
  - Premises contacted remotely by RBC to verify Covid secure practices in place.
  - NFA



# Premises 2

- Local independent community Centre
- Notification (PM)- Named premises linked to several cases.
- HPT assessed and had concerns about contact tracing.
- **Actions**
  - Same day contact with premises remotely to obtain details of known cases. Request for all attendee information over period of concern;
    - Potential non-compliance with requirement to obtain customer contact details.
  - Covid secure inspection carried out next working day
  - Improvements required. Business advice provided
  - Follow up correspondence.
  - Update to HPT provided



# CV19 - EH Role

- **Compliant Premises**
  - Monitoring of complaints
- **Non-Compliant Premises**
  - Escalated enforcement
    - Covid Inspection conducted
    - Business advice provided
    - Revisit
    - Formal written warning
    - Notices - CIN, CRN, CIRN, IN
    - (HSWA), FPN, Directions





# CV19 - EH Role

## Challenges

- Permitted socialising. General population is increasing social activity including visits to premises.
- Increase in number of cases and premises triggers.
- Lag time for cases reporting positive results
- Public/Individual expectation and general portrayal of compliance
- Advising on business restrictions ahead of restriction changes - no additional information available.
- Verifying and securing information from anonymous complainants
- Limited Resourcing
- Cultural challenges = a non-compliant business community, will not instigate compliance without enforcement action = very resource intensive.
- Historically H&S has had a low profile many businesses are hearing risk assessment for the 1<sup>st</sup> time
- Staff self-isolation



# Additional “Surge” Testing & Vaccinations

## Mike Graham and Niki Barton

# Background:

## Epidemiology and Situation

- Decision was taken on 1st June to proceed with surge testing. This was because of rising case numbers of the Delta variant (n=68)
- We could also see rising rates in our younger population (aged 17-25) and high rates in some ethnic minority groups in town
- Approx two thirds of non-travel cases were within 4 post code sectors of Reading, so although not accounting for all cases of Delta variant surge testing was focused on these 4 areas



## COVID-19 Variants Data OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

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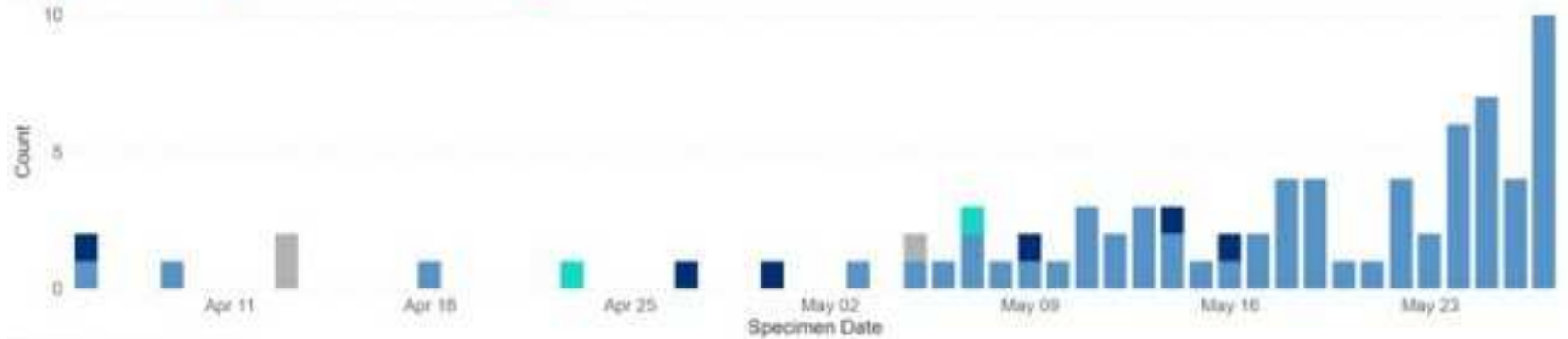
Variant and Mutation (VAM)  
Multiple selections

Specimen Date  
4/1/2021 6/1/2021

Sequence Result  
All

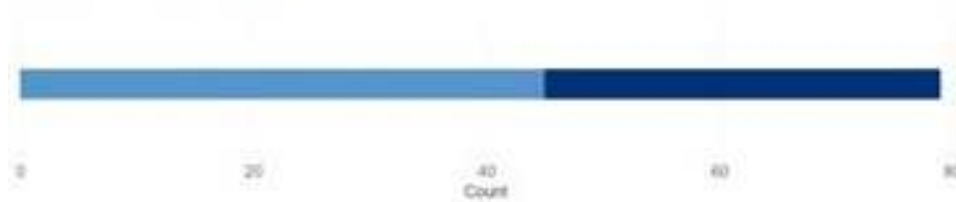
Count of Individuals by VAM (Variant and Mutation) Profile

VAM ● VOC-21APR-02 ● VUI-21APR-01 ● VUI-21FEB-03 ● VUI-21FEB-04



Count by Sequence Result

Sequence Result ● Confirmed ● Provisional genotyping



Exposure Type	VOC-21APR-02	VUI-21APR-01	VUI-21FEB-03	VUI
Awaiting information	46	4		
Contact of Traveller				1
Not travel-associated	14			1
Traveller	8	2		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	

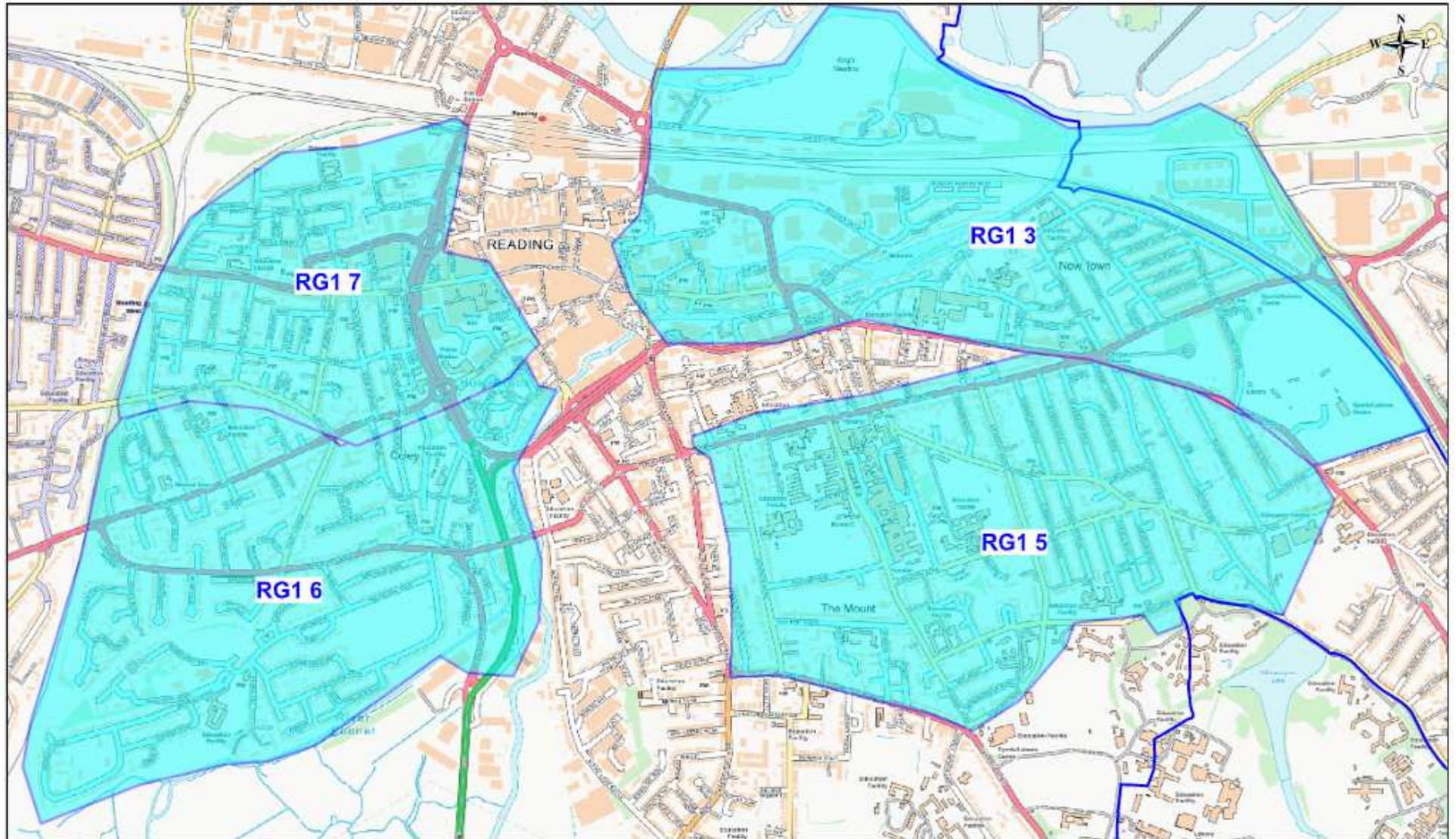


# Reading Additional or “Surge” Testing

- About 30,000 people
- Everyone over 12 years – living, working or studying in parts of RG1:
  - RG1 3\*\*
  - RG1 5\*\*
  - RG1 6\*\*
  - RG1 7\*\*
- Monday 7 June to Sunday 20 June



# These four areas in RG1



# Sites in Reading & Wokingham

Site	Address	Time	Service
Reading Town Hall	Blagrove St, Reading RG1 1QH	Mon-Friday: 07:00–20:00 Saturday: 12:00–20:00 (closed Sundays)	Walk-up
Prospect Park	Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2ND	14.00-20.00	Walk-up
Reading University	London Road, Crown Place, Reading RG1 5AQ	14.00-20.00	Walk-up
Reading University Car Park 7	Reading University, RG6 6DR	12:00-18:00	Drive or walk-up
Thames Valley Park & Ride	Earley, RG6 1PQ	07:30- 13:30 and 14:30- 20:30	Drive or walk-up
Wokingham Borough Council	Shute End, RG40 1BN	12:00-18:00	Drive or walk-up
Cantley Park Event Field	Twyford Road, Wokingham, RG40 5TU	12:00-18:00	Drive or walk-up
Headley Road Car park	6 Headley Road, Reading, RG5 4JA	12:00-18:00	Drive or walk-up
Microsoft Campus	Thames Valley Business Park, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1WG	08.00-20.00 (closed Sundays)	Drive or walk-up
Sindlesham Court	Sindlesham, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 5EA	08.00-20.00 (closed Sundays)	Drive or walk-up



# Testing Strategy

- **Residents** - wide communications & targeted groups
- **Businesses** - targeted approach with visits to premises, delivery and collection of kits
- **Schools** - direct delivery and collection
- **Hospital** - direct delivery and collection





# Comms - strategic approach

1. Amplify national messages by sharing resources from NHS, PHE, Govt etc
2. Respond to emerging issues e.g. delay to lock restrictions, spread of Delta variant.
3. Focus on local issues e.g. surge testing/vaccination, language etc.



# Current focus: testing and vaccination

## Audiences - same people, different identities

- Residents, businesses,
- Younger people, older people
- Language, ethnic and cultural background
- Students, parents, employees

## Key issues / messages

- Extra test programme
- Extra vaccination programme
- Unlocking / restrictions / delays
- In among lots of 'BAU' messages

## Channels

- Local media
- Social media & website
- Email and mail
- Physical – signs, vans, buses
- Relationships, partners



# Extra testing programme - mail and email

Mon 7 June 2021:  
Your regular update from Reading Borough Council on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how you can help




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**A message from Reading Borough Council leader Jason Brock**



We are running a programme of extra COVID-19 testing from today. We're asking everyone over the age of 12 who lives, works or studies in these postcode areas to take an extra test between Monday 7 June and Sunday 20 June:

- RG1 3\*\*
- RG1 5\*\*
- RG1 6\*\*
- RG1 7\*\*



**Meradin Peachey**  
Director of Public Health,  
Berkshire West  
Civic Offices, Reading RG1 2LU  
[CVNotifications@Reading.gov.uk](mailto:CVNotifications@Reading.gov.uk)

**Our Ref:** CV-19 extra testing

7 June 2021

**AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM MERADIN PEACHEY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH:  
Please take an extra Covid-19 test to help suppress the spread of the virus in your area**

Dear Resident

I am writing to urge you to take part in a programme of extra 'surge' testing for Covid-19 cases run by Reading Borough Council and NHS Test and Trace in your area.



# Extra testing programme - social media

**COVID-19: VARIANT OF CONCERN**  
**IN SOME AREAS OF READING**

**RG1 3\*\*, RG1 5\*\*, RG1 6\*\* and RG1 7\*\***

**IF YOU LIVE IN THESE POSTCODE AREAS OF READING GET TESTED FROM MONDAY WHETHER YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR NOT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND OUT HOW TO TEST VISIT:  
[www.reading.gov.uk/testnow](http://www.reading.gov.uk/testnow)

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Surge testing for over 30k residents begins next week in parts of the RG1 area of #RDGUK

People living or working in postcode areas RG1 3\*\*, RG1 5\*\*, RG1 6\*\* and RG1 7\*\* are being urged to get a PCR test from Mon 7 June.

[rdguk.info/TestNow\\_pkfrK](http://rdguk.info/TestNow_pkfrK)  
#rdg

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**81 Retweets** **8 Quote Tweets** **46 Likes**



# Extra testing programme - on location



If you need a translation of this information please email [cv19notifications@reading.gov.uk](mailto:cv19notifications@reading.gov.uk)

यदि एहे तथ्यर अबुवाप आपनार प्रयोजन हय, ताहल अनुग्रह करे [cv19notifications@reading.gov.uk](mailto:cv19notifications@reading.gov.uk)

यस जानकारीको अनुवाद आवश्यक भएमा कृपया इमेल [cv19notifications@reading.gov.uk](mailto:cv19notifications@reading.gov.uk)

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हाम्रो संकेतः CV-19 extra testing

7 जुन 2021

जनस्वास्थ्य निर्देशक, मेराडिन पिचीबाट आपत्कालीन सन्देशः

आपनो क्षेत्रमा भाइरस फैलने क्रमलाई रोक्नमा मद्दत गर्न कृपया एक अतिरिक्त COVID-19 परीक्षण गराउनुहोस्

आदरणीय बासिन्दाज्यू

म तपाईंलाई आफ्नो क्षेत्रमा रेडिङ बरो काउन्सिल (Reading Borough Council) र नेसनल हेल्थ सर्विसेज (NHS) टेस्ट एन्ड ट्रेस (Test and Trace) द्वारा सञ्चालित Covid-19 केसहरूको अतिरिक्त वृद्धिजन्य (सर्ज) परीक्षण कार्यक्रममा भाग लिन आग्रह गर्दछु ।



# Businesses and Hospital results

	<b>Delivered</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>%</b>
Schools	8,276	4,130	50%
Businesses	1,898	204	11%
Hospital	4,125	3,799	92%
Town Hall	3,000	1,500	50%
Total	17,299	9,633	56%



# Total tests and positivity

	Test Numbers	Postive tests	Positivity
Reading residents at any site + hospital staff testing*	15184	49	0.43%
Wokingham residents at any site	17434	43	0.25%
West Berkshire residents at any site	1893	10	0.53%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34511</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0.33%</b>

\*Hospital staff testing not included in denominator for positivity analysis as likely to include people resident outside of area for whom we will not have a result

Total test against 70,000 target

**49%**



# Extra or “Surge” vaccinations

- Pop-up clinic at Civic Offices
- Thursday 17 - Sunday 25 June
- Now extended to Fri 2 July
- Originally to support RG1 postcodes in Additional Testing
- As of 22 June - all of Reading
- 18 +
- First dose
- Walk in - no appointment needed





# Results so far

Day	Date	Daily Total	Cumulative
Thursday	17	222	222
Friday	18	198	420
Saturday	19	150	570
Sunday	20	216	786
Monday	21	275	1061
Tuesday	22	300	1361
Wednesday	23	252	1613
Thursday	24	317	1930
Friday	25	286	2216
Saturday	26	232	2448
Sunday	27	270	2718
Monday	28	142	2860
Tuesday	29	156	3016
Wednesday	30	180	3196
Thursday	1	198	3394



# Extra vaccine programme - social media

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**Reading Council** @ReadingCouncil · Jun 18

Currently NO queue at walk-in COVID vaccine clinic in town. No apt needed  
If you're 18+ unvaccinated & live, work or study in 📍  
RG1 3\*\*  
RG1 5\*\*  
RG1 6\*\*  
RG1 7\*\*  
Get your 1st COVID vaccine at Reading Borough Council, Bridge St, Reading  
RG1 2LU open until 8.30pm  
Please share

**Are you aged over 18 and unvaccinated?  
And live, work or study in  
RG1 3\*\* RG1 5\*\* RG1 6\*\* RG1 7\*\***

**GET YOUR FIRST COVID VACCINE  
IN READING TOWN CENTRE**

**No appointment needed.  
Open 7 days a week, 9.30am-8.30pm**

At Reading Borough Council Civic Offices,  
Bridge Street, Reading RG1 2LU  
[www.reading.gov.uk/vaccinenow](http://www.reading.gov.uk/vaccinenow)

5 replies, 40 retweets, 20 likes

**Reading Council** @ReadingCouncil · Jun 17

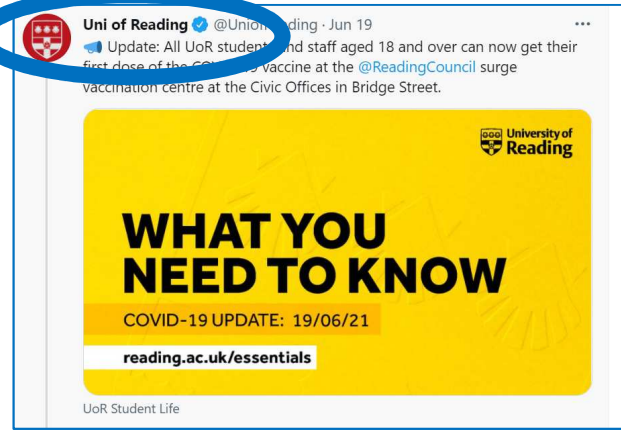
Our targetted vaccination programme got off to a great start this morning  
at the Civic Centre. Here is the first person to get his jab.

[rdguk.info/targettedvacci...](http://rdguk.info/targettedvacci...) #rdguk #rdg

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# Extra vaccine programme - accessibility, reach and partners



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Mon 21 June 2021:  
A special update from Reading Borough Council on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how you can help



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A message from Reading Borough Council leader Jason Brock



Our extra vaccination programme is now open to all unvaccinated adults in Reading.

Anyone in Reading who is 18 or over and has not had any doses of the vaccine can get their first dose at Reading Borough Council Civic Offices, Bridge Street RG1 2LU until this Sunday, 27 June.



**GRAB A JAB**  
at a local  
drop-in clinic



# BUT - competition for airtime! There's a lot going on...

**Cabinet Office** @cabinetofficeuk · Jun 22  
The UK Government is publicly testing cell broadcasting technology that will alert people to emergencies, both nationwide and in their local areas.  
Find out more at [gov.uk/alerts](https://gov.uk/alerts)



**Reading Council** @ReadingCouncil · Jun 17  
Reading Museum is offering a free live session for Primary Schools on Tuesday 22 June about Windrush Day. Find out more on their website here [rdguk.info/yQr7i](https://rdguk.info/yQr7i) or join on the day via their YouTube channel.




**Reading Council** @ReadingCouncil · Jun 22  
With less than 10 days to go before the EU #SettlementScheme deadline, protect your family's rights in the UK by applying to the EU #SettlementScheme by 30 June 2021  
Apply now at: [rdguk.info/EU\\_settlement...](https://rdguk.info/EU_settlement...)



**Reading Council** @ReadingCouncil · 22h  
Pupils, parents & staff at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, UTC Reading & Alfred Sutton Primary School, alongside local residents living in the vicinity of Crescent Road, are set to benefit from the creation of Reading's fourth School Street: [rdguk.info/ReadingSchools...](https://rdguk.info/ReadingSchools...) #rdguk





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**SPORT**

Home Football, Formula 1, Cricket, Rugby U, Rugby W, Tennis, Golf, Athletics

Tennis > Live Scores > Results > Calendar > Video > Tomorrow's Order of Play

**Naomi Osaka withdraws from French Open & reveals 'bouts of depression'**

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**BBC News (World)** @BBCWorld · 6h  
"I just want my life back"

US pop star Britney Spears speaks out against her conservatorship at LA court hearing



**mkalla mwambodze** @MkallaMwambodze · Jun 12  
Thoughts with Christian Eriksen and whole Denmark. ❤️  
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Game suspended by UEFA following Denmark's Christian Eriksen medical situation.



**Reading Council** @ReadingCouncil · 22h  
Sunday we remembered James, Joe & David who lost their lives & those who were injured at Forbury Gardens 20 June 2020.

A Crowdfunder has been set up for a permanent memorial - a place for remembrance & reflection. Contribute to #ReadingTogether fund here [rdguk.info/Memorial\\_Pb7v2](https://rdguk.info/Memorial_Pb7v2)





# What next - preparing for July 19<sup>th</sup>

## In line with strategy...

1. Amplify national messages: e.g. new rules AND best practice / health advice; NHS 'we're open' messages.
2. Emerging issues e.g. changes to testing and vaccine programmes, travel destinations.
3. Local issues: e.g. hotspots, areas of low vaccine take up, Reading festival.



# Local Outbreak Control Plan Development David Munday



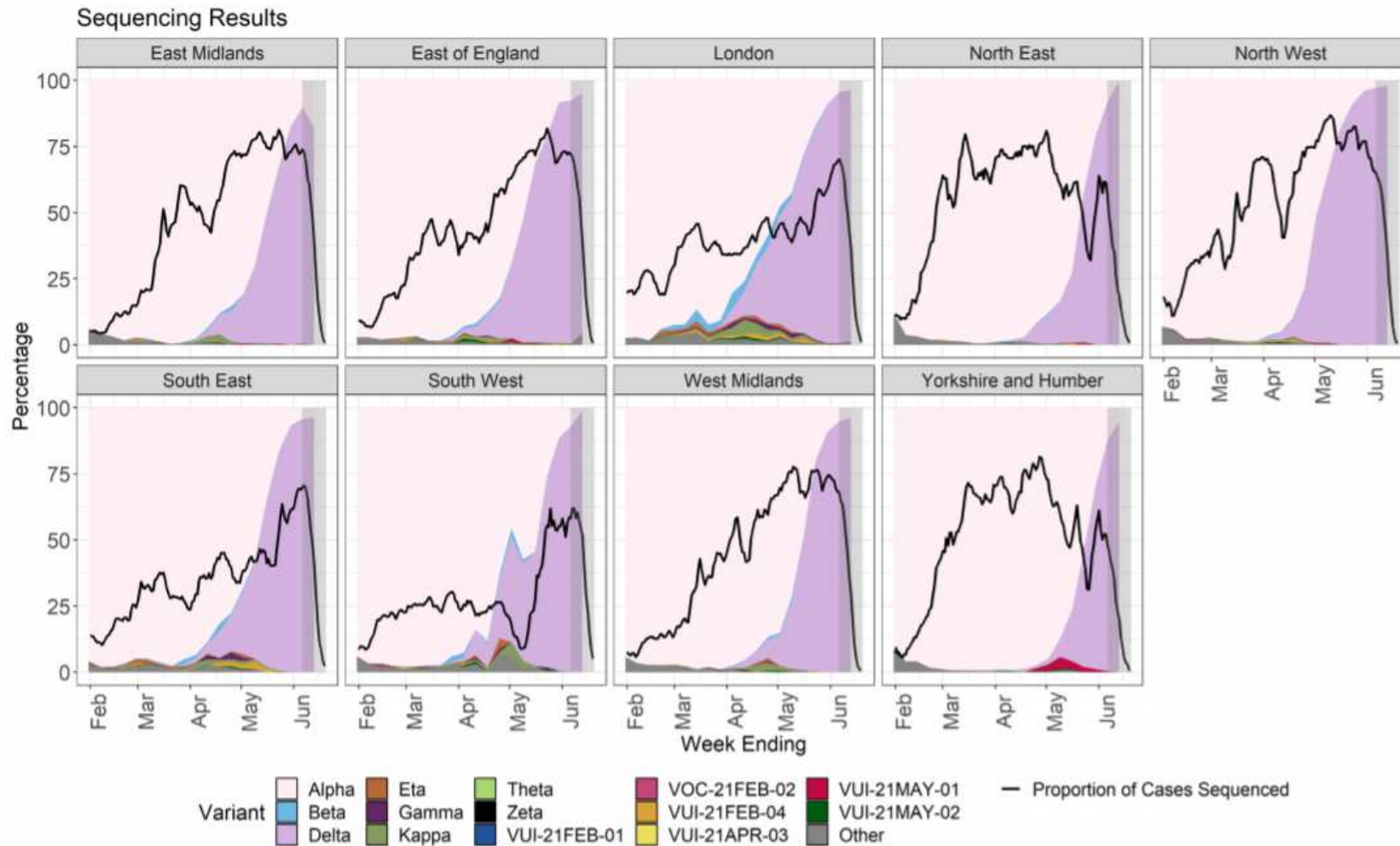
**Reading**  
Borough Council  

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Working better with you

# Variants of Concern

**Figure 6. Variant prevalence from 1 February 2021 as of 21 June 2021 by region for all sequenced cases in England** (excluding 282 cases where the region or specimen date were unknown). (Find accessible data used in this graph in [underlying data](#)).



# Returning travellers

- Traffic light system of some kind likely to be with us beyond 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Understanding where people are isolating because of recent travel
  - Support to isolate when needed
  - Surveillance for early VOC identification
- Potential to be targeted based on vaccine status





# Targeted lateral flow testing

- Focus on specific groups disproportionately impacted and underserved such as;
  - Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups
  - Pregnant people or those who have recently given birth
  - People with disabilities or impairments
  - Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Communities
  - Survivors of domestic violence/abuse
  - Low-income households
  - People experiencing homelessness and rough sleepers
- Community collect remains most popular locally (pharmacy and postal will continue)
- Town hall back online for supervised lateral flow testing
- Reviewing fixed site supervised testing versus more mobile option to support targeted work
- Schools and University testing in September- guidance awaited but supplies being sent



# Long COVID

- Remains poorly understood-
  - Symptoms can include; fatigue, breathing difficulty, joint pain, chest pain
  - No agreed diagnostic criteria
  - Not systematically recorded/ coded
  - Population susceptibility not well understood
  - Treatment and management will evolve
- 1 in 9-10 people self report reduction in ability for day to day activity 12 weeks after infection
- As high as 1 in 2 if hospitalised



# Date of Next Meeting

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021



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