

Covid-19 Update

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

23 April 2021



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Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes from Previous Board Meeting
- Questions from the Public
- Local Covid-19 Data Update
- Communications & Engagement update
- Recent Covid-19 Outbreaks - Lessons Learned
- Thematic item - Universal Testing
- Local Outbreak Control Plan Development



Local Covid-19 Data Update

David Munday



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Latest Data

Situational awareness indicators from the 08/04/2021 to 14/04/2021

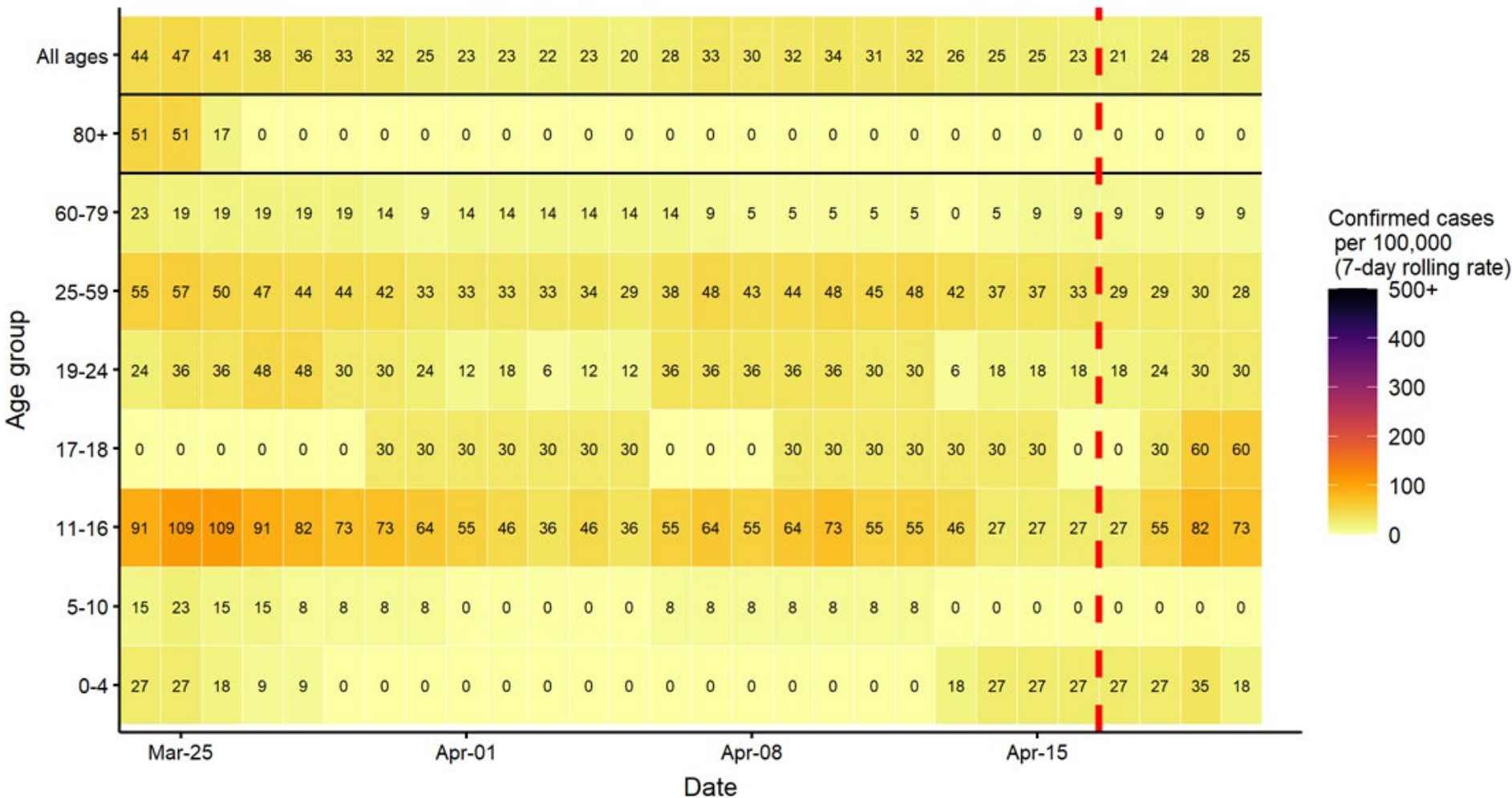
- in comparison to previous 7-day period

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

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)	
Bracknell Forest	305.3	↑	1.3	↑	32.6	↑	12.2	↑
Reading	401.1	↑	1	↓	24.7	↓	3.7	↓
Slough	368.6	↑	2.7	↓	64.9	↓	79.1	↑
West Berkshire	275	↑	0.6	↓	14.5	↑	0.0	↓
Windsor and Maidenhead	346.5	↑	0.9	↓	21.1	↓	8.2	↑
Wokingham	298.1	↑	0.8	↓	17.5	↑	2.5	→
South East	346.6	↑	0.7	↓	18	↑	7.8	↑
England	350.1	↑	1.1	↓	26.8	↓	11.3	↑



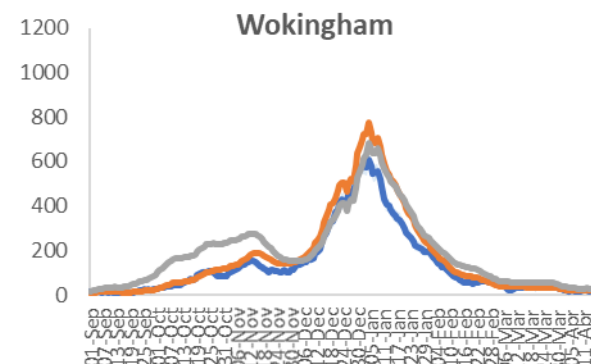
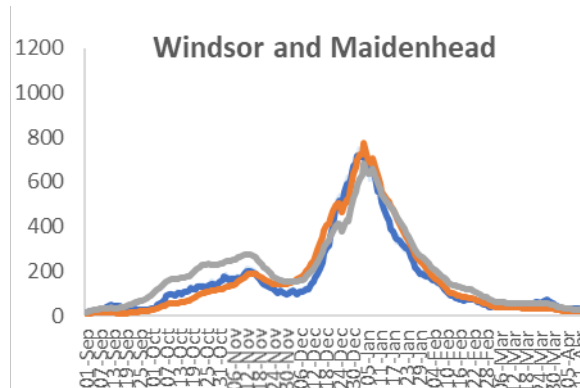
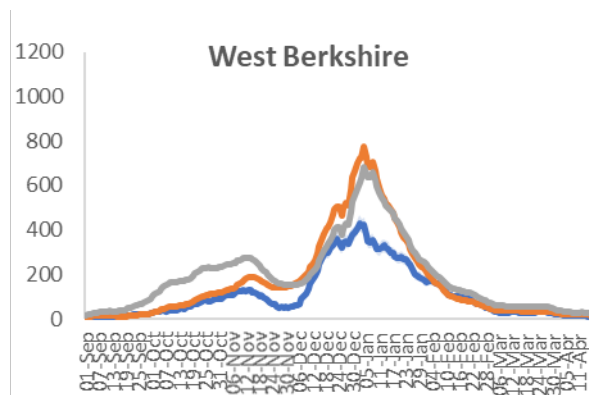
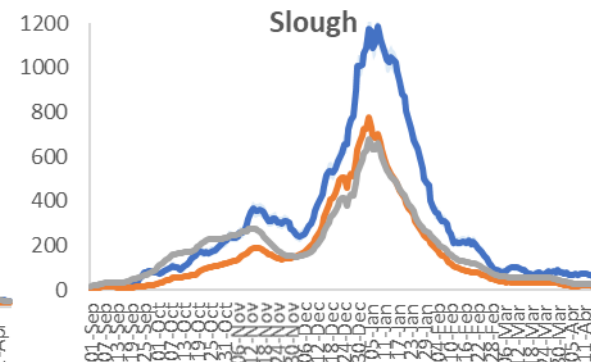
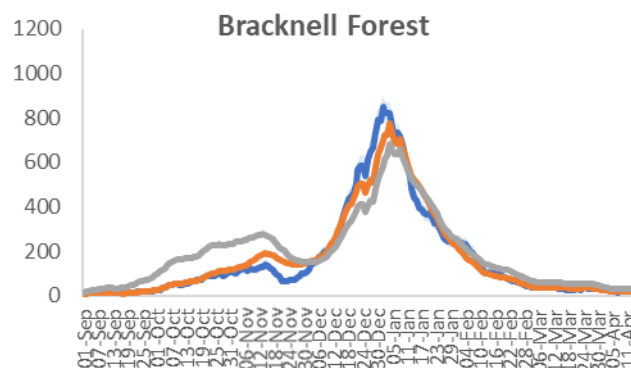
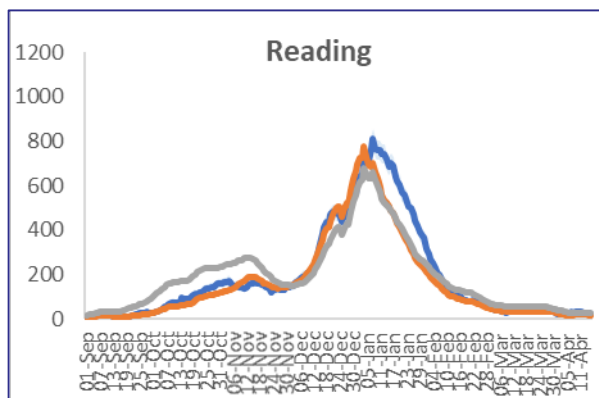
Age-specific 7-day rolling case rates per 100,000 population, Reading, 24 March to 20 April, highlighting age groups of interest. The red dashed line denotes the 4 most recent days data are provisional.



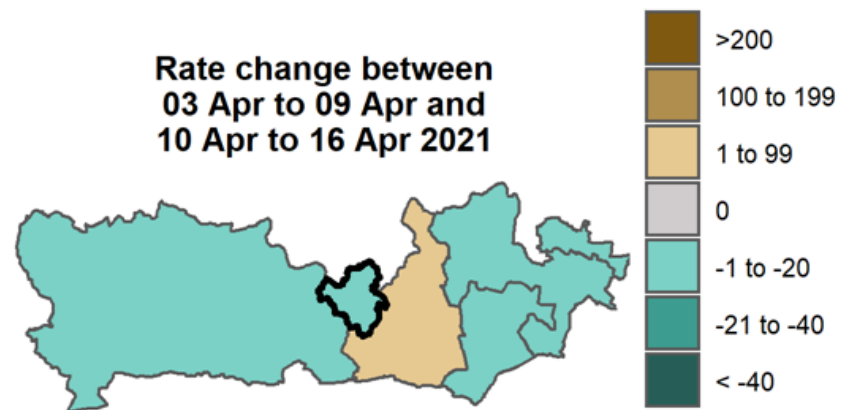
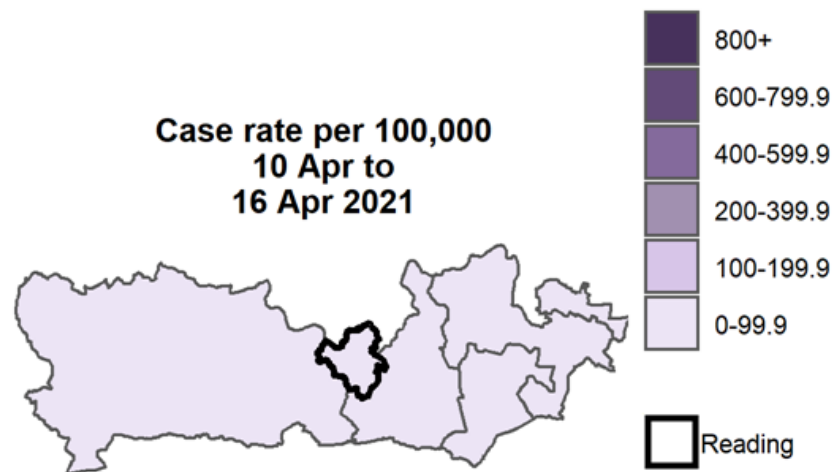
Case rate per 100,000 by age group - PHE LA Report -22nd April 2021



Comparative Data



Comparative Data



Comparison of SGTF cases and S-gene cases

900

800

700

600

500

400

300

200

100

0

Includes Reading cases tested in Taqpath labs and classifiable only

2020-12-05

2020-12-12

2020-12-19

2020-12-26

2021-01-02

2021-01-09

2021-01-16

2021-01-23

2021-01-30

2021-02-06

2021-02-13

2021-02-20

2021-02-27

2021-03-06

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2021-04-03

2021-04-10

2021-04-17

■ Sum of Number SGTF cases

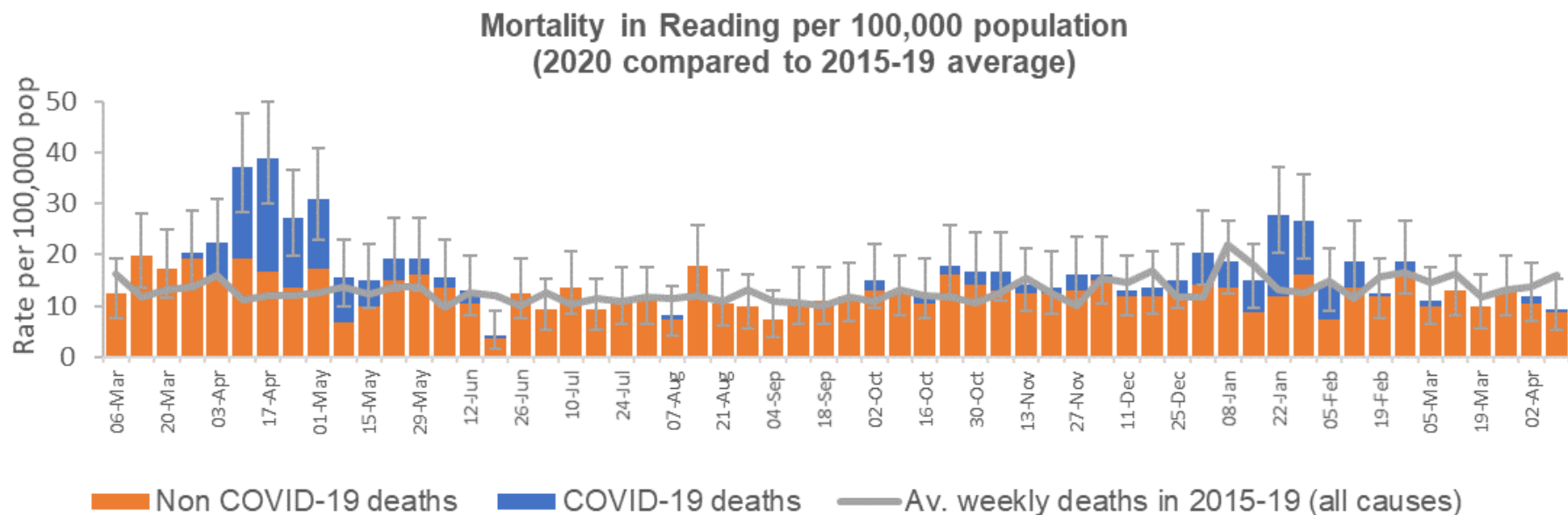
■ Sum of Number S-gene cases

	2020-12-05	2020-12-12	2020-12-19	2020-12-26	2021-01-02	2021-01-09	2021-01-16	2021-01-23	2021-01-30	2021-02-06	2021-02-13	2021-02-20	2021-02-27	2021-03-06	2021-03-13	2021-03-20	2021-03-27	2021-04-03	2021-04-10	2021-04-17
SGTF cases	122	329	330	465	667	722	580	405	221	107	79	84	40	30	28	17	6	12	19	2
S-gene cases	135	139	79	76	50	44	33	16	14	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	0	0

PHE SGTF LAs Weekly - 21.04.2021



Mortality Rate in Reading



PH Berkshire Covid-19 Surveillance Dashboard - 22nd April 2021



Contact Tracing

290

All Cases

89.0%

NTAT + RBC Success Rate

238

NTAT Cases

77.9%

NTAT Success Rate

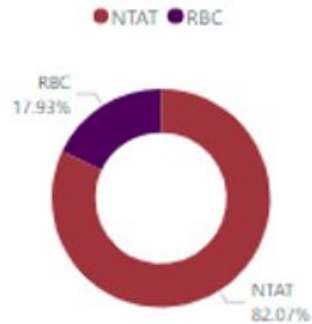
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RBC Cases

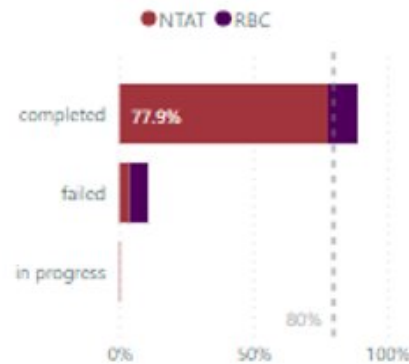
61.5%

RBC Success Rate

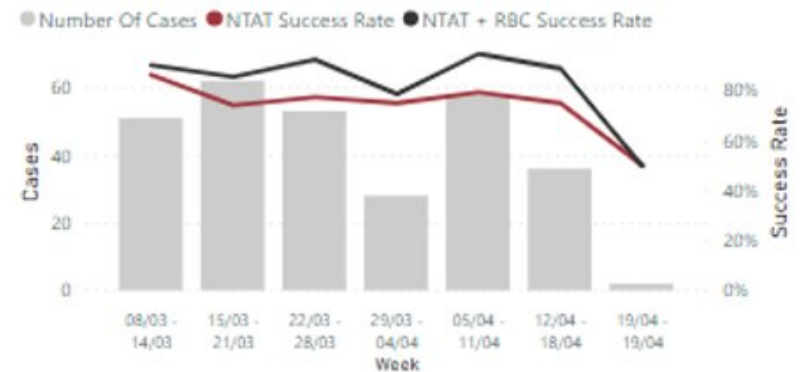
All Positive Cases



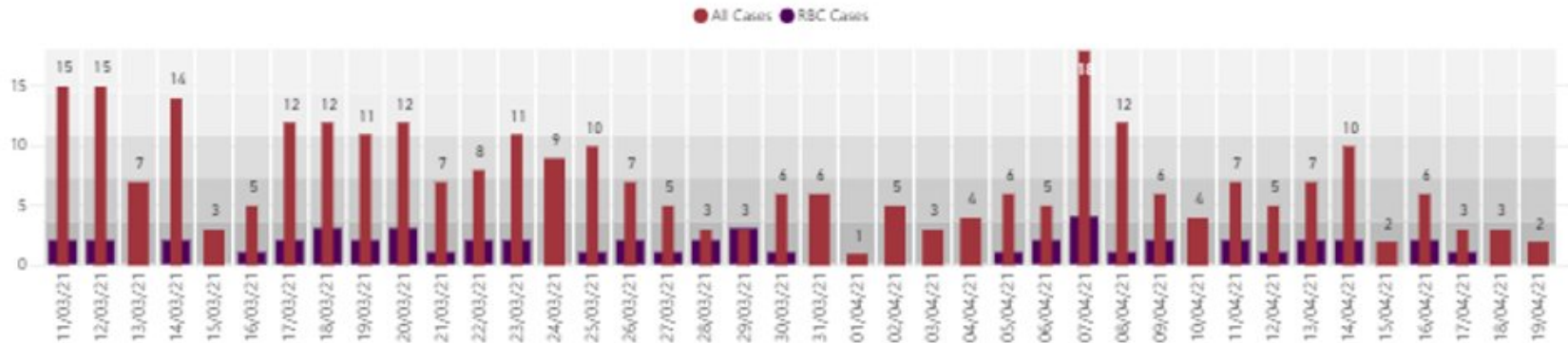
Cases By Status Report



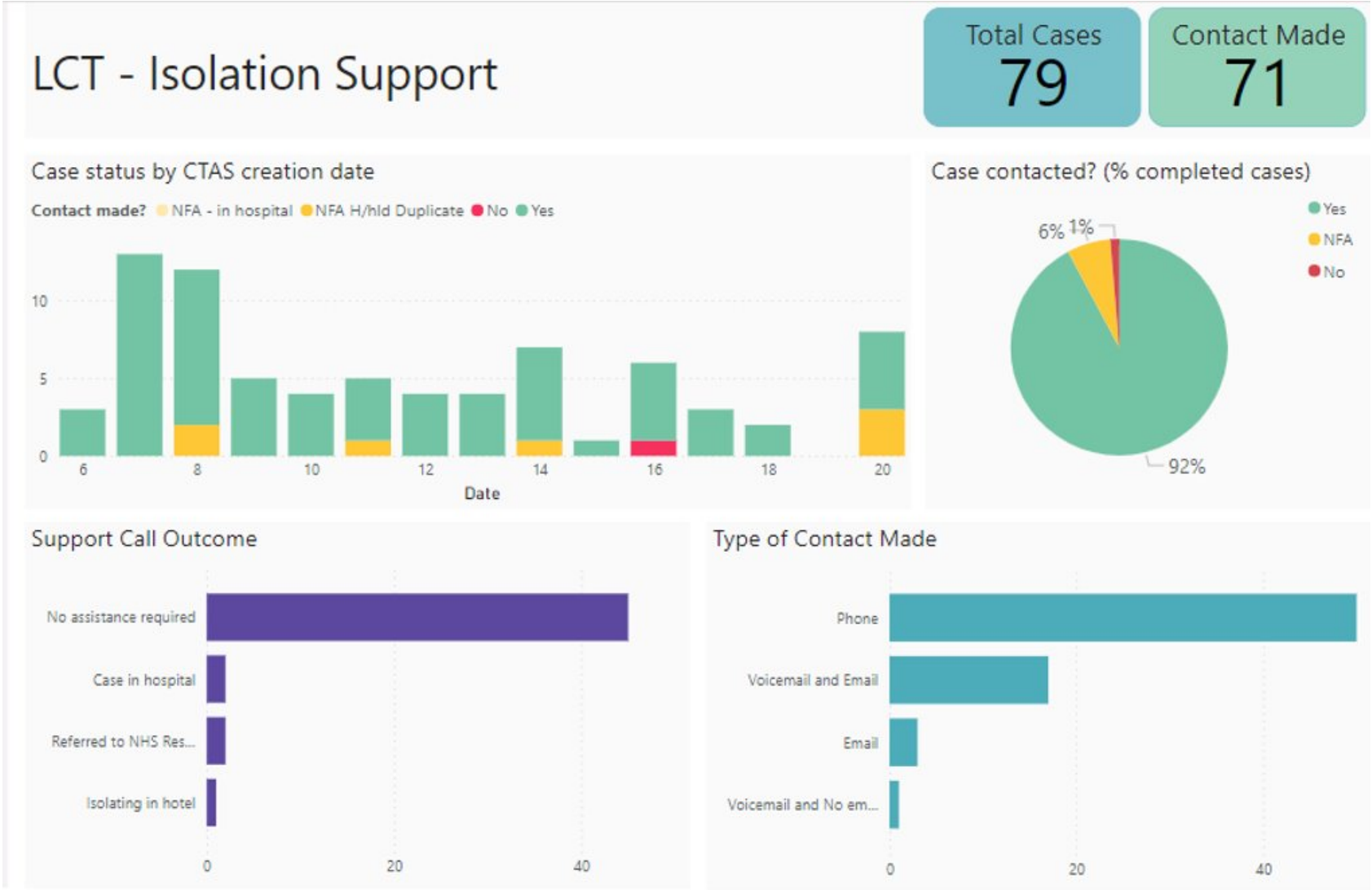
Positive Cases, NTAT & RBC Success Rate by CTAS Creation Week



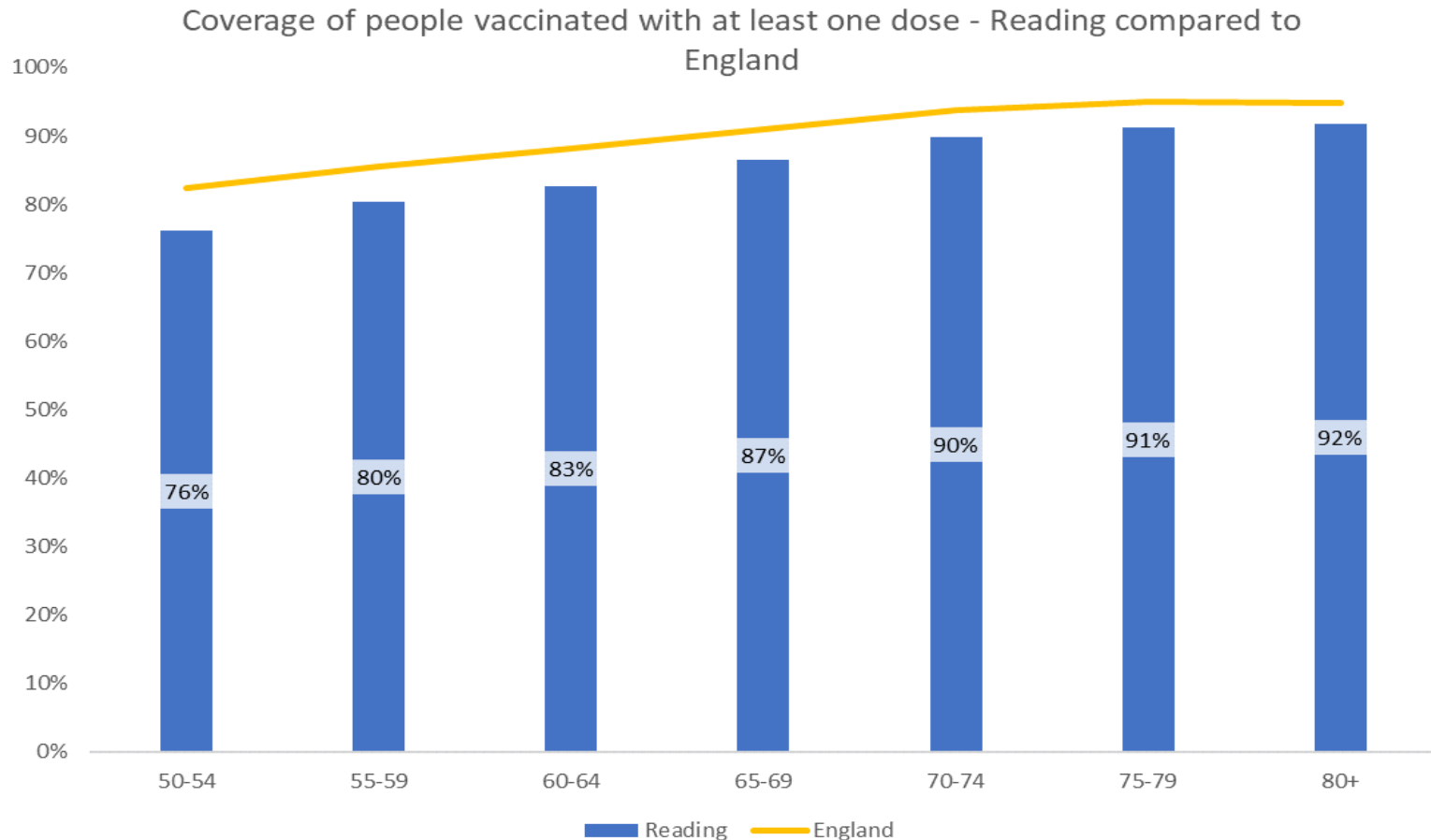
All Cases and RBC Cases by CTAS Date Created



Isolation Report



% people vaccinated with at least one dose



Local Authority	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	16+
Reading	76%	80%	83%	87%	90%	91%	92%	39%
England	82%	86%	88%	91%	94%	95%	95%	47%

NHS England weekly announced vaccinations - 22nd April 2021



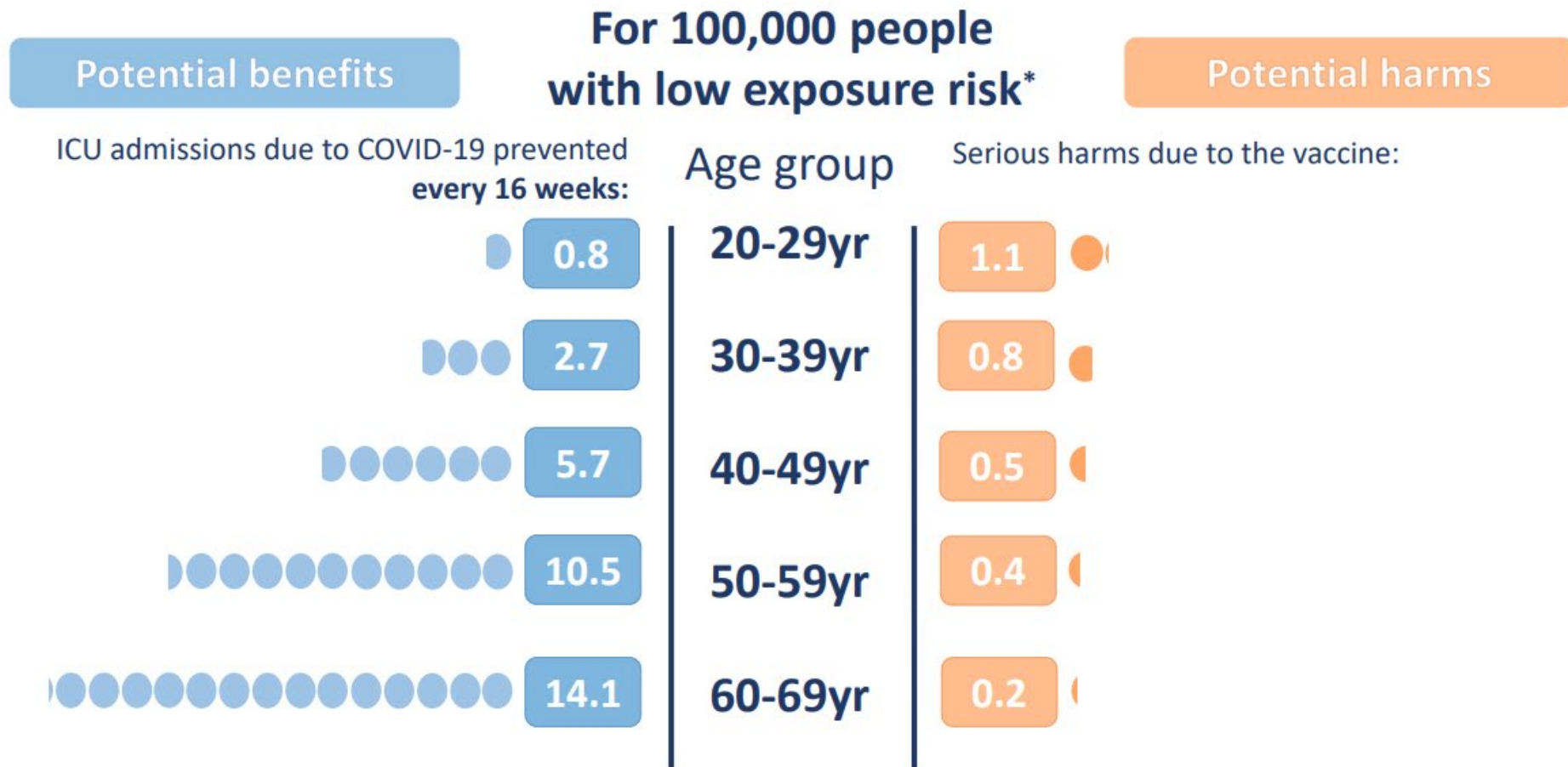
Communication and Community Engagement Activities Supporting Covid-19 Vaccination Campaign

- Bernice Bloor video – Kenyan NHS Lead Nurse at RBH encouraging her community to get vaccinated <https://youtu.be/Krj13p7VzIE>
- Covid-19 Chat Corner: Let's Talk, What's Next? On 21 March where ethnically diverse communities and RBC got together and discuss the need to continue connecting and communicating and the issues within these communities in the context of Covid-19. Diverse ± 20 attendees.
- Pop Up Clinics: 1) Aisha Mosque on 7 April where 230 vaccinations given to Muslims community 2) Christ the King Church on 10 April where 130 vaccinations given to people within the Whitley Community
- Healthwatch webinar aimed at Kenyan community - 9 May
- Ramadan Communication Kit to disseminate to all Muslims Communities across Berkshire



Weighing up the potential benefits and harms of the Astra-Zeneca COVID-19 vaccine

*For 100,000 people with low exposure risk**



* Based on coronavirus incidence of 2 per 10,000: roughly UK in March



STEP 1

8 March

29 March



EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses



SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors



BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)



TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays



EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1



EDUCATION

- As previous step



SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors



BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)



TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays



EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

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

Communications & Engagement Update

Niki Barton & James Crosbie



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Strategic Approach

1. Amplify national messages by sharing NHS, PHE & Govt resources
 - e.g. latest rules & vaccination cohorts
2. Respond to emerging issues
 - e.g. new testing centres & local outbreaks
3. Communicate messages of local significance
 - e.g. hearing from local people; messages targeted by language, geography & age



Current focus: coming out of lockdown safely

Audiences - same people, different identities

Key issues / messages

Channels

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents, businesses,• Younger people, older people• Language, ethnic and cultural background• Students, parents, employees | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lockdown lifting, rules, advice and guidance• Vaccination• Testing• Self-isolating inc. support• Special events - Easter, Ramadan, Eid | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local media• Social media and website• Email• Physical spaces - parks, town centre• Relationships, partners |
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Explaining the Roadmap

Reading Council
Published by Press Officer · 27 March at 09:59 ·



From **29 March**, outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts will reopen.

Department of Health and Social Care - DHSC
26 March at 21:30 ·

From Monday, outdoor sports facilities will be allowed to re-open. This includes:

Reading Council
Published by Orlo · 29 March at 07:00 ·

From today, Monday 29th March, the 'Stay at Home' rule will be lifted. Where possible, you should continue to work from home and minimise the number of journeys you make. From this point, you can gather with either 2 households or up to 6 people outdoors (including in private gardens). Outdoor sports facilities will also reopen for use. Holidays abroad will not be allowed yet.



From **29 March**, you can gather with either 2 households or up to 6 people outdoors, including in private gardens.

Reading Council
Published by Orlo · 28 March at 11:01 ·

From tomorrow, Monday 29 March, following the government spring roadmap, our outdoor gyms and ball courts will reopen. We are pleased to welcome you all back but please follow the current safety guidance. Remember to wash your hands when you get home.



These facilities are now open

Remember to wash your hands when you get home

Do the right thing for Reading and help keep Covid-19 levels down

Reading Council
Published by Press Officer · 31 March at 11:52 ·

Shielding for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable will come to an end tomorrow. Find out more below:




Department of Health and Social Care - DHSC
31 March at 08:30 ·

#Shielding advice for people in England who are clinically extremely vulnerable will come to an end tomorrow. Full guidance can be found here <https://www.go...> See more

Reading Council
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As we begin to come out of #lockdown, two households or a group of up to six people can now meet outdoors. When meeting friends, you are much safer outdoors as fresh air blows away #COVID19 particles. Remember: Hands... See more



COVID-19
Seeing friends again?
Make space.

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Testing: Why, How, Where, When?

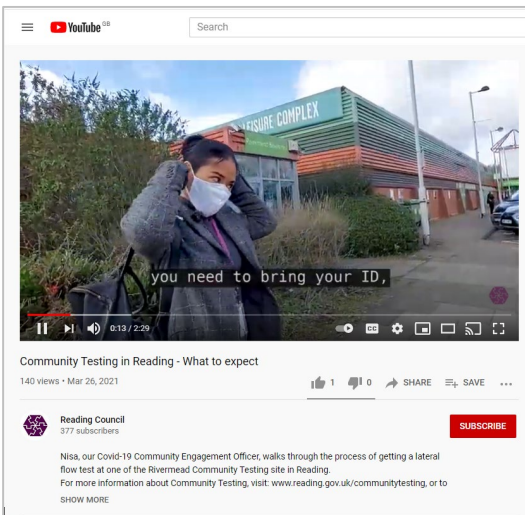
2. RAPID TESTING FOR ALL - PLUS NEW TOWN CENTRE TEST SITE



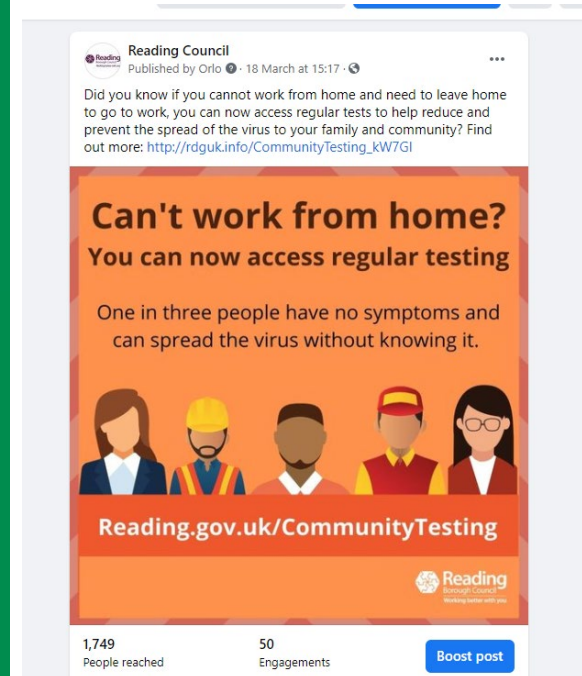
From Friday 9 April, everyone in England will be able to access free, regular, rapid coronavirus testing. 1 in 3 people with coronavirus don't have any symptoms and can spread the virus without knowing. Testing twice a week with a rapid test helps to find these cases and prevent the spread of infection. We're asking everyone to get into the habit of taking regular tests - here's how:

- At your workplace - thousands of employers are offering testing in the workplace onsite or with home test kits. Ask your employer for details
- Community testing - local councils have community testing sites where you can go to take a supervised test. You can find your nearest site on the [NHS test finder](#) or [book a test one of Reading's 3 test centres](#)
 - Rivermead Leisure Centre
 - South Reading Leisure Centre
 - NEW! Reading Town Hall (opens Monday 12 April)
- Our community testing centres do not currently have home test kits for collection, but we hope to offer this service soon.
- NHS Test & Trace sites - you can pick up home test kits from sites across the country. Find your nearest site on the [NHS test finder site](#).
- Pharmacy collect - when launched, you will be able to go to a participating pharmacy and pick up a free box of tests to use at home. [NHS England's site finder](#) will let you search for your nearest participating pharmacy and more will be joining the scheme in the coming weeks.
- Education - secondary and college students are being given tests to use at home twice a week, throughout term time and the holidays.
- Order tests to your home (LFD direct) - for people who can't access tests through other routes, you can [order packs of tests from the Government website](#), or call 119 to have tests delivered to your home.

You can find out more including how to register your test results [on our website](#).



Nisa Outreach Officer




Vaccine: Why, How, Where, When?

Reading Council
Published by Press Officer · 18 March at 10:45 ·

The British Islamic Medical Association has provided a guide to (PCR) or lateral flow device (LFD) tests during Ramadan. They are promoting the view the tests do not invalidate the fast. Find out more below:

Can Muslims take Lateral flow/ PCR tests in Ramadan?

It is likely that Muslims will need to take Covid PCR tests or lateral flow tests during Ramadan. BIMA has reviewed fiqh opinions from different schools of thoughts.




Taking the Covid-19 PCR or lateral flow tests does not invalidate the fast during Ramadan as per the opinion of the majority of Islamic scholars.

This is generic information only. Please refer to your local Islamic Scholars & healthcare professionals. For detailed information, please go to our website below.
[W] [BIMA-UK](https://bima-uk.org) [E] enquiries@bima-uk.org

BRITISH ISLAMIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

British Islamic Medical Association - BIMA
15 March at 20:34 ·

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receive your Covid vaccine

COVID-19
Get the latest information from GOV.UK about coronavirus. [LEARN MORE](#)

Learn about vaccine progress from the NHS

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL
COVID Vaccine - Bernice shares her story

20 views · Mar 29, 2021

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Bernice Boore, Lead Nurse at Royal Berkshire Hospital, shares her experience of coming to Reading from Meru, Kenya, life as a nurse, and her vaccine story.

Bernice, Lead Nurse RBH

Reading Council
Published by Orlo · 26 March at 10:57 ·

If you're 50 or over, it's time to book your COVID vaccine.
Visit http://rdguk.info/BookCovidVaccine_7vgZ7, or if you're unable to use the online booking service, call 119.



COVID-19 vaccine

If you're aged 50 or over, book your vaccine now

Book online at nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119.

 Visit the COVID-19 Information Centre for vaccine resources.
[Get Vaccine Info](#)



Self-isolating inc. support payment



Town Centre, Parks and Open Spaces

**! CORONAVIRUS
A L E R T**

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE
FROM OTHERS

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES
FOLLOW THE RULES

MEET OUTDOORS
WHERE COVID-19 PARTICLES ARE BLOWN AWAY

 To find the latest information visit
www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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for Reading



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**! CORONAVIRUS
A L E R T**

**PLEASE DON'T TAKE
COVID-19 HOME WITH YOU**

Wash your hands as soon as you get home. Protect yourself
and your family, don't transmit the virus.

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Please enjoy your park safely...

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A L E R T**



MAKE SPACE
TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19
IS MOST LIKELY TO HAPPEN
WITHIN 2 METRES

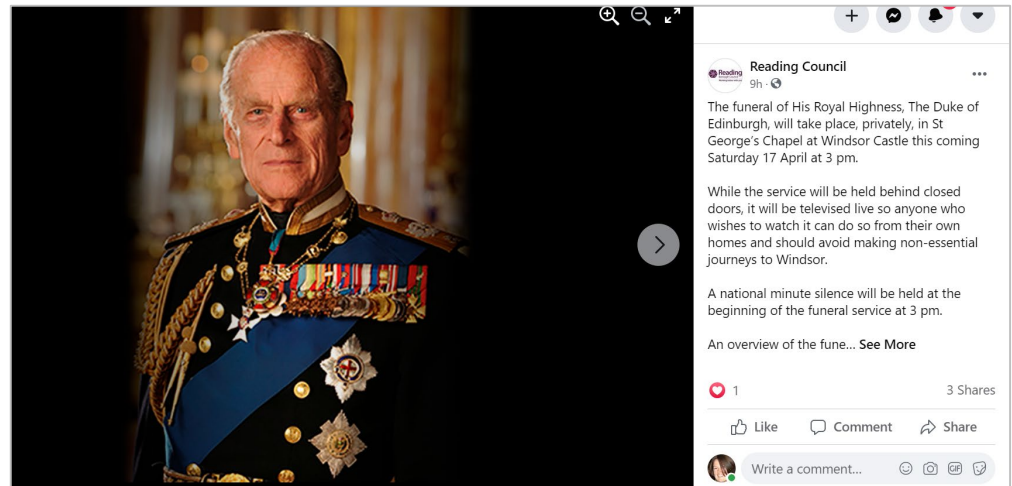
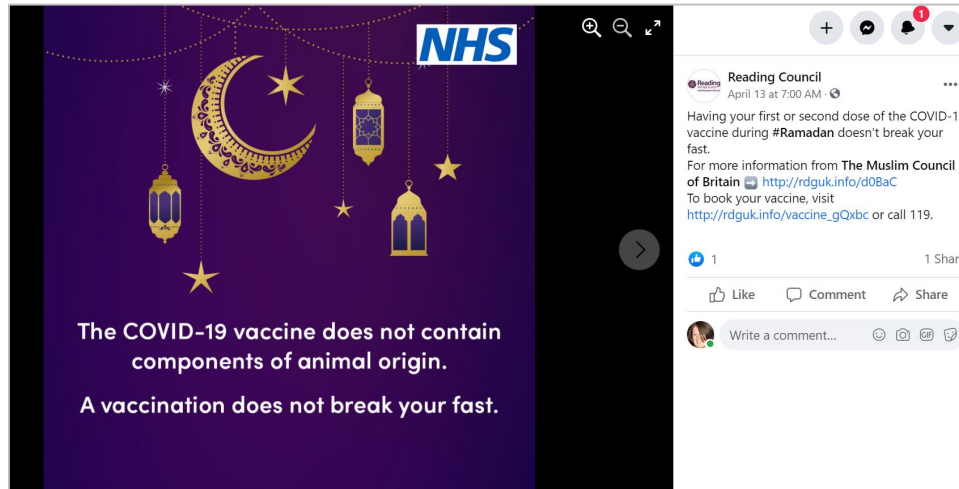


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Upcoming Dates & Special Events



Engagement with Higher Risk Settings

- Working with the Town Centre BID to provide support to businesses and if necessary enforce compliance
- Working with PubWatch and the wider hospitality industry to provide guidance and support
- Continue to work with Thames Valley Police on compliance across the town
- Investigate complaints in high risk settings
- Work with Public Health colleagues to investigate outbreaks or follow up on a lack of information following positive case identification



Recent Outbreaks

James Crosbie



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Outbreaks - lessons learnt

- Report received from PHE
- 8 of 15 staff tested positive (from 4th-7th April)
- All positive cases are self-isolating.
- PHE had been able to determine some information from the management team of the store but wanted an on the ground view.
- Officer contacted store and regional management
- All staff in contact with positive cases have been tested.
- Covid risk assessment is in place (includes: social distancing, reduced store capacity, staff temperature checks, staggered break times).
- Deep clean of the store arranged prior to re-opening.
- The main outcomes resulting from the Council's involvement were: a review of face- to-face staff 121 meetings; a meeting room has been re-designated as a staff room as the space is bigger, with lowered capacity for both rooms.
- Rapid lateral flow test kits have been ordered by the Head Office and will be used routinely.



Universal Testing

An outline of the currently testing recommendation, benefits of doing so and channels via which people can obtain test kits, including specifics for Reading
Gabby Haffner



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Testing for COVID-19

PCR

For those with COVID-19 symptoms

Processed in a lab

Result in 24 to 48 hours

Gold standard test

LFD

For no COVID-19 symptoms

No lab required

Result in under 45 minutes

Less accurate than PCR



Current Testing Recommendation

- Universal Testing Offer from 9 April 2021
- Everyone able to access asymptomatic testing through:
 - Using a test site (Community or Employer's)
 - Collecting home-test kits
 - Order home-tests to be delivered to home
- Not for specific testing policies (such as international travel, care homes etc)
- Recommendation that everyone tests twice a week
- If lateral flow result is positive, require confirmation using PCR



Self-test collect kits available from:

Employers

COVID-19 Testing
Sites

On-line
delivery

Pharmacies

Schools
(staff and secondary pupils)



Benefits of Testing

- Asymptomatic testing identifies people who have COVID-19 but did not know it as they did not have symptoms. They then isolate to minimise spreading the virus to others.
- Testing symptomatic people confirms that they have COVID-19 so that they isolate. Their swabs may be additionally processed to identify and track variants of concern.



Variants of Concern

- Only positive PCR tests can be genomically sequenced to look for variants of concern
- New technology ‘genotype assay testing’ will identify mutations in half the time of existing methods (4 to 5 days)
- This will allow the tracing of contacts of cases more quickly to help break the chains of transmission, stop the spread of variants and save lives.



Local Outbreak Control Plan Development

David Munday



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Background

- In June 2020 Reading developed a Local Outbreak Control Plan
- Summary slides of plan published at <https://www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/reading-covid-19-outbreak-control-plan/>
- Waves of pandemic and response work have evolved since then
- In March 2021 we were asked by Dept for Health and Social Care to update the plan



Reading COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan

June 2020



Why do we need a Reading Outbreak Control Plan for Reading?

- We want to keep our residents as safe as we can from COVID-19 until better treatments and/or a vaccine is available.
- The initial phase of COVID-19 was countrywide. As national restrictions are lifted, sporadic cases are likely which will need local action to prevent spread.
- Building on local knowledge and trusted partnerships our local plan adds to national programmes.



Key features or Reading

- Reading is the principal regional and commercial centre of the Thames Valley. The Borough of Reading is home to 107,700 residents with the wider urban area of Reading reaching into the neighbouring Wokingham and West Berks Local Authority areas. The age of the Reading population is younger than UK average
- The town is a major transport interchange, benefiting from its strategic location on the rail corridor and proximity to Heathrow Airport and London as well as home to the second busiest bus station in the South East
- The largest employers in the Reading area include businesses such as Microsoft and Oracle, the University of Reading and public sector organisations such as the NHS and Local Authorities. A large percentage of the local working population are highly skilled
- Reading houses the regional Royal Berkshire Hospital, the University of Reading, the region's leading professional football team, 73 schools and is home to the international music festival - Reading Festival



Reading and COVID-19

- Like all parts of the UK, Reading has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- The community spirit in Reading is strong and came together in a range of ways as the pandemic hit and lockdown occurred. The One Reading Community Hub has been an example of this in action, available at <https://www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirusupdate>
- The Hub has supported over 1,000 people in Reading who were required to shield, as well as having linked up over 1,500 people for further support with our local voluntary sector groups
- The urban nature of Reading and the close proximity of testing facilities may have caused the higher than average confirmed number of cases that we saw early in the pandemic with numbers in May and June reducing in keeping with other areas that are similar to Reading
- A particular focus in Reading has been on providing support to those most vulnerable to the infection, especially our local care homes.



Our Outbreak Control Plan has the following themes:

- Care homes and schools
- Prevent and manage outbreaks in specific individual settings (e.g. schools, care homes)
- High risk places, locations and communities
- Prevent and manage outbreaks in other high risk locations, workplaces and communities
- Local testing capacity
- Deploy local testing capacity optimally
- Contact tracing in complex settings
- Deliver contact tracing for complex settings and cohorts
- Data integration
- Access to the right local data to enable the other 7 themes and prevent outbreaks
- Vulnerable people
- Support vulnerable people and ensure services meet the needs of diverse communities
- Local Boards including Communication & Engagement
- Take local actions to contain outbreaks and communicate with the general public
- Workforce
- Keeping our workforce safe



Managing risks locally

- COVID-19 does not travel on its own. It is transmitted largely in droplets, coughed out by people who are infected.
- Keeping a social distance, using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and disposing of them safely, washing hands often and isolating infectious people are key protection measures to prevent spread.
- Some people seem more likely to catch COVID-19 or to become more sick as a result. These people need extra protection.
- Some settings are more risky, for example where infectious people are being cared for, where social distancing and isolation are more challenging or where there are people at particular risk of harm from COVID-19.
- It is likely that COVID-19 will be harder to spot and control in the winter and we need to be prepared.



Managing risks locally

In Reading we are working with Public Health England and developing focussed outbreak plans for the following settings and population groups as we know outbreaks may be more likely in these areas or people may be more impacted by them or they may be more complex to control if they occur

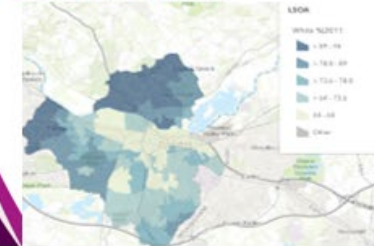


- Care homes
- Social care services
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Primary care facilities
- Returning travellers from abroad
- Traveller and homeless population
- Social housing
- Leisure facilities
- Libraries and cultural facilities
- Retail and the town centre
- Transport hubs
- Offices/ workplaces
- Food outlets/ licensed premises
- Council run buildings
- Places of worship
- Small community
- University of Reading



Ethnicity in Reading

Reading has an ethnically diverse population with BAME groups located in some specific parts of the Borough



What actions might be taken or recommended if an outbreak occurs?

- Alert messaging
- Restricting visiting
- Focussed testing of people with and without symptoms
- Canceling events
- Closing playgrounds or other facilities
- Special testing facilities set up
- Enhanced monitoring of people isolating
- Additional contact tracing
- Specific advice on PPE and infection prevention and control measures
- Closure of premises



How will we respond to an outbreak in Reading?

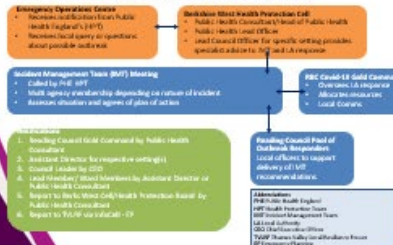
- We will watch data on cases and risks closely, so we spot outbreaks early.
- We will support our residents to stay safe, encouraging handwashing, social distancing and isolation and assisting those who need help to comply.
- The actions we take will be those most likely to be effective, based on evidence.
- We will act swiftly to put local actions in place to support Public Health England's recommendations on controlling spread. We will communicate with local people and organisations to help them keep safe.



Managing a local outbreak is a team effort



How are the right people and organisations informed if cases or outbreaks occur?



What if more action is needed?



When to get in touch with Reading Borough Council?

- Contact the Council via CV19notifications@reading.gov.uk or 0118 937 2707
- if you have been contacted about being a COVID-19 case or contact and are not sure what to do
- if you think there are cases in your workplace, school, organisation or other setting

If you have symptoms, stay home and contact NHS Test & Trace to arrange testing at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Communication with residents

- Our new Outbreak Engagement Boards will be held in public regularly as needed, led by local Councillors and accountable to the public.
- We will keep our website up to date with the latest information and guidance.
- We will use social media to spread the word.
- We will work with services, businesses and organisations to make sure information is clear and accurate
- We will make information available in accessible formats and languages other than English



Governance

- This work will be overseen by our Berkshire West Health Protection Board where key partners will work together to control spread locally.
- The Reading Outbreak Engagement Board will listen to your views and keep the public informed about COVID-19.
- The Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum will put Command and Control arrangements in place to act across a broader geography if needed.
- The South East Regional Oversight Group will help us learn from other areas.

Our Outbreak Control Plan has the following themes:

1. Care homes and schools

Prevent and manage outbreaks in specific individual settings (e.g. schools, care homes)

2. High risk places, locations and communities

Prevent and manage outbreaks in other high-risk locations, workplaces and communities

3. Local testing capacity

Deploy local testing capacity optimally

4. Contact tracing in complex settings

Deliver contact tracing for complex settings and cohorts

5. Data integration

Access to the right local data to enable the other 7 themes and prevent outbreaks

6. Vulnerable people

Support vulnerable people and ensure services meet the needs of diverse communities

7. Local Boards including Communication & Engagement

Take local actions to contain outbreaks and communicate with the general public

8. Workforce

Keeping our workforce safe



Key themes to our plan (updated)

Outbreak Control Plan focuses on 9 key themes

- 1 High risk places, locations and communities**
Prevent and manage outbreaks in high-risk settings, workplaces and communities
- 2 Testing and responding to variants of concern (VoC)**
Sufficient and accessible local testing (both symptomatic and asymptomatic)
- 3 Local Contact Tracing Partnership**
Efficient contact tracing of index cases and their close contacts
- 4 Surveillance and data integration**
Ensuring access to accurate and timely epidemiology data
- 5 Vulnerable people and inequalities**
Support vulnerable people and ensure services meet the needs of diverse communities
- 6 Communication & Engagement (Including community resilience)**
Take local actions to contain outbreaks and communicate with the general public
- 7 Compliance and Enforcement**
Ensuring settings comply with measures outlined in Covid-19 regulations and guidance
- 8 Vaccinations**
Ensuring high and equitable uptake of vaccinations across the Borough
- 9 Enduring Transmission**
Act on enduring transmission to reduce risks of VoC and any on-going transmission in certain parts of town



Date of Next Meeting

2021



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