

Reading Health & Wellbeing Board
16 July 2021

Impact of Covid-19 in Reading



Covid-19 Update
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Latest Data

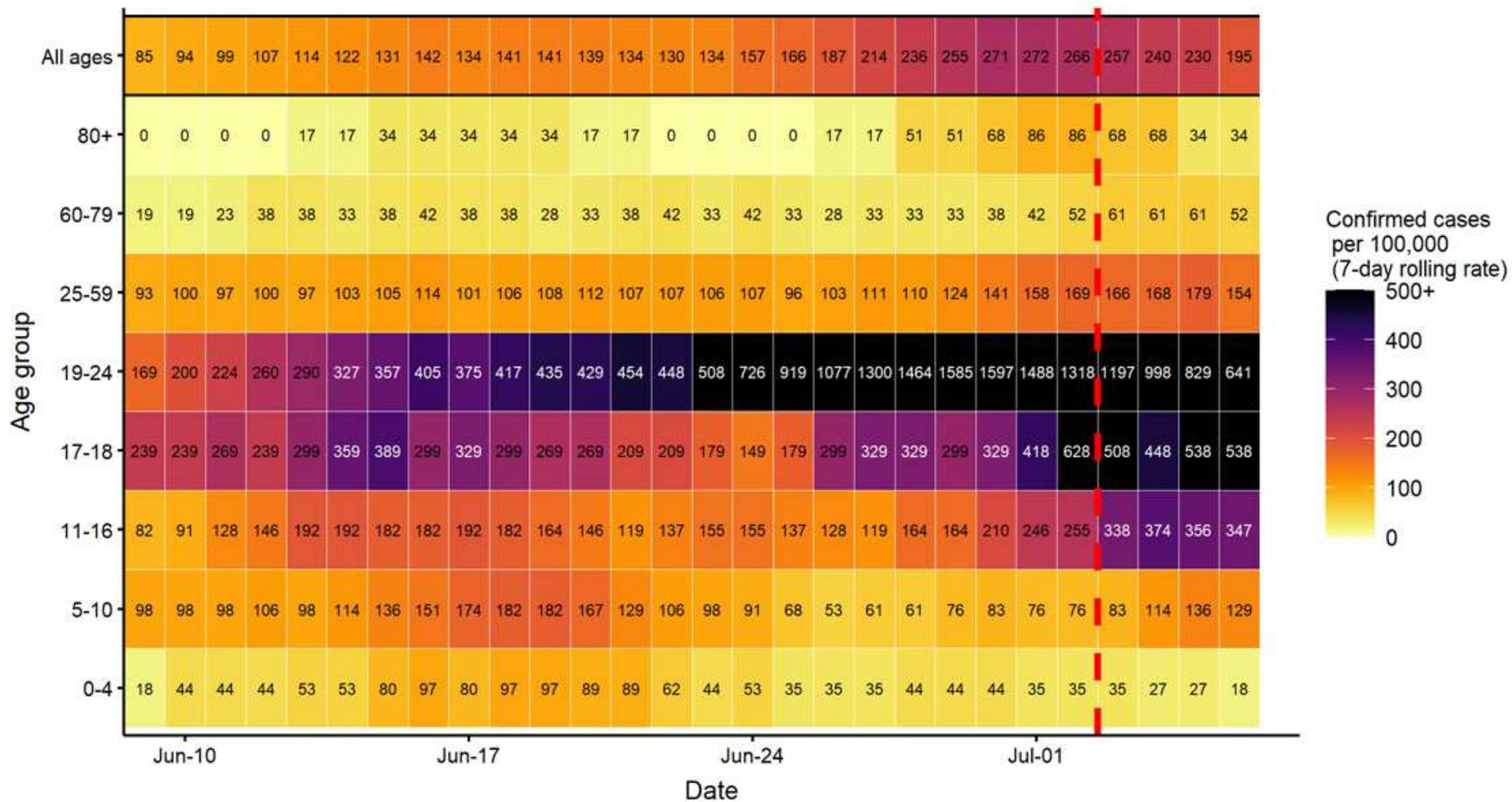
Situational awareness indicators from the 26/06/2021 to 02/07/2021
 - in comparison to previous 7-day period

<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)	
	Value	Trend	Value	Trend	Value	Trend	Value	Trend
Bracknell Forest	628	↑	3.4	↑	154.2	↑	16.3	→
Reading	685.4	↓	5.5	↑	266.4	↑	58.9	↑
Slough	790.4	↓	2.2	↑	125.1	↑	79.1	↑
West Berkshire	479.8	↑	3.2	↑	111.7	↑	14.9	↑
Windsor and Maidenhead	570.7	↓	3.6	↑	140.7	↑	21.9	↑
Wokingham	518.1	↓	3.5	↑	119.8	↑	25.3	↑
South East	563.9	↑	4.3	↑	174.6	↑	26.5	↑
England	575.5	↑	6.2	↑	252	↑	44.3	↑



Age-specific 7-day rolling case rates per 100,000 population, Reading, 9 June to 6 July, highlighting age groups of interest. The red dashed line denotes the 4 most recent days data are provisional.

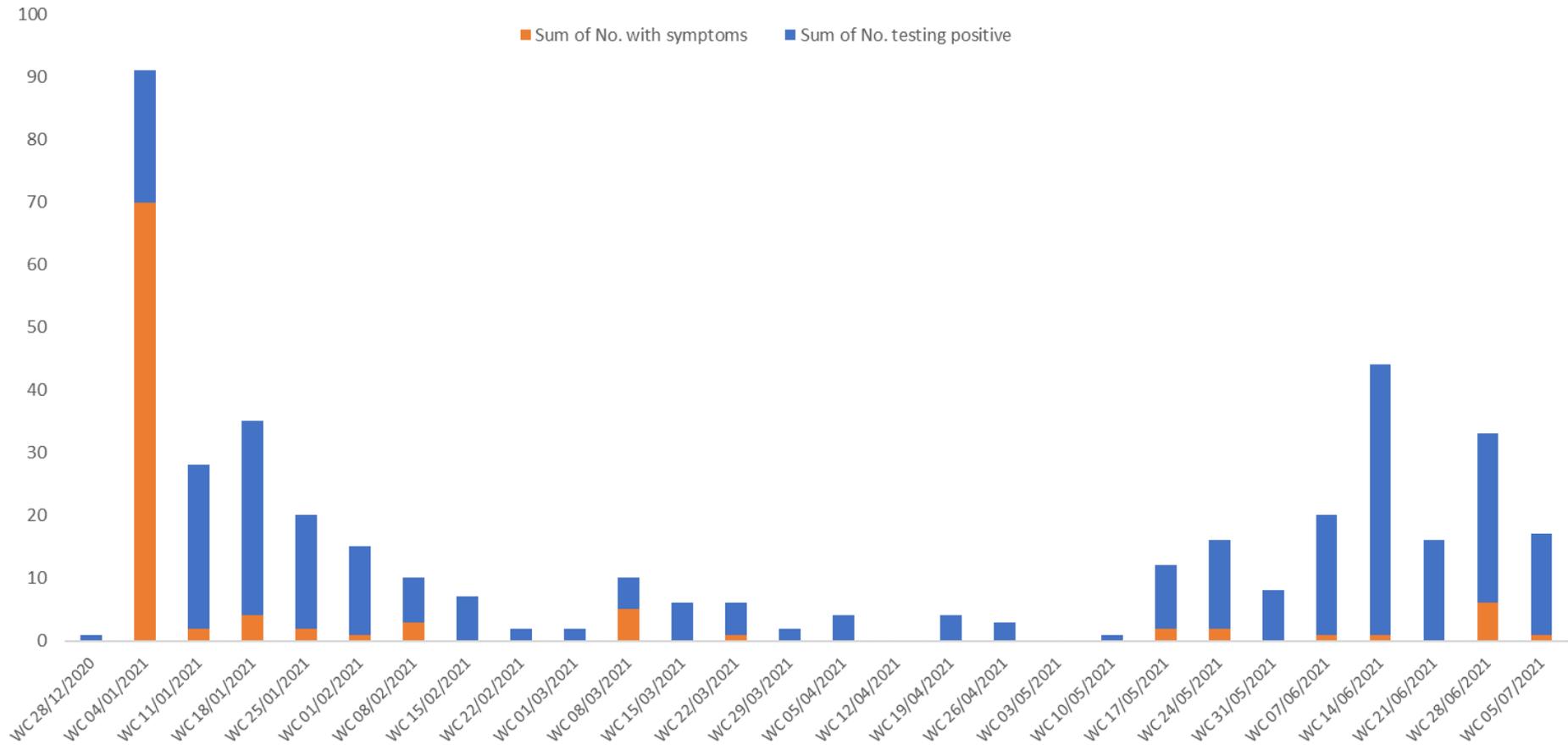


Case rate per 100,000 by age group - PHE LA Report - 7th July 2021



School based cases

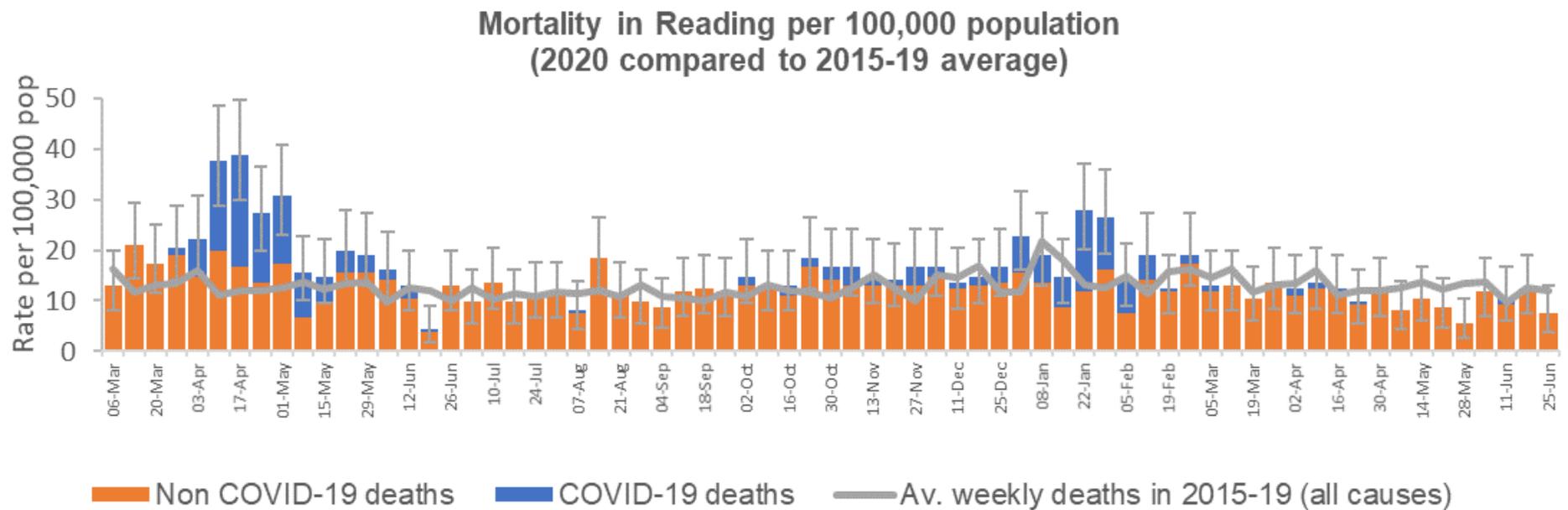
Number of suspected and confirmed positive cases reported to CV19 by week



Number of suspected and confirmed covid-19 cases reported to CV19 notifications each week - 5 July 2021

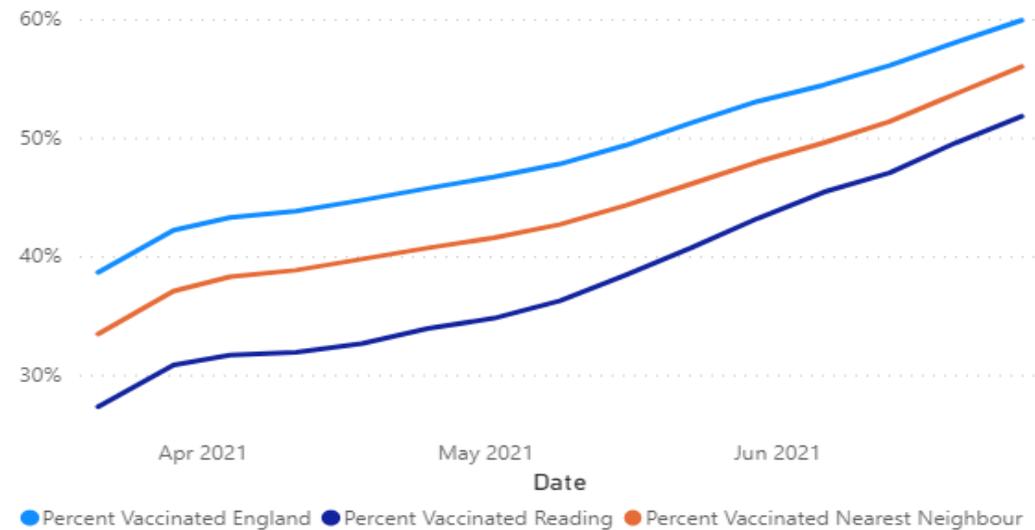


Mortality Rate in Reading



Vaccination in Reading

Percent Vaccination Rates by Time



- Mass Vaccination Site - Madjeski Stadium, moving to town centre late in July
- Pharmacy - Triangle, Western Elms, Erleigh Road, Boots on Broad Street
- Vaccine bus - events planned at various sites in Reading including Oxford Road with charity ACRE
- GP sites to complete dose 2 offers for their PCN populations; University, Emmer Green, Tilehurst Village Surgery
- Flexible “walk in” options - i.e. Civic Offices, possible other sites (GP surgeries etc)



Step 4 restriction changes

Based on PM announcement on 5th July/ Health and Ed. Secretaries 6th July

- **Hands** - no change
- **Face** - coverings not legally required but recommend, esp in some settings
- **Space** - 1 metre plus not required
- **Fresh Air** - not mentioned but remains safer the indoors
- **Social mixing** - no legal limit indoors or outdoors
- **Care Homes** - named visitor policy removed
- **QR code “check in”** - voluntarily used, no certification required
- **Hospitality** - no businesses remain closed, table service not required
- **Work location** - no restriction/ requirement to work from home
- **Travel** - red countries isolation remain; amber may be removed for children and those fully vaccinated- Transport sec announcement later in week
- **Events** - no limits on numbers or required certification
- **Schools** - no bubbles from end of summer term. Secondary schools to offer pupils two Covid tests at start of the autumn term, as a one-off event.
- **Test, Trace, Isolate** - no requirement to isolate for contacts and fully vaccinated > 2 weeks ago (or < 18 years old) but PCR advised
- **Vaccinate** - continue roll out, including booster in Autumn, plans for children awaited



Communications approach

Strategic framework:

1. Amplify national messages from Govt, NHS, PHE etc.
2. Respond to emerging issues such as new rules, local outbreaks and hotspots.
3. Communicate messages of local significance targeted by language, geography, age e.g. vaccine bus.



Local comms from July 19th

1. Four public health messages

- Get vaccinated - first & second dose now; autumn - booster
- Continue to test/trace/isolate
- Fresh air / being outdoors is safer
- Recommend face covering indoors/crowded spaces: it's the community minded thing to do to protect others

2. Local campaign approach

- Give information on the best ways to stay, and keep others, safe
- Encourage people to think of others and act in a way that protects other people and keeps Covid rates low in Reading
- Promote the 4 actions above and give practical information about how to do it (i.e. how to access vaccine, access testing etc)





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Impact of Covid-19 on Primary Care

Reading Health & Wellbeing Board meeting

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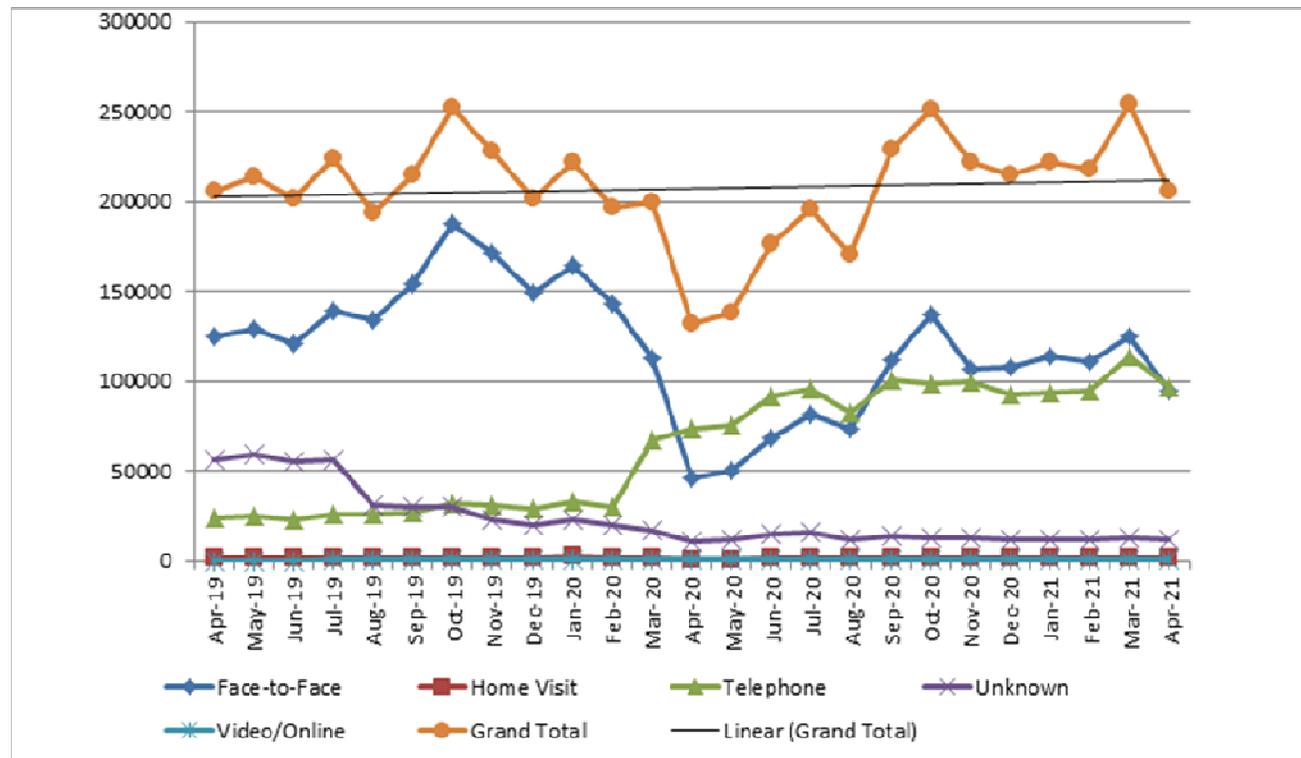
- Demand has increased with the easing of restrictions across the health system, including primary care.
- Pressure linked to backlog in demand and extra secondary care work, i.e. blood tests, starting medications, follow up of problems

Period	No. of apts.	Face 2 Face	Telephone	Online	Home visits	Unknown
Apr19	205,918	125k (60%)	24k (12%)	46	1761	27%
April20	131,781	46k (34%)	74k (56%)	317	939	8%
April21	205,936	95k (46%)	97k (47%)	310	1,544	6%

- 56% increase in appointments since April20 and equal to pre-pandemic levels
- 46% appointments provided F2F in April21 compared to 34% April20 60% April19

Impact of Covid-19 on Primary Care cont.

Table below shows trend in activity



Impact of Covid-19 on Primary Care cont.

- Activity unlikely to reflect true demand/activity, i.e. online requests (emails, practice website requests, text consultations) will have become vital tools in communication / consulting with patients.
- Face to face consultations taking longer due to Covid infection control measures (donning / doffing PPE, social distancing, cleaning processes)
- Improved data expected
- Despite some patients wishing to return face to face consultations the new, flexible ways of consulting have been appreciated taken up by many including those who prefer not to attend the surgery for work or health reasons unless it is necessary for them to do so. Housebound patients and those with transport difficulties have more access than before.
- Likely to see continued mixed model going forward but with greater emphasis on offering face-to-face in response to patient preference as well as clinical need.

Recovery

At Board in March we set out recovery plans, this slide provides an update:

- Step down of Respiratory Hub arrangements with all patients to be managed within practices - Hub closed end of Mar21. Suspected Covid pts. now seen by practice, safe hot / cold streaming arrangements established.
- Further work to embed new models of access to primary care and support patients to engage with these - Being addressed through digital inclusion programme and comms campaign, including introduction of digital champions to support all groups in accessing care.
- Planning for next phase of vaccination programme: Reading primary care sites have given approximately 115K vaccinations to date. Three sites continuing to vaccinate patients aged 18-50 not in clinical risk groups. Planning commencing for Autumn booster phase - likely to be linked to flu immunisation campaign.

Recovery cont.

- Backlog of routine appointments addressed and focus on ensuring chronic diseases are appropriately managed - Funding made available to increase GP capacity, oximetry @home arrangements, long COVID management, clinically extremely vulnerable patient management, chronic disease management, routine vaccinations and immunisations and health checks for learning disability patients
- Improvements seen in routine vaccinations and immunisations / screening rates – improvements rates seen, continuing to be monitored /supported
- Focussed work to support vulnerable patients / address inequalities e.g. increase in learning disability health checks and physical health checks for patients with severe mental illness – Funding detailed above has supported, 67% Learning Disabilities Health Check target achieved

Continued work addressing Primary Care Demand

- System-wide workshop held 18 May to agree remedial actions
- Key Primary Care remedial actions:
 - Building intelligence about activity in primary care, including predictive modelling
 - Enabling 111 call handlers to book into primary care
 - Responding to Healthwatch Reading patient survey on primary care telephone access
 - Standardised telephone message for GP Practices
 - Maximising GP call handling / workflow management capabilities
 - Overflow arrangements
 - Use of Community Pharmacy Consultation Service



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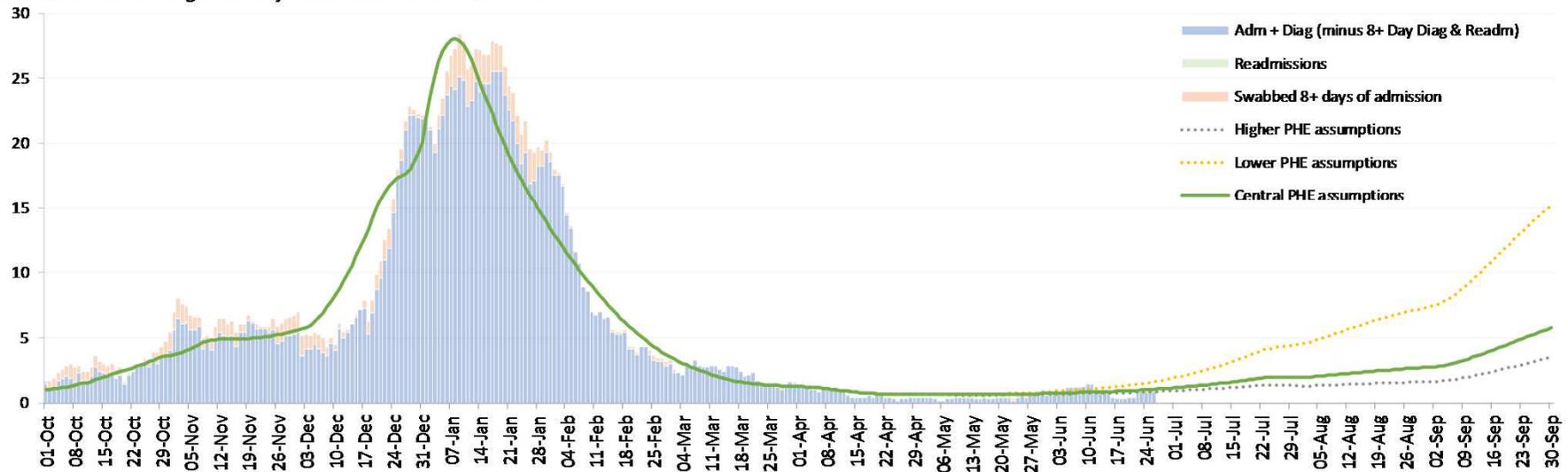
Current position and modelling



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Rolling Averages Off 3 Days 7 Days

COVID Admissions & Diagnoses - Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust



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Key issues - update



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- Minimal Covid impact at the moment – few admissions and very low use of hospital bed capacity;
- Wave 3 plan in place to escalate as required while minimising impact on all other services;
- Infection control measures remain in place;
- Continued focus on supporting staff wellbeing
- Significant increase in ED attendances
- Elective recovery going well – activity levels at or beyond 19-20 levels;
- Preparing for winter – Covid? But also RSV, flu, and sustaining all other services

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