

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 26 April 2021 at 5.30 p.m., Online 'Virtual' Meeting -
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6. COVID-19 UPDATE

All Wards

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The Committee will receive an update on Covid-19 from Dr Somen Banerjee – Director of Public Health.

Tower Hamlets Covid-19 Update

Update to Overview and Scrutiny Committee
26th April 2021

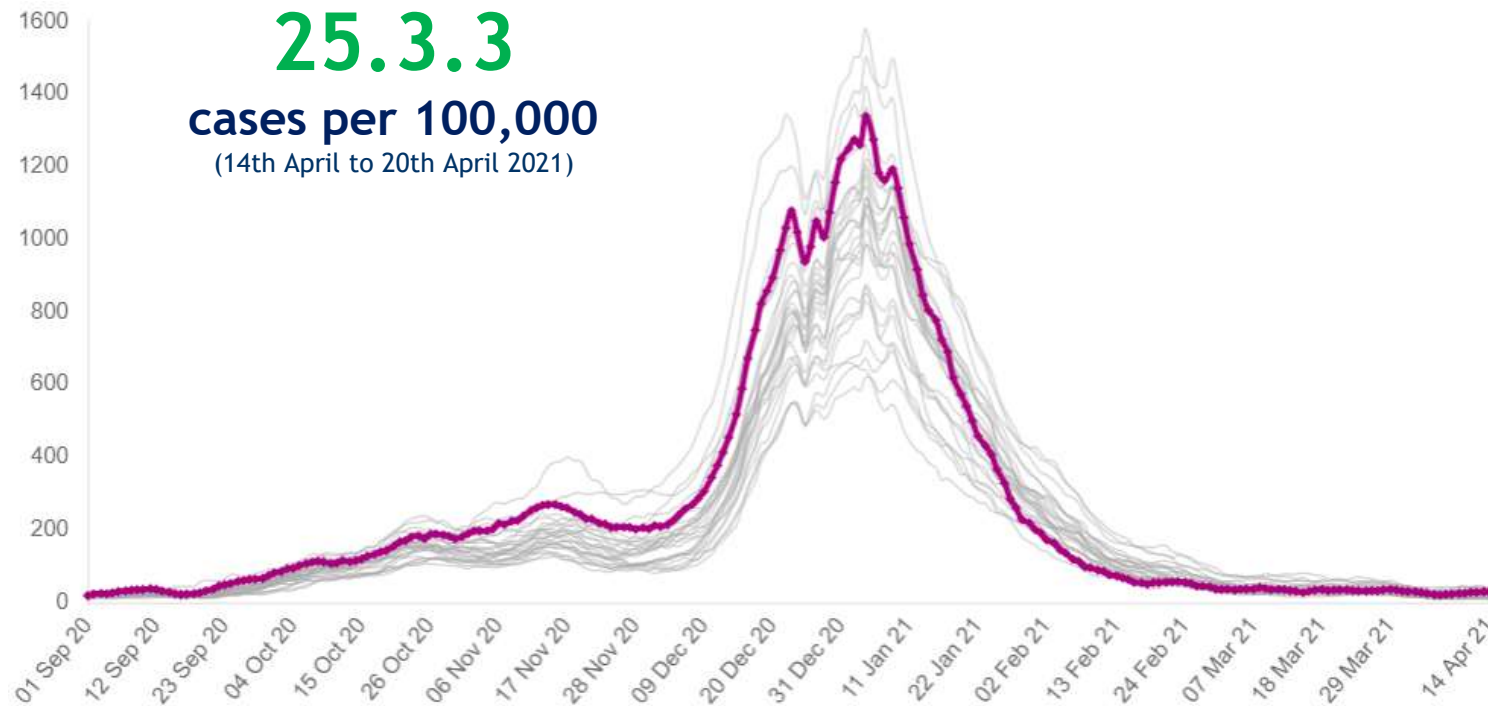


Trend



Tower Hamlets rolling weekly rates vs rest of London:

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- Levels continuing to fall but not yet stabilised
 - Slight increase in 17-24 year olds
 - Levels low in 60+
 - Just over 90,000 residents have received first dose and 21,000 second dose
 - Disparities reducing in Bangladeshi population
 - Not improving so fast in the Black populations
- * = figures at last OSC*

Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer. Data is for up to 3rd January. The latest data points may be subject to change due to lags in reporting and may not be shown on the chart.



Priority issues

- 1. Vaccination uptake rates are dropping**
 - Arts Pavilion not being used to capacity even when there is supply
 - Walk in model being adopted for eligible groups (upscaled comms)
- 2. Ongoing risk of Variants of Concern**
 - Surge testing in a number of London borough (SA Variant)
 - High positivity in people returning from India (Indian Variant – not VOC)
- 3. Easing lockdown**
 - So far EH and Police have not see significant issues
 - 17th May important milestone



Roadmap out of lockdown – step 3 (May 17)



- Outdoor gatherings up to 30 allowed
- Indoors – rule of 6 or two households
- Businesses can reopen but COVID secure guidance required
- Indoor hospitality opens – people need to remain seated
- Indoor entertainment opens (eg cinemas, children’s play areas)
- Indoor accommodations opens (eg hotels and B and Bs)
- Indoor and outdoor events open with limitation on number
- Up to 30 can attend life events (eg weddings, wakes etc)
- **Before step 4, government will complete review of social distancing and other measures eg use of face coverings**



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