

Overview and Scrutiny Committee COVID-19 update

14th December 2020



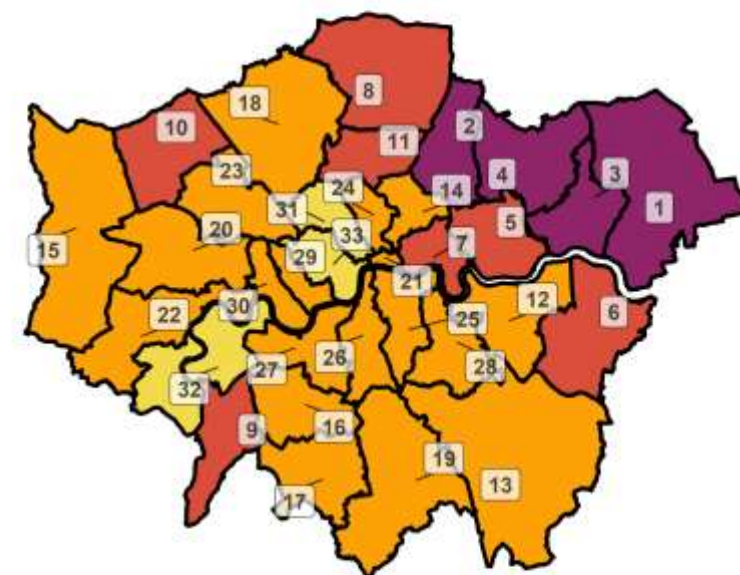
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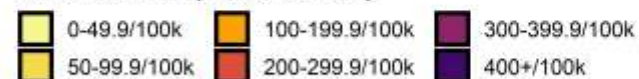
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COVID-19 cases: 29 Nov to 05 Dec 2020
 Weekly case rates per 100,000 population by local authority

Rank	Local Authority	Case Rate (per 100,000)	Number of cases (1 week)
1	Havering	379.5	985
2	Waltham Forest	321.7	891
3	Barking and Dagenham	315.2	671
4	Redbridge	300.4	917
5	Newham	265.6	938
6	Bexley	261.4	649
7	Tower Hamlets	242.0	786
8	Enfield	239.4	799
9	Kingston upon Thames	222.0	394
10	Harrow	218.6	549
11	Haringey	207.3	557
12	Greenwich	199.3	574
13	Bromley	191.4	636
14	Hackney	188.5	530
15	Hillingdon	187.4	575
16	Merton	185.4	383

Rank	Local Authority	Case Rate (per 100,000)	Number of cases (1 week)
17	Sutton	182.7	377
18	Barnet	176.3	698
19	Croydon	173.3	670
20	Ealing	168.2	575
21	City of London	164.6	16
22	Hounslow	153.6	417
23	Brent	152.5	503
24	Islington	133.6	324
25	Southwark	133.3	425
26	Lambeth	132.8	433
27	Wandsworth	129.8	428
28	Lewisham	127.2	389
29	Kensington and Chelsea	117.2	183
30	Hammersmith and Fulham	101.0	187
31	Camden	97.0	262
32	Richmond upon Thames	89.4	177
33	Westminster	89.2	233



Covid-19 rate by local authority



Data from SGSS; Pillar 1 and 2 testing. Figure by Outbreak Surveillance Team, Public Health England.

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Tower Hamlets



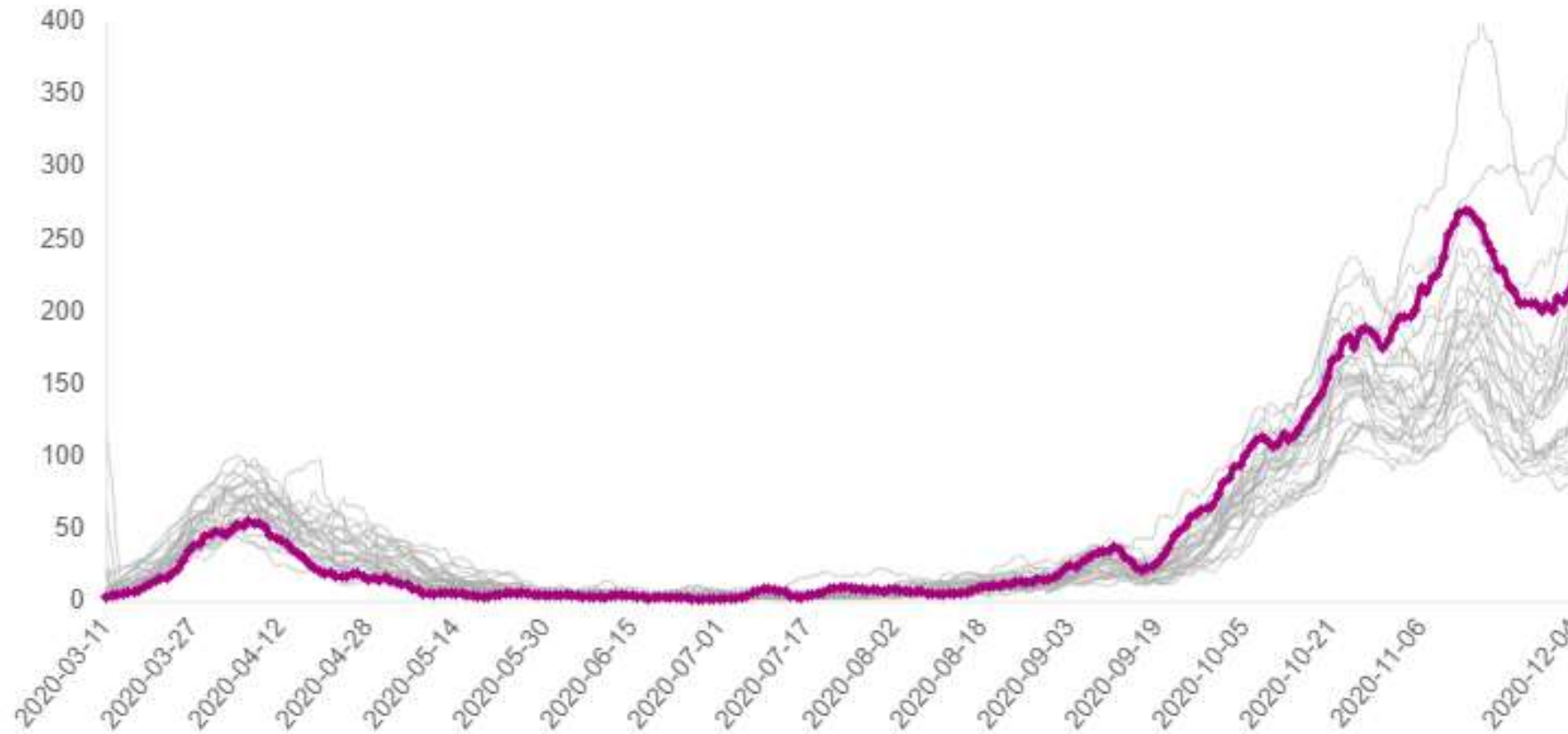
Since last OSC

Period in which levels started to fall

However, now starting to rise again sharply in line with London

Currently 257 per 100,00 (243 at last OSC on 23rd Nov)

10-19 and 30-44 age groups seeing the fastest rises (in line with London)

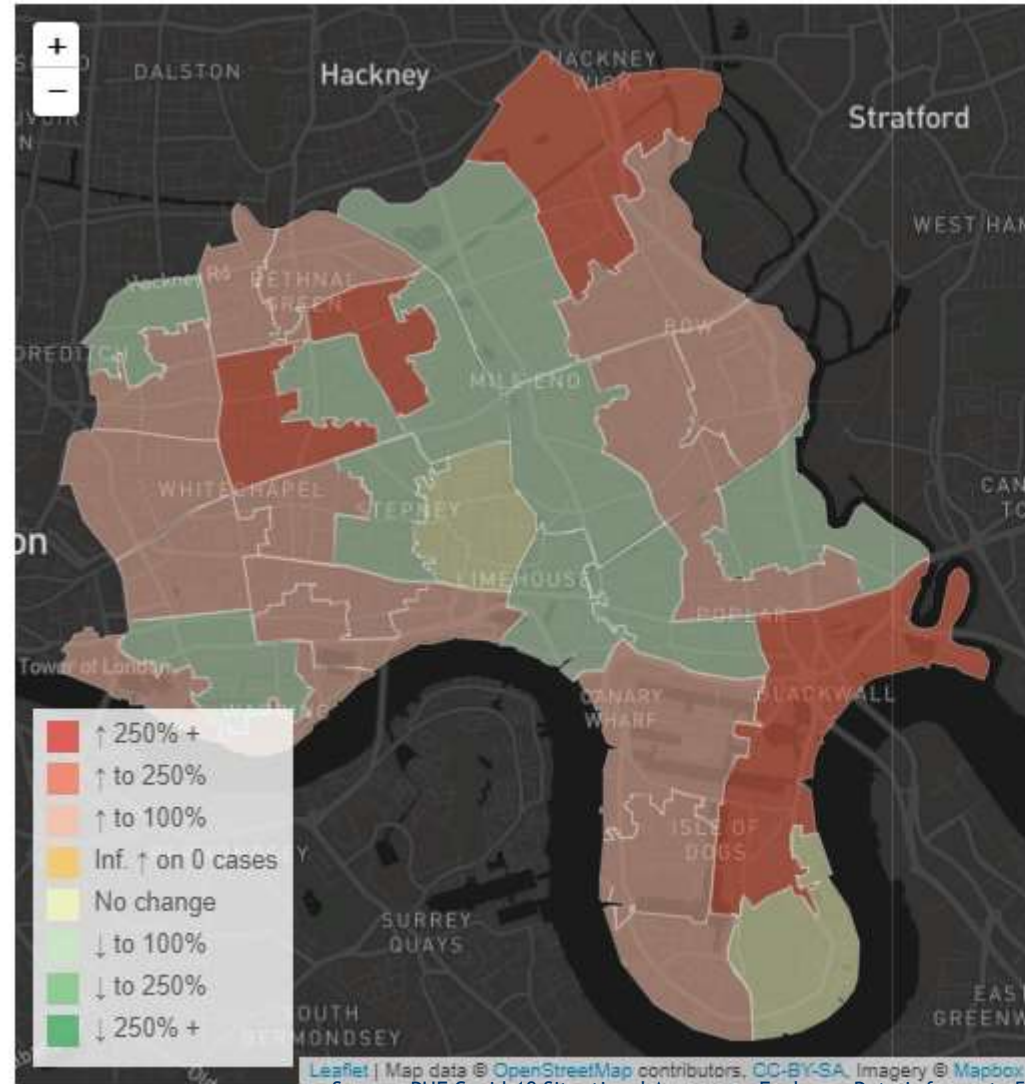


Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer. Data is for up to 14th November. The last four days may be incomplete due to lags in reporting.



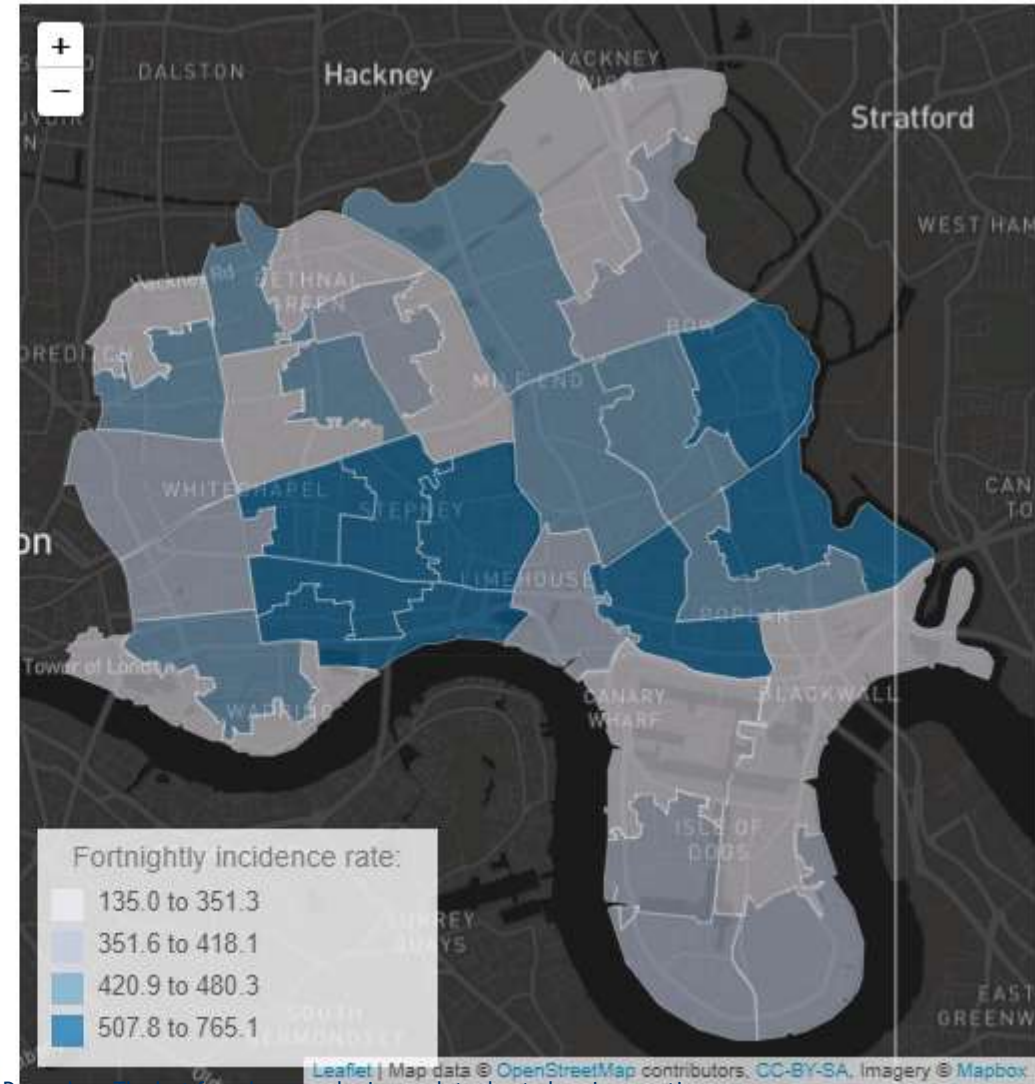
Change in number of cases by MSOA:

Number of cases for w/c 29th Nov compared to number of cases w/c Nov 22nd



Fortnightly incidence rates by MSOA:

Based on specimens taken between 22nd Nov and 5th December



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Local Outbreak Control Plan Priorities

Policy

- Tier 2 and review on 16th in context of rising levels across all of London
- NEL
 - Enhanced testing
 - MTUs and schools
 - Rapid testing sites
 - Enhanced comms and visibility
 - Addressing economic barriers to self isolation

Safe Place

- Testing
 - Local testing sites
 - Primary care testing
 - Targeted asymptomatic testing
- Ongoing compliance
- High risk locations
 - Care homes
 - Student residences
 - Schools
 - Workplace

Safe communities

- Resident led engagement
 - Covid Champions
 - Targeted outreach
 - Bangladeshi
 - Somali
 - Disability
- Young people insight work

Safe individuals

- **Vaccination**
- Local test and trace
- Clinically extremely vulnerable
 - Ongoing advice as tiers change





HAMLETS

Tier 3

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	Closed (with limited exceptions)	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Indoor venues closed.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

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Covid-19 Vaccination

Update



4 key points about Pfizer/BionTech Vaccine



- The vaccine is safe
- 2 doses are required at least 3 weeks apart
- If you've had flu vaccine, you need to wait at least 7 days to have the covid vaccine
- Storage & transport needs to be -70/80 degrees!



Are there side effects?



- Side effects are mild
- They could include; fatigue, feeling achey in your muscles and joints, headache, having a high temperature or chills, and some pain at the injection site
- These are quite normal side effects for most vaccinations, and while they might not feel pleasant, they can indicate the vaccine is doing its job!



Who can get the vaccine?



Primarily, adults over the age of 16

Phase 1 of the vaccination programme will include the priority groups below:

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals [\[footnote 1\]](#)
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over



Who *can't* get the vaccine?



- Pregnant and breastfeeding women – there is not enough data to tell us whether this is safe to give to women who are pregnant or breastfeeding - as a precaution, the MHRA advises women who are planning to have a family to avoid becoming pregnant until at least 2 months after they have received their vaccine
- Children and Adolescents under 16 years of age – this vaccine is not recommended for children, again due to limited data. Only those children at very high risk of exposure and serious outcomes from COVID-19 infection should receive the vaccine, for example, children with complex neuro-disabilities requiring residential care



Where can you get the vaccine?



- NHS Hospitals are currently rolling out the vaccine – this is largely due to the logistics needed for the vaccine – this includes staff and patients in the over 80’s category. Vaccination to care homes planning is in progress.
- A roving service is planned
- GP’s will have access – there will be local vaccination centres but these are unlikely to be your usual GP practice due to the need for space and other important primary care work to continue
- Mass vaccination centres are planned for the wider population



1st Wave Site in Tower Hamlets



- Aiming to start this week
- Located at QMUL Arts Centre
- One way system, small parking/drop off provision
- Open 8-8, 7 days per week
- Operating on behalf of nearly all GP Practices
- Pfizer Vaccine delivered in batches of 975 and has to be used within 3.5 days
- Residents will be invited for appointments via GP Practice lists

