

## **Covid-19 Recovery: WCBC Weekly Briefing Note, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Our intention was that this would be the 4<sup>th</sup> Members Covid Recovery Briefing Note, but we see it fit today to provide you with a further briefing on vaccination progress and the current spread of the Delta Variant. Recovery does and will continue to progress, but our efforts to curb the spread of the new variant need to remain a high focus to safeguard our efforts to resume normal societal activities as soon as possible.

### **General Vaccination Update for North Wales**

Almost half a million North Wales residents have received a first dose, while 338,018 have been fully vaccinated.

Take-up is currently at least 80% in all age groups above the age of 40 and there has been steady progress in providing first doses to those aged 30-39 (62%) and those aged 18-29 (71%).

The Health Board wish this to be as high as possible, but are aiming for at least 75% in each eligible age group, in order to achieve a level of community protection which will help us eventually return to normal life.

To achieve this minimum target, the health board need to provide a first dose to an additional 10,173 people aged 30-39 and 8,609 people aged 18-29.

In the coming weeks they will be writing to approximately 80,000 people who have not received a first dose. This will include those who have previously indicated they do not wish to be vaccinated. It is hoped that some of these people will have changed their mind, because of the new threat posed by the Delta variant.

### **Vaccine protection against the Delta variant**

According to latest data from Public Health England, a single dose of the Covid-19 vaccine reduces a person's chances of catching coronavirus and needing hospital treatment by about 75%, even with Delta variant circulating.

Among people who had received the recommended two doses, the chances of catching and being hospitalised by coronavirus are reduced by more than 90%.

### **Booking appointments**

The [online booking service](#) has made it easier than ever to book a first or second dose appointment at a convenient date, time and location. In the last week alone, more than 108,000 people have visited the service.

Vaccination clinics are being held in locations across North Wales and by the end of this week appointments available until August will have been added. In recent weeks there has been significantly increased speed at which the health board are administering second doses, in response to the threat posed by the Delta variant.

### **Vaccination venue changes**

Over the coming weeks a number of changes will be made to vaccination venues. Those outlined below for the East Area will be reflected on the online booking service in due course and will not affect the speed of vaccine rollout.

#### **East Area**

- The Ysbyty Enfys Deeside Mass Vaccination Centre at Deeside Leisure Centre will remain in place until March 2022 to support the COVID-19 vaccination booster programme
- Following a successful pilot at Broughton Shopping Centre on Sunday, a range of mobile 'pop up' vaccination clinics with large employers in Wrexham and Flintshire will occur over the coming weeks

## DATA ON THE VIRUS

Please see below data relating to the current number of cases in North Wales which is correct as of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2021

**TABLE 1: Covid-19 in the County Borough as a whole compared to other Councils in North Wales**

TABLE 1 - COVID-19 IN NORTH WALES: 2020-2021

### TESTS

	1st Wave - Spring/Summer 2020		2nd Wave - Autumn/Winter 2020/21		3rd Wave - Summer 2021		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	24/05 - 30/05	31/05 - 06/06	07/06 - 13/06	14/05 - 20/06
Anglesey	1 (08 March)	805 (21 June)	360 (16 Aug 20)	3501 (28 Mar 21)	474 (16 May)	870 (20 June)	526	548	730	870
Conwy	4 (08 March)	1519 (7 June)	588 (21 June 20)	2266 (10 Jan 21)	1044 (11 Apr)	2633 (20 June)	1403	1844	2032	2633
Denbighshire	2 (08 March)	1188 (7 June)	423 (28 June 20)	2290 (10 Jan 21)	839 (23 May)	1981 (20 June)	915	1100	1363	1981
Flintshire	4 (08 March)	1332 (7 June)	651 (21 June 20)	4146 (10 Jan 21)	1067 (04 Apr)	2413 (20 June)	1204	1233	1454	2413
Gwynedd	5 (08 March)	1101 (7 June)	626 (28 June 20)	1985 (17 Jan 21)	893 (23 May)	1723 (20 June)	956	1113	1313	1723
Wrexham	4 (08 March)	2069 (2 Aug)	1087 (16 Aug 20)	4004 (10 Jan 21)	1145 (06 Jun)	1804 (20 June)	1254	1144	1371	1804

### TESTS: POSITIVITY RATE

Old WG Trigger Points: >2.5% >5%

	1st Wave - Spring/Summer 2020		2nd Wave - Autumn/Winter 2020/21		3rd Wave - Summer 2021		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	24/05 - 30/05	31/05 - 06/06	07/06 - 13/06	14/05 - 20/06
Anglesey	0 (29 March)	34.8 (19 Apr)	0.2 (30 Aug 20)	14.7 (03 Jan 21)	0.2 (30 May)	2.3 (13 June)	0.2	1.8	2.3	2.1
Conwy	0 (22 March)	38.8 (19 Apr)	0.2 (23 Aug 20)	11.2 (10 Jan 21)	0.3 (09 May)	4.8 (13 June)	1.9	2.2	4.8	3.6
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	53.1 (12 Apr)	0.4 (30 Aug 20)	18.6 (03 Jan 21)	0.0 (02 May)	5.4 (13 June)	1.3	1.2	5.4	3.5
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	49.6 (12 Apr)	0.4 (09 Aug 20)	28.5 (03 Jan 21)	0.6 (09 May)	7.2 (20 June)	1.2	1.7	4.1	7.2
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	50.9 (19 Apr)	0.3 (02 Aug 20)	12.7 (17 Jan 21)	0.3 (23 May)	2.8 (20 June)	1.3	2.2	1.6	2.8
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	39.8 (19 Apr)	0.7 (30 Aug 20)	32.5 (03 Jan 21)	1.0 (06 Jun)	4.1 (20 June)	1.4	1.0	3.6	4.1

### NEW CASES

Old WG Trigger Point: >50

	1st Wave - Spring/Summer 2020		2nd Wave - Autumn/Winter 2020/21		3rd Wave - Summer 2021		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	24/05 - 30/05	31/05 - 06/06	07/06 - 13/06	14/05 - 20/06
Anglesey	0 (29 March)	106 (21 June)	1 (30 Aug 20)	130 (03 Jan 21)	1 (30 May)	18 (20 June)	1	10	17	18
Conwy	0 (22 March)	116 (17 May)	3 (23 Aug 20)	254 (10 Jan 21)	4 (09 May)	97 (13 June)	27	40	97	95
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	108 (24 May)	4 (30 Aug 20)	411 (10 Jan 21)	0 (02 May)	74 (13 June)	12	13	74	69
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	88 (10 May)	5 (09 Aug 20)	1059 (03 Jan 21)	7 (09 May)	173 (20 June)	15	21	60	173
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	87 (19 April)	2 (02 Aug 20)	253 (17 Jan 21)	3 (23 May)	48 (20 June)	12	24	21	48
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	159 (28 June)	10 (30 Aug 20)	1236 (03 Jan 21)	12 (06 Jun)	74 (20 June)	17	12	49	74

### CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION

Old WG Trigger Points: 25+ 50+ 70+

	1st Wave - Spring/Summer 2020		2nd Wave - Autumn/Winter 2020/21		3rd Wave - Summer 2021		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	24/05 - 30/05	31/05 - 06/06	07/06 - 13/06	14/05 - 20/06
Anglesey	0 (29 March)	151 (21 June)	1 (30 Aug 20)	186 (03 Jan 21)	1 (30 May)	26 (20 June)	1	14	24	26
Conwy	0 (22 March)	99 (17 May)	3 (23 Aug 20)	217 (10 Jan 21)	3 (09 May)	83 (13 June)	23	34	83	81
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	113 (24 May)	4 (30 Aug 20)	430 (10 Jan 21)	0 (02 May)	77 (13 June)	13	14	77	72
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	56 (10 May)	3 (09 Aug 20)	678 (03 Jan 21)	5 (09 May)	111 (20 June)	10	14	38	111
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	50 (10 May)	2 (02 Aug 20)	203 (17 Jan 21)	2 (23 May)	39 (20 June)	10	19	17	39
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	117 (28 June)	7 (30 Aug 20)	909 (03 Jan 21)	9 (06 Jun)	54 (20 June)	13	9	36	54

### HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

	1st Wave - Spring/Summer 2020		2nd Wave - Autumn/Winter 2020/21		3rd Wave - Summer 2021		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	24/05 - 30/05	31/05 - 06/06	07/06 - 13/06	14/05 - 20/06
BCUHB	0 (08 March)	91 (17 May)	5 (06 Sep 20)	180 (24 Jan 21)	7 (23 May)	13 (13 June)	11	12	13	8

### DEATHS

	1st Wave - Spring/Summer 2020		2nd Wave - Autumn/Winter 2020/21		3rd Wave - Summer 2021		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	Lowest Score (Week ending)	Highest Score (Week ending)	24/05 - 30/05	31/05 - 06/06	07/06 - 13/06	14/05 - 20/06
BCUHB	0 (15 March)	56 (19 Apr)	1 (13 Sep 20)	103 (24 Jan 21)	0 (30 May)	n/a	1	1	0	

Source: PHW Tableau

### Key:

Worst score since the pandemic began in **BOLD** (where it has been recorded in the last 4 weeks)

## Comment

- 31 new cases were reported yesterday. The latest 7-day rate for new cases is **51.5/100,000** population, **up** from 36 last week and just 9 two weeks ago. Positivity (the indicator of community transmission) is **4.0%**, also **up** from 3.6% last week and just 1.0% two weeks ago. Wrexham is **4<sup>th</sup>** in Wales for both the rate per 100k and positivity.
- These data show that we are entering a third wave of infection with the Delta 'variant of concern' being predominant, it is accounting for 97% of new cases in North Wales.
- Community transmission is the driver of infection rather than travel.
- Hospital admission and deaths, thankfully remain very low. The principal impact is making large number of people self-isolate.

**TABLE 2: Covid-19 in the Sub-Areas of Wrexham (18 MSOA areas used by PHW in its Tableau)**

SUB AREA	Hotspots - more than 100/100k population				Least since Oct 2020 where that was in last 7 days					
	CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION								No. OF CASES	
	Worst since 20/10/20		Best since 20/10/20		Reported 2 Weeks Ago 11th June	Reported 1 Week Ago 18th June	Reported Yesterday 24th June	% change: 20/10/20 to 20/06/21	Cases: 21 days to 20/06	Cases: 7 days to 20/06
Score	7 days to:	Score	7 days to:	7 days to 06/06/21	7 days to 13/06/21	7 days to 20/09621				
Acton & Maes-y-dre	910	04/01/2021	<40	24/06/2021	<40	<40	<40	-93	0 to 2	0 to 2
Bangor-on-Dee, Overton & Penley	542	08/01/2021	<31	12/06/2021	<31	45	105	-13	3	7
Borras & Rhosnesni	909	04/01/2021	<42	24/06/2021	<42	<42	<42	-93	10	0 to 2
Caia Park	1120	09/01/2021	<29	24/06/2021	<29	56	<29	-91	4	0 to 2
Cefn Mawr	665	04/11/2020	<22	07/06/2021	<22	55	55	-88	9	5
Chirk & Ceiriog Valley	972	17/01/2021	<31	14/06/2021	<31	46	62	-78	8	4
Coedpoeth & Brymbo	1184	04/01/2021	<22	09/06/2021	<22	55	88	-77	13	8
Gresford, Marford & Rossett	840	08/01/2021	<14	10/06/2021	<14	28	49	-83	11	7
Gwersyllt West & Summerhill	1924	06/01/2021	<34	14/06/2021	<34	<34	84	-88	7	5
Hermitage & Whitegate	1622	04/01/2021	<23	17/06/2021	<23	<23	80	-78	8	7
Johnstown North & Rhostyllen	1288	01/01/2021	<33	24/06/2021	<33	<33	<33	-94	0 to 2	0 to 2
Llay South & Gwersyllt East	1134	08/01/2021	<25	24/06/2021	<25	<25	<25	-95	0 to 2	0 to 2
New Broughton & Bryn Cefn	1147	04/01/2021	<26	17/06/2021	<26	39	39	-92	7	3
Pen-y-cae & Minera	891	09/01/2021	<35	24/06/2021	<35	<35	<35	-92	3	0 to 2
Rhos & Johnstown South	1167	11/01/2021	<29	24/06/2021	<29	<29	<29	-90	0 to 2	0 to 2
Ruabon & Marchwiel	936	03/01/2021	<31	06/06/2021	<31	136	106	-59	18	7
Town North, University & Rhos-ddu	1227	08/01/2021	<23	10/06/2021	<23	56	68	-83	10	6
Wrexham West	1092	12/01/2021	<24	14/06/2021	<24	<24	72	-90	9	6
WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH	971	08/01/2021	7	04/06/2021	9	36	52	-88	120 to 128	65 to 79

Source: PHW Tableau

## Comment

- 2 of the 18 sub-areas of Wrexham are 'hotspots' with more than 100/100,000 population whereas last week there were none and there had been none for several months.
- However, **many sub-areas** continue to see no cases at all and numbers are relatively low.

## Impact in Schools

Schools have seen an increase in the number of pupils and staff required to isolate during this week. The current position reported on the 24.06.2021 is as follows:

- Number of staff who have tested positive - 4
- Number of staff in isolation - 55
- Number of pupils who have tested positive - 17
- Number of pupils in isolation - 1313
- Number of schools with current positive cases reported - 10
- Number of Schools with Bubble Closures - 7
- Number of Bubble Closures - 16

There has been a significant increase in the number of pupils required to self-isolate since the

## KEY MESSAGES

The spread of the Delta Variant in Wales and specifically in Wrexham continues to increase and our management of this 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave of infection is crucial. Current spread is primarily within younger people and it is of some comfort that hospital admissions remain low.

Our message to families and individuals in Wrexham is that we encourage them all to become vaccinated, whether that be their first vaccine, or their second. Our progress out of this pandemic depends on achieving the greatest level of vaccination amongst our population so that further steps to recovery can be progressed.