

Covid-19 Recovery: WCBC Fortnightly Briefing Note, 23rd July 2021

This is a shorter than normal Members Covid Recovery Briefing Note. The level of spread of the Delta Variant continues to mean it is important that we continue to share with you information about what is happening in your local area

Council's Recovery Route Map

As previously noted the Council is now working to its Covid routemap. It is in this context that the next decisive step for the council will be in early September. The key steps at this stage will be:-

- Return the workforce to offices on 1/3 ratios daily for those previously required to work from home. A balance of at home, on site or the workplace attendance for staff.
- Continue progress to gradual reopening of services that require face to face contact.
- Main council business to remain digitally. Selected meetings to occur in person with appropriate risk assessments in place
- Council meetings best maintained digitally to a point where all feel safe to attend, continue. Work to explore potential for hybrid meetings.

These steps will be reviewed in the light of any changes in guidance from Welsh Government and will be influenced by the rate of spread of the Delta Variant within Wrexham County Borough Council

DATA ON THE VIRUS

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

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)	21/06 - 27/06	28/06 - 04/07	05/07 - 11/07	12/07 - 18/07
Anglesey	1 (08 March)	805 (21 June)	360 (16 Aug 20)	3501 (28 Mar 21)	474 (16 May)	1248 (04 July)	1070	1248	1147	967
Conwy	4 (08 March)	1519 (7 June)	588 (21 June 20)	2266 (10 Jan 21)	1044 (11 Apr)	2990 (18 July)	2372	2276	2716	2990
Denbighshire	2 (08 March)	1188 (7 June)	423 (28 June 20)	2290 (10 Jan 21)	836 (23 May)	2631 (18 July)	2004	1931	2152	2631
Flintshire	4 (08 March)	1332 (7 June)	651 (21 June 20)	4146 (10 Jan 21)	1067 (04 Apr)	3792 (04 July)	2896	3792	3107	2898
Gwynedd	5 (08 March)	1101 (7 June)	626 (28 June 20)	1985 (17 Jan 21)	891 (23 May)	2369 (27 June)	2369	2239	2099	1857
Wrexham	4 (08 March)	2069 (2 Aug)	1087 (16 Aug 20)	4004 (10 Jan 21)	1138 (06 Jun)	3210 (04 July)	2459	3120	2915	2547

TESTS: POSITIVITY RATE

Old WG Trigger Points: >2.5% >5%

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Anglesey	0 (29 March)	34.8 (19 Apr)	0.2 (30 Aug 20)	14.7 (03 Jan 21)	0.2 (30 May)	8.5 (11 July)	5.7	7.8	8.5	6.7
Conwy	0 (22 March)	38.8 (19 Apr)	0.2 (23 Aug 20)	11.2 (10 Jan 21)	0.3 (09 May)	14.0 (18 July)	5.1	8.5	9.8	14.0
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	53.1 (12 Apr)	0.4 (30 Aug 20)	18.6 (03 Jan 21)	0.0 (02 May)	18.8 (18 July)	7.0	8.1	12.3	18.8
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	49.6 (12 Apr)	0.4 (09 Aug 20)	28.5 (03 Jan 21)	0.6 (09 May)	15.2 (18 July)	8.7	9.9	11.2	15.2
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	50.9 (19 Apr)	0.3 (02 Aug 20)	12.7 (17 Jan 21)	0.3 (23 May)	7.8 (11 July)	5.4	7.0	7.8	7.5
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	39.8 (19 Apr)	0.7 (30 Aug 20)	32.5 (03 Jan 21)	1.1 (06 Jun)	16.7 (18 July)	8.2	13.2	14.2	16.7

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)	21/06 - 27/06	28/06 - 04/07	05/07 - 11/07	12/07 - 18/07
Anglesey	0 (29 March)	106 (21 June)	1 (30 Aug 20)	130 (03 Jan 21)	1 (30 May)	97 (11 July)	61	97	97	65
Conwy	0 (22 March)	116 (17 May)	3 (23 Aug 20)	254 (10 Jan 21)	4 (09 May)	419 (18 July)	120	193	265	419
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	108 (24 May)	4 (30 Aug 20)	411 (10 Jan 21)	0 (02 May)	494 (18 July)	140	157	264	494
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	88 (10 May)	5 (09 Aug 20)	1059 (03 Jan 21)	7 (09 May)	441 (18 July)	252	375	349	441
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	87 (19 April)	2 (02 Aug 20)	253 (17 Jan 21)	3 (23 May)	140 (18 July)	127	157	164	140
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	159 (28 June)	10 (30 Aug 20)	1236 (03 Jan 21)	12 (06 Jun)	425 (18 July)	201	425	413	425

CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION

Old WG Trigger Points: 25+ 50+ 70+

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Anglesey	0 (29 March)	151 (21 June)	1 (30 Aug 20)	186 (03 Jan 21)	1 (30 May)	139 (11 July)	87	139	139	93
Conwy	0 (22 March)	99 (17 May)	3 (23 Aug 20)	217 (10 Jan 21)	3 (09 May)	358 (18 July)	102	165	226	358
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	113 (24 May)	4 (30 Aug 20)	430 (10 Jan 21)	0 (02 May)	516 (18 July)	146	164	276	516
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	56 (10 May)	3 (09 Aug 20)	678 (03 Jan 21)	5 (09 May)	283 (18 July)	161	240	224	283
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	50 (10 May)	2 (02 Aug 20)	203 (17 Jan 21)	2 (23 May)	132 (11 July)	102	126	132	112
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	117 (28 June)	7 (30 Aug 20)	909 (03 Jan 21)	9 (06 Jun)	313 (18 July)	148	313	304	313

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)	21/06 - 27/06	28/06 - 04/07	05/07 - 11/07	12/07 - 18/07
BCUHB	0 (08 March)	91 (17 May)	5 (06 Sep 20)	180 (24 Jan 21)	7 (23 May)	33 (18 July)	9	20	25	33

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)	21/06 - 27/06	28/06 - 04/07	05/07 - 11/07	12/07 - 18/07
BCUHB	0 (15 March)	56 (19 Apr)	1 (13 Sep 20)	103 (24 Jan 21)	0 (20 June)	Too soon to say	1	0	2	no data

Source: PHW Tableau

Key:

Worst score since the pandemic began in 2020 in **BOLD**, where this score has been recorded in the last 4 weeks

Comment

- **49** new cases were reported today. The latest 7-day rate for new cases is **312.6/100,000** population which is **identical to that 2 weeks ago, suggesting that cases have plateaued**. However, positivity (the indicator of community transmission) is **16.7%, up from 13.1% two weeks ago**.
- Wrexham has improved from 1st in Wales for the rate per 100k and positivity to 3rd.
- The Delta 'variant of concern' accounts for almost 100% of new cases, and community transmission, through social and household contacts, rather than travel or work, is the driver of infection
- The highest rates of infection are amongst the 20-29 age group, followed by the under 20s. This is because they are the **least vaccinated** and are having the most social interaction with their peers.
- Hospital admission and deaths, thankfully, remain very low, suggesting that **the vaccine is very effective against the Delta variant**
- The principal impact of this third wave is disruption to peoples' lives because of large numbers of people having to self-isolate
- Schools are now closed for the summer holidays which should help reduce the spread though greater social contact outside of school and the relaxation of the regulations may counteract this.

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 9nd July	Reported 1 Week Ago 16th July	Reported Today 23rd July	% change: 20/10/20 to 18/07/21	Cases: 21 days to 18/07	Cases: 7 days to 18/07		
	Score	7 days to:	Score	7 days to:	7 days to 04/07/21	7 days to 11/07/21	7 days to 18/07/21					
Acton & Maes-y-dre	910	04/01/2021	<40	20/06/2021	178	495	317	-43	51	16		
Bangor-on-Dee, Overton & Penley	542	08/01/2021	<31	12/06/2021	226	120	181	51	34	12		
Borras & Rhosnesni	909	04/01/2021	<42	28/06/2021	186	186	207	-93	28	0		
Caia Park	1120	09/01/2021	<29	25/06/2021	266	168	168	-48	41	12		
Cefn Mawr	665	04/11/2020	<22	07/06/2021	262	381	469	5	96	43		
Chirk & Ceiriog Valley	972	17/01/2021	<31	14/06/2021	185	139	154	-45	30	10		
Coedpoeth & Brymbo	1184	04/01/2021	<22	09/06/2021	175	416	307	-20	87	28		
Gresford, Marford & Rossett	840	08/01/2021	<14	10/06/2021	224	161	210	-25	87	30		
Gwersyllt West & Summerhill	1924	06/01/2021	<34	14/06/2021	456	354	186	-74	58	11		
Hermitage & Whitegate	1622	04/01/2021	<23	23/06/2021	229	206	388	6	71	34		
Johnstown North & Rhostyllen	1288	01/01/2021	<33	23/06/2021	489	554	310	-46	79	19		
Llay South & Gwersyllt East	1134	08/01/2021	<25	20/06/2021	312	349	287	-48	71	23		
New Broughton & Bryn Cefn	1147	04/01/2021	<26	17/06/2021	271	361	709	53	103	77		
Pen-y-cae & Minera	891	09/01/2021	<35	19/06/2021	140	314	297	-29	43	17		
Rhos & Johnstown South	1167	11/01/2021	<29	23/06/2021	1124	455	498	67	140	35		
Ruabon & Marchwiel	936	03/01/2021	<31	06/06/2021	332	498	287	12	76	19		
Town North, University & Rhos-ddu	1227	08/01/2021	<23	10/06/2021	349	360	304	-25	89	27		
Wrexham West	1092	12/01/2021	<24	14/06/2021	312	360	288	-60	79	24		
WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH	971	08/01/2021	7	04/06/2021	313	319	313	-26	1263	447		

Source: PHW Tableau

Comment

- All of the 18 sub-areas of Wrexham are still 'hotspots' with more than 100 cases/100,000 population, which is the same as two weeks ago and which confirms that there is widespread community transmission rather than clusters in specific areas, though there are some employment clusters too.
- 3 sub-areas have more than 400/100k. These are mainly in the south and west of the county borough.
- However, 13 of the sub-area have seen an improvement since two weeks ago

Impact in Schools

Schools are continuing to work within the Welsh Government Operational Guidance and have robust risk assessments in place. Naturally with School Holidays now starting this data will be the last in this regards for over a month.

The current position is as of the 22.07.2021 is as follows

STAFF

Current Staff Tested Positive 5 (last Friday 15 Positive Staff)

Staff In Isolation 84 (last Friday 162 isolations)

PUPILS

Current Pupils Tested Positive 79 (last Friday 119 Positive pupils)

Pupils in Isolation 2051 (last Friday 3109 isolating)

SCHOOLS

Number of schools with Current Positive cases reported 29 (last Friday 37)

Number of Schools with Bubble Closures 15 (last Friday 21)

Number of Bubble Closures 18 (last Friday 33)

KEY MESSAGES

For those of you embarking on a summer break, please ensure you enjoy time with your families responsibly. Vaccination remains the best defence against the worst impacts of COVID.