

# Early Years Webinar

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# Public Health Update

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# Current alert level in Bolton: NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Estimated R number for the North West:

0.7-0.9 with a daily infection growth rate of -6% to -4% as of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## People tested positive in Bolton

Latest data provided on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, for the 7 day period to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Average number per day (last 7 days) 46

Rate per 100k, all ages: **110.9** (↓ on previous 7 days)

Rate per 100k, age 60+: **70.7** (↓ on previous 7 days)

Total to date 24,619

## Deaths with COVID19

Latest data provided on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, for deaths registered up to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Weekly 22**

Total to date 725

*6 Bolton residents have died in hospital*

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

## Healthcare

### Patients admitted in Bolton

Latest data provided on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

People in hospital **60** (↓)

People on ventilation **8** (↓)

## Testing

### Tests carried out in Bolton

Latest data provided on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, for the 7 day period to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Number PCR tests last 7 days 6,452

PCR Positivity **5.7%** (↓)

## Vaccinations

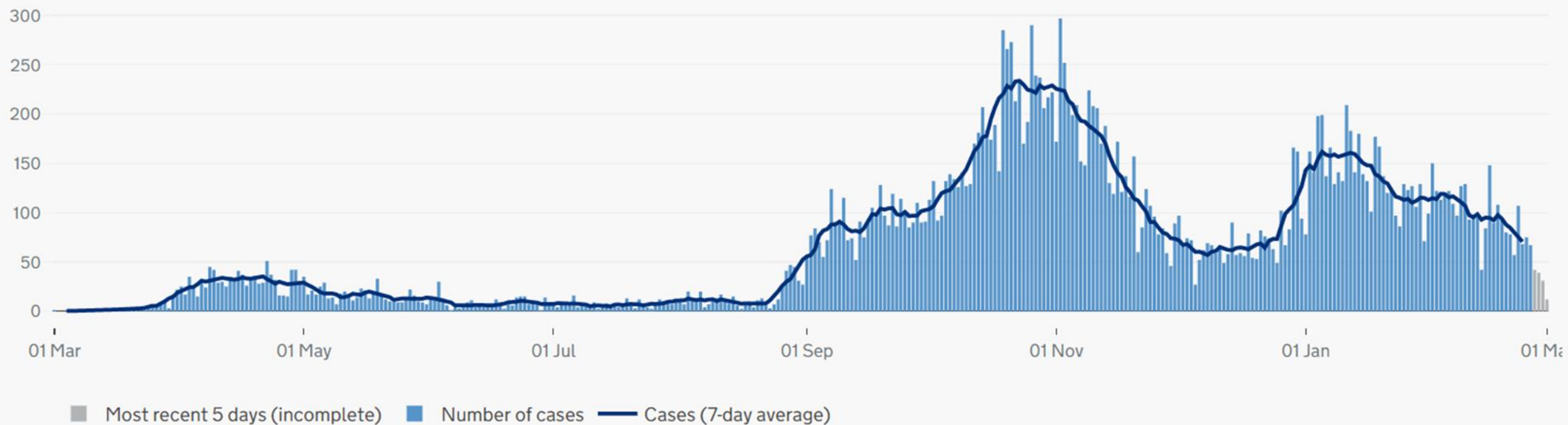
### Vaccinations administered Bolton CCG

Latest data provided on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021, for the period 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

65 and over first dose 90.4%

80 and over first dose 92.8%

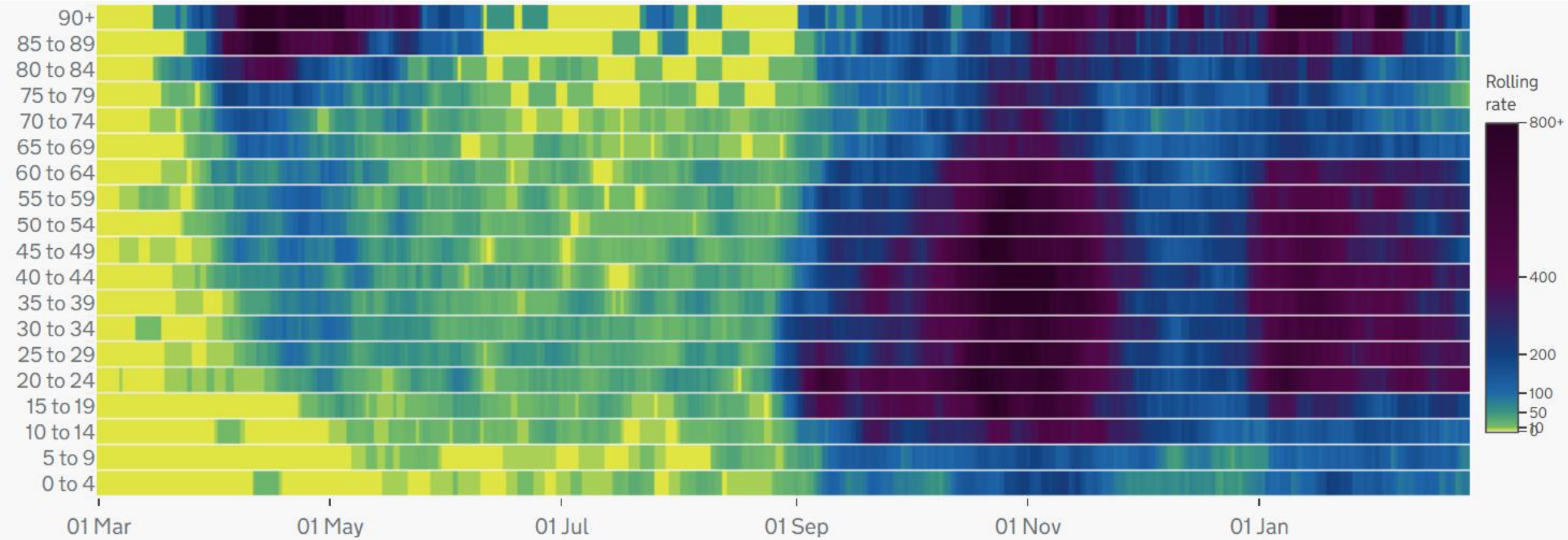
# Bolton cases by specimen date



As announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=Bolton>

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# Age specific case rates



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# Public Health Update: Key messages 1/2

## **Trends in positive case rates:**

- Rates remain high. Although they are trending downwards, this is from a high position
- Majority of cases (over three quarters) are in the working age population
- Case rates are trending down more slowly in Bolton's working age population
- Downward trend is slower than average in Bolton
- Case rates for small areas are volatile and need careful investigation/interpretation
- Reductions in case rates in the main are being driven by current national restrictions (Stay at Home) at the present time

## Learning from outbreak management and situation review (all settings):

- Some excellent practice, 'soft' intelligence
- Minimise number of contacts as far as possible
- Breaktimes, car sharing
- Covid 19 Contact Tracing <Covid19contacttracing@bolton.gov.uk>



# Public Health Update: Key messages 2/2

**Control measures are the same, whatever the variant**  
**Hands – Face – Space – Ventilate**

Note on vaccination:

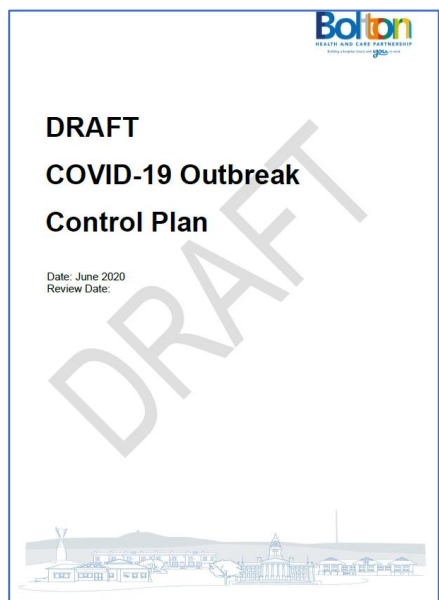
- Primary focus is reducing serious illness and deaths
- Phased roll out determined by national expert committee
- Effective at preventing serious disease
- Likely that will help reduce transmission, but we'll learn more about this over time
- Existing vaccines are standing up well to new variants

# Vaccination Programme

- Strict regulations set by the Joint Committee on Vaccination & Immunisation (JCVI)
- Vaccinations issued in line with Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Focus is to protect those most likely to suffer mortality as a result of the virus
- To date, programme focused on the health and social care working with clinically extremely vulnerable people, alongside GP led vaccinations based on age and health conditions (priority groups)



# Public Health Update: Bolton's Outbreak Control Plan



## Bolton's Outbreak Control Plan

- update is underway
- fundamental principles of test, trace, isolate, support, engage, enforce, surveillance
- overseen by the Health Protection Board, chaired by Dr Helen Lowey, Director of Public Health





# Wider update

Helen Shearer Head of Start Well Strategic Lead for Early Years

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# Early Years Guidance for Handling a Positive Case Local Contact Card / Process

- Updated guidance landed yesterday
- Initial scan not showing major changes, but prudent to work through detail
- Updated version of contact card out by end of tomorrow

## Early Years Providers Business Planning and Support

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### TRAINING AND E-LEARNING

In this section:

- 30 hours Business Support Planning
- MBK E-learning Business Course

### ADVICE AND SUPPORT

In this section:

- Bolton Business Support
- Enterprising you
- The Business Growth Hub

### SUFFICIENCY DATA

In this section:

- Information on the DfE Sufficiency data return
- Bolton Council annual childcare sufficiency assessments

### Useful Information

### FREE BUSINESS PLANNING TOOLS

In this section:

- Hemsalls: Business Map Tools
- PACEY
- NDNA
- Early Years Alliance

### COVID-19 GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

In this section:

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)
- Self-employment
- Bounce back loans

### MARKETING AND RESOURCES

In this section:

- My Life in Bolton
- Self Update Portal
- Marketing material
- Downloadable resources

## NEW Early Years Providers Business Planning and Support

We have added a new section to the Bolton Start Well website, which is designed to bring together all the information that is available to support Bolton's early education and childcare providers with their business planning.

In this microsite, you will find a combination of resources including FREE online workshops, links to business planning tools, resources to help you review cash flow, marketing posters and many other useful tools and information.

In light of the continuing pandemic, we have also included a section on COVID-19 Government Guidance and the Department for Education sufficiency data capture.

The webpages can be found under the Resources section of our website, or can be accessed on the Start Well Web site

We would love to hear your thoughts on this new section and suggestions for anything else you would like to see included.

<https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/homepage/22/early-years-providers-business-planning-and-support>

# Testing for Childminders and Standalone OOSC

- Currently exploring suitable options for asymptomatic testing – guidelines are changing every few days
- Government said they are continuing to work closely with colleagues across government and local authorities to secure the most effective approach to asymptomatic testing for childminders. Childminders should continue to access community testing facilities for asymptomatic testing.
- Looking at expanding the Community testing and scoping the use of some Start well centres with opening hours to meet the needs of Childminders and OOSC
- Looking to provide central resources when national guidance is clear
- Link to find your nearest home test kit collection point (for individuals not groups):  
<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

# Asymptomatic testing programme

- The asymptomatic testing programme in education will expand to all staff in private, voluntary and independent nurseries, who will start to receive deliveries of Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs). Staff will be asked to take their test kits home and carry out the test twice a week. The LFD test will give a result in around 30 minutes. Staff who test positive will then self-isolate, helping to reduce transmission of the virus.
- This will help to break the chains of transmission of coronavirus in education settings by identifying asymptomatic positive cases. This is important as up to one in three people who have the virus have it without symptoms (they are asymptomatic) so could be spreading the disease unknowingly.
- The Department will be in touch shortly to provide you with further guidance for the use of the LFD home testing kits, which will also include information about **upcoming webinars**.

# Risk Assessments

## COVID Risk Assessments

- Please review and update your risk assessments and make any adjustments based on updated guidance.
- **If there are no changes please ensure you record the review date.**
- Updated Risk Assessments should be shared with staff and Trade Unions
- For further advice and guidance contact your H&S Service Provider

## Individual Risk Assessments

- Review and update staff individual risk assessments if needed and contact your HR provider for further advice and guidance.



# PHE Psychological First Aid for Children: E-Learning Package

- Short online course (3 hours)
- Aimed at frontline or essential workers and volunteers who come into contact with children and young people aged 0-25 during emergency and crisis situations, including parents and carers
- Compliments the 'Wellbeing for Education Return' materials - including the 'Every Interaction Matters' [webinar](#) for education staff
- Previous experience or qualifications is not a pre-requisite for delivering Psychological First Aid
- Free, with an option to purchase a certificate



<https://www.futurelearn.com/course/s/psychological-first-aid-for-children-and-young-people>

# National Road Map

## Bolton Communications Plan

- Adopted a 'whole system' plan / approach across Council, FT, CCG, GMP and Voluntary Sector - Council represents schools and early years. The Cabinet Office are also part of this Comms Cell
- Dynamic Communications Plan – will continue to develop alongside the national road map / messaging / testing
- There will be things we ask schools / settings to share but also need feedback re needs / what messaging is and is not working on the ground
- FAQs are on the Bolton Council website - will include national information for parents
- Anniversary of first case in Bolton was this week – will be some activity to mark the last 12 months whilst reinforcing messages of hope

# Holiday Activities and Food Programme

- Government programme being coordinated by the local authority
- Bringing together holiday activity with food element embedded
- Targeted activity for school aged children who qualify for FSM, or are vulnerable
- Working up a skeleton programme for Easter, will be a broader programme for summer
- Will be reaching out to schools to help identify and target promotion to pupils
- Opportunities for partners to deliver activities in summer if interested

# Department for Education: data collection

- The Department for Education has requested regular updates from childcare providers, including nurseries in schools, via this DfE link (<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159318090951> )

Due to the present national lockdown, the Department for Education is currently asking for data to be submitted weekly. This means that the next return will be due on **10th March 2021**.

**To make sure that we can provide an accurate submission to the DfE, reflecting the current position in Bolton, please can providers complete this data return on a weekly basis by 12 noon on Wednesday.**

If you are having problems completing the data, need help with the link or have any other questions, contact us.

Email: [families@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:families@bolton.gov.uk) or phone: 01204 332170

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# Questions

