
Latest COVID-19 information and advice for the borough of Bury September 24, 2020

Next update due Thursday October 1, 2020.

Latest data

With 308 new cases recorded in the seven days to 19 September, Bury's infection rate has shot up from 92.1 per 100,000 to 162.01 – one of the highest rates in the UK.

The four-week summary in Bury:

Week ending 19 September: infection rate 162.01 (308 new cases)
Week ending 12 September: infection rate 92.1 (175 new cases)
Week ending 5 September: infection rate 59.4 (113 new cases)
Week ending 29 August: infection rate 25.8 (49 cases)

Getting tested

We are working hard to ensure that anyone that needs a test in Bury can get one. Demand is high. Please only request a test if you have symptoms - a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste. Get tested within the first 3-5 days of symptoms.

Testing options

- Three local walk-through testing centres, no appointment needed, Mosses Centre, Chesham Fold & Whitefield Library, 10am-3pm, Mon-Fri.
- Drive-through testing, by appointment, Waterfold Business Park* (please let us know if you need to cancel).

- Regional testing sites / home test kits are also available.
- For the latest options and information of how to book*: [https://www.bury.gov.uk/coronavirus-testing/call 0161 253 5515](https://www.bury.gov.uk/coronavirus-testing/call-0161-253-5515).

NHS Test and Trace app

The new NHS Test and Track App for smartphones is available from today. It lets users know if someone nearby has tested positive for the virus, and also has a check-in scanner to alert users if a venue they have visited is found to be an outbreak hotspot.

Please encourage your contacts to download from Google Play (Android devices) or Apple's App Store – just search for 'NHS Covid-19'.

NHS QR code posters and contact logs

Hospitality venues in England are legally required to enforce the rule of 6:

- Designated businesses and organisations will also be legally required to log details of customers, visitors and staff for NHS Test and Trace and display official NHS QR code posters ahead of the COVID-19 app being rolled out: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/venues-required-to-enforce-rule-of-6-nhs-qr-code-posters-and-contact-logs>
- Resources to support venues in relation to these requirements: <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/information-and-resources.html>

Current restrictions

Bury is currently subject to restrictions over and above the recently announced national guidelines:

- People from different households are not allowed to meet indoors or in private gardens.
- You can continue to meet outdoors in public spaces with up to two households (or six people from a number of households) but you should still socially distance.

We will continue update details at [bury.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.bury.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Stopping the spread

Everyone can do their bit to stop the spread of COVID-19 by sticking by follow rules and guidelines:

- Wearing face coverings in shops, hospitality and most other indoor public places is now compulsory and enforceable by law.
- Stay two metres apart from people you don't live with, as much as possible.

- Avoid physical contact with anyone outside your own household, including shaking hands or hugging.
- Keep your hands as clean as possible, using soap and water where available/or regularly apply hand sanitiser.

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