

Latest Covid-19 advice for the borough of Bury – 21 January, 2021

Case rates begin to fall – thank you for doing your bit

This week we began to see the effects of lockdown on our infection rates - the number of new cases of Covid-19 in Bury in the week up to 16 January 2021 fell by 15.6% from the previous week.

The drop was concentrated among working age adults: however, case numbers continued to increase (at a slower pace) among adults aged over 65 living in the community. Bury's rate was the 8th highest in Greater Manchester and 20th highest out of 23 upper-tier local authorities in the North West.

The number of people in local hospitals with Covid-19 increased, consistent with increases in case numbers in previous weeks and known time lags between infection and hospitalisation. Sadly, at this time, an average of between one and two people are dying every day.

Week ending 16 January: infection rate 390.6 (746 new cases)
Week ending 9 January: infection rate 462.9 (884 new cases)
Week ending 2 January: infection rate 389.0 (743 new cases)
Week ending 26 December: infection rate 236.1 (451 new cases)

Thank you for continuing to 'stay at home, save lives and protect the NHS'.

Borough delivers 20k vaccine doses

By the end of this week, around 20,000 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine will have been given across our four community vaccination centres.

The centres, based in Prestwich, Radcliffe, Bury Town Hall's Elizabethan Suite and Ramsbottom, continue to offer vaccinations to those people who have been prioritised by scientists and the Government.

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The centres are focussing on offering the first dose of the vaccination, to people within the first four priority groups that have been set nationally, by mid-February. This includes people living and working in older people's care homes; people aged 80+; health and care workers; people aged 70+ and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals.

Residents who are eligible for a vaccination will be contacted by their GP when it is their turn, and people are asked not to contact their GP practice about the vaccine before then.

CCG Chair and local GP Dr Jeffrey Schryer has published a blog reflecting on the work of the vaccination centres, and you can read this here: <https://www.buryccg.nhs.uk/2021/01/15/bury-at-its-best-as-vaccinations-bring-new-hope-15th-jan-2021/>

Keep up to speed on the vaccination rollout in Bury at: <https://www.bury.gov.uk/coronavirus-vaccine>

Getting tested in Bury

If you have any of the three most common symptoms of coronavirus - a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - we urge you to get tested to protect yourself and the people around you. Please get tested within the first 3 - 5 days of symptoms.

A range of testing options is available right across the borough:

No appointment needed at Bury's walk-through testing centre, open 10am-3pm, Monday - Friday: Chesham Fold, 95 Chesham Fold Road, Bury BL9 6JZ.

By appointment 8am - 8pm, with some locations open seven days a week, at Department for Health & Social Care testing centres:

- The former Radcliffe Pool car park, Blackburn Street, Radcliffe
- Whitefield Library, Pinfold Lane, Whitefield
- The Metro Christian Centre, 13 Parkhills Road, Bury
- Longfield Centre car park (via Rectory Lane), Prestwich
- Great Eaves Road test site, Great Eaves Road, Ramsbottom

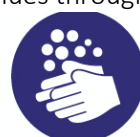
Bury's drive-through testing centre at Waterfold Business Park is temporarily closed for essential maintenance.

For the latest information about testing and availability visit www.bury.gov.uk/coronavirus-testing or call 0161 253 5515.

Helping people through the toughest time

Support in the community

Support for clinically extremely vulnerable residents who have been asked to shield, other vulnerable residents and residents who need to self-isolate continues through the Bury Community Hubs.



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The hubs can help with food shopping and collecting prescriptions as well as telephone befriending and support to get online for things like priority supermarket delivery slots.

The Community Hubs are working with partners in mental health, Bury VCFA, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Age UK and Bury Community Support Network which includes access to foodbanks in Bury. We have a network of individual volunteers in every part of Bury who we can 'buddy' you up with for regular chats, support to get online, help to collect your prescriptions and medication, and they can help with your shopping too.

Call 0161 253 5353 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) for information or to talk to us about what support you might need.

Mental health support

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, life has changed for all of us and it's natural that this may cause you to feel worried or anxious, lonely or frustrated. If you feel you need some extra support, Bury's Getting Help Line is a confidential telephone service run by the voluntary sector for people of all ages who are experiencing difficulties with their mental wellbeing.

You can access advice, guidance and signposting to local services by calling the Getting Help Line on 0161 464 3679. Find out about other mental wellbeing support at www.bury.gov.uk/mentalwellbeing

Grants for business

Our dedicated business support team continues to work tirelessly to get financial support to Bury companies large and small across the whole range of sectors.

Details of funding to businesses, eligibility criteria and how to apply is available at burymeansbusiness.bury.gov.uk

If you don't already subscribe to the Bury Means Business weekly bulletin sharing all things business-related in the borough, please do sign up. This is one of the quickest ways that we can share information with the Bury business community.

Next update due Thursday 28 January, 2021.

Find up-to-date information at bury.gov.uk/coronavirus



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