Wirral COVID-19 Report		
Produced on 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020	Report source: Public Health England (COVID-19 Situational Awareness Explorer)	
<b>Period:</b> 12/12/2020 to 18/12/2020	Produced by Wirral Council Public Health Intelligence Team	

## Local COVID-19 alert level: High (Tier 2)

The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 is once again increasing in Wirral.

There is still widespread community transmission, with new positive COVID-19 cases being seen each day across Wirral and in all age groups.

The current level of **394 cases per week (in the 7 days to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**, the most recent day for which figures are available).

The latest weekly rate of **COVID-19** in **Wirral** is **120** per **100,000** population while the **latest positivity** rate is **4.9%** (percentage of positive tests of all tests carried out in the last 7 days).

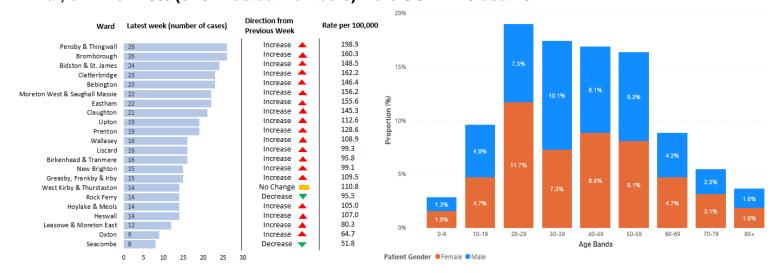
By 10-year age band, the largest percentage number of cases in the **7-days to 18/12/2020 were in those** aged those aged 20-29 (19%), followed by those aged 30-39 (17%), aged 40-49 (17%) and 50-59 (16%). Over two-thirds of cases in this week were in these age bands (see table below).

There were slightly more cases in women compared to men in the **7-days to 18/12/2020**; **50.5% female**, **47% male and 2.5% unknown**.

The wards with the largest number of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 18/12/2020) were Bromborough (26), Pensby & Thingwall (26) and Bidston & St James (24) (see table below).

The ethnicity of confirmed cases (in the 7-days to 18/12/2020) was 75% White British, 17% unknown and 8% from BAME and/or mixed heritage backgrounds.

Weekly data from ONS (published on 22/12/2020) showed there had been 79 registered deaths in Wirral, of which 10% (or 8 in actual numbers) were COVID-19 deaths.



## To protect yourself and others, you must:

- Wash your hands with soap and water often, and as soon as you get home. Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water is not available
- Stay at least 2 metres away from anyone you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble
- Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose where social distancing is not possible outdoors and indoors. By law, you must now wear them in most indoor settings including public transport, shops, post-offices, banks, beauty salons, visitor attractions and entertainment venues, libraries, community centres, places of worship and public areas in hotels.
- If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace, follow their instructions. If you have symptoms of
  coronavirus you must self-isolate, get a test; stay at home until you get a result; your household or
  support bubble must also stay at home until you get your result.

Age Bands	Percentage of Cases
0-9	3%
10-19	10%
20-29	19%
30-39	17%
40-49	17%
50-59	16%
60-69	9%
70-79	5%
80+	4%

Ward	Cases w-e 18/12/2020	Direction from Previous Week
Bromborough	26	Increase
Pensby & Thingwall	26	Increase
Bidston & St. James	24	Increase
Bebington	23	Increase
Clatterbridge	23	Increase
Eastham	22	Increase
Moreton West & Saughall Massie	22	Increase
Claughton	21	Increase
Prenton	19	Increase
Upton	19	Increase
Birkenhead & Tranmere	16	Increase
Liscard	16	Increase
Wallasey	16	Increase
Greasby, Frankby & Irby	15	Increase
New Brighton	15	Increase
Heswall	14	Increase
Hoylake & Meols	14	Increase
Rock Ferry	14	Decrease
West Kirby & Thurstaston	14	No Change
Leasowe & Moreton East	12	Increase
Oxton	9	Increase
Seacombe	8	Decrease