

Covid-19: WCBC Weekly Briefing Note, 19th March 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

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<https://news.wrexham.gov.uk/covid-19-briefing-note-19-03-21/>

KEY MESSAGE: Infection rates have halved in a week, but we are still in lockdown, so let's all do everything we can to beat this thing.

DATA ON THE VIRUS

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

TESTS

	Lowest Scores		Worst Scores		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	15/02 - 21/02	22/02 - 28/02	01/03 - 07/03	08/03 - 14/03
Anglesey	1 (08 March)	360 (16 Aug)	805 (21 June 20)	1158 (10 Jan 21)	914	684	637	764
Conwy	4 (08 March)	588 (21 June)	1519 (7 June 20)	2266 (10 Jan 21)	1557	1363	1300	1433
Denbighshire	2 (08 March)	423 (28 June)	1188 (7 June 20)	2290 (10 Jan 21)	1408	1057	1056	1235
Flintshire	4 (08 March)	651 (21 June)	1332 (7 June 20)	4146 (10 Jan 21)	1604	1222	1440	1605
Gwynedd	5 (08 March)	626 (28 June)	1101 (7 June 20)	1985 (17 Jan 21)	1480	1172	1200	1170
Wrexham	4 (08 March)	1087 (16 Aug)	2069 (2 Aug 20)	4004 (10 Jan 21)	1672	1285	1382	1204

TESTS: POSITIVITY RATE

Old WG Trigger Points: >2.5% >5%

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Anglesey	0 (29 March)	0.2 (30 Aug)	34.8 (19 Apr 20)	14.7 (03 Jan 21)	8.3	6.3	8.5	11.6
Conwy	0 (22 March)	0.2 (23 Aug)	38.8 (19 Apr 20)	11.2 (10 Jan 21)	7.1	7.2	6.2	5.2
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	0.4 (30 Aug)	53.1 (12 Apr 20)	18.6 (03 Jan 21)	6.0	4.4	4.0	2.7
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	0.4 (09 Aug)	49.6 (12 Apr 20)	28.5 (03 Jan 21)	9.0	7.6	6.2	7.5
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	0.3 (02 Aug)	50.9 (19 Apr 20)	12.7 (17 Jan 21)	7.2	9.5	6.8	6.1
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	0.7 (30 Aug)	39.8 (19 Apr 20)	32.5 (03 Jan 21)	5.5	6.9	6.5	3.5

NEW CASES

	Lowest Scores		Worst Scores		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	15/02 - 21/02	22/02 - 28/02	01/03 - 07/03	08/03 - 14/03
Anglesey	0 (29 March)	1 (30 Aug)	106 (21 June 20)	130 (03 Jan 21)	76	43	54	89
Conwy	0 (22 March)	3 (23 Aug)	116 (17 May 20)	254 (10 Jan 21)	111	98	80	74
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	4 (30 Aug)	108 (24 May 20)	411 (10 Jan 21)	84	46	42	33
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	5 (09 Aug)	88 (10 May 20)	1059 (03 Jan 21)	145	93	89	120
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	2 (02 Aug)	87 (19 April 20)	253 (17 Jan 21)	106	111	81	71
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	10 (30 Aug)	159 (28 June 20)	1236 (03 Jan 21)	92	89	90	42

CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION

Old WG Trigger Points: 25+ 50+ 70+

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Anglesey	0 (29 March)	1 (30 Aug)	151 (21 June 20)	186 (03 Jan 21)	109	61	77	127
Conwy	0 (22 March)	3 (23 Aug)	99 (17 May 20)	217 (10 Jan 21)	95	84	68	63
Denbighshire	0 (15 March)	4 (30 Aug)	113 (24 May 20)	430 (10 Jan 21)	88	48	44	35
Flintshire	0 (08 March)	3 (09 Aug)	56 (10 May 20)	678 (03 Jan 21)	93	60	57	77
Gwynedd	0 (15 March)	2 (02 Aug)	50 (10 May 20)	203 (17 Jan 21)	85	89	65	57
Wrexham	0 (08 March)	7 (30 Aug)	117 (28 June 20)	909 (03 Jan 21)	68	66	66	31

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

	Lowest Scores		Worst Scores		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	15/02 - 21/02	22/02 - 28/02	01/03 - 07/03	08/03 - 14/03
BCUHB	0 (08 March)	5 (06 Sep)	91 (17 May 20)	180 (24 Jan 21)	68	64	52	35

DEATHS

	Lowest Scores		Worst Scores		Last 4 Weeks' Scores			
	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	1st Wave Spring/Summer 2020	2nd Wave Autumn/Winter 2020/21	15/02 - 21/02	22/02 - 28/02	01/03 - 07/03	08/03 - 14/03
BCUHB	0 (15 March)	1 (13 Sep)	56 (19 Apr 20)	103 (24 Jan 21)	49	27	25	

Source: PHW Tableau

Key:

Worst score since the pandemic began in **BOLD** (where it has been recorded in the last 4 weeks)

Comment

- The rate of infection fell rapidly from mid-January to mid-February, then stuck at around 65/100,000 population for two weeks, but it has now **halved in a week**. The latest 7-day rate per 100k is **30.9**

compared to 66 a week ago and 65 two weeks ago. Positivity is **3.5%** compared to 6.5% a week ago and 6.8% two weeks ago. These are the lowest figures since September 2020, before the second wave of infections began and **Wrexham is now 17th in Wales for the rate per 100k, compared to 4th last week, and 12th for positivity, compared to 4th last week.**

- Local household transmission of the 'UK/Kent' variant, rather than workplace transmission, remains the principal driver of the disease and there are no cases of the other 'variants of concern'.
- Hospital admissions and deaths in North Wales due to Covid-19 halved over the last 3 weeks.

TABLE 2: Covid-19 in the Sub-Areas of Wrexham (MSOA areas used by PHW in its Tableau)

TABLE 2 - COVID-19: WREXHAM SUB-AREA DATA FROM 20/10/20

Key: Hot spots' > 100/100,000 population Least (in the last 7 days) since before 20/10/20

SUB AREA	CASES PER 100,000 POPULATION										No. OF CASES	
	Worst since 20/10/20		Best since 20/10/20		Reported 2 Weeks Ago	Reported 1 Week Ago	Reported Today	% change:	% change:	Decile in Wales:	Cases:	Cases:
	Score	7 days to:	Score	7 days to:	5th March	12th March	19th March	20/10 to 14/03	14 days to 14/03	7 days to 14/03	21 days to 14/03	7 days to 14/03
Acton & Maes-y-dre	910	04/01/2021	<40	14/03/2021	59	158	40	<40	-32	10	10	2
Bangor-on-Dee, Overton & Penley	542	08/01/2021	<31	13/03/2021	31	<31	45	-67	45	3	4	3
Borras & Rhosnesni	909	04/01/2021	<42	14/03/2021	83	<42	42	-85	-49	10	7	2
Caia Park	1120	09/01/2021	<29	14/03/2021	56	56	29	-85	-48	10	7	2
Cefn Mawr	665	04/11/2020	<22	14/03/2021	76	76	22	-80	-71	10	14	2
Chirk & Ceiriog Valley	972	17/01/2021	<31	14/03/2021	62	62	31	-83	-50	10	9	2
Coedpoeth & Brymbo	1184	04/01/2021	33	14/03/2021	55	44	33	-73	-40	4	11	3
Gresford, Marford & Rossett	840	08/01/2021	21	14/03/2021	49	63	21	-86	-57	4	23	3
Gwersyllt West & Summerhill	1924	06/01/2021	<34	11/02/2021	152	152	118	-50	-22	1	23	7
Hermitage & Whitegate	1622	04/01/2021	34	24/02/2021	149	114	91	-34	-39	1	28	8
Johnstown North & Rhosyllen	1288	01/01/2021	<33	11/03/2021	65	<33	65	-78	0	2	9	4
Llay South & Gwersyllt East	1134	08/01/2021	<25	19/02/2021	50	75	37	-77	-26	4	13	3
New Broughton & Bryn Cefn	1147	04/01/2021	<26	14/03/2021	52	77	26	-87	-50	10	16	2
Pen-y-cae & Minera	891	09/01/2021	<35	14/03/2021	52	<35	35	-90	-33	10	3	2
Rhos & Johnstown South	1167	11/01/2021	<29	14/03/2021	85	85	29	-93	-66	10	11	2
Ruabon & Marchwiel	936	03/01/2021	<31	14/03/2021	91	31	31	-92	-66	10	7	2
Town North, University & Rhos-ddu	1227	08/01/2021	34	28/02/2021	101	101	45	-67	-55	3	16	4
Wrexham West	1092	12/01/2021	<24	13/03/2021	24	36	36	-67	50	9	10	3
WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH	971	08/01/2021	28	13/03/2021	70	66	31	-85	-56	n/a	221	56

Source: PHW Tableau

Comment

- For once, **all 18** sub-areas have improved or stayed the same since last week, compared to 17 reported last week. None had more than 8 cases in the week.
- 1** has more than 100/100,000 population compared to 4 last week:
 - Gwersyllt West & Summerhill - **118/100k**, down from 152 last week
- Only 2** are in the worst decile (10%) in Wales (more than 43.8/100k), compared to 2 last week, but this is because the decile threshold has fallen.
- 14** have seen their lowest rates since 20th October 2020 (when PHW started publishing these data) compared to 8 last week and 11 two weeks ago.
- 16** have less than 70/100k, the old Welsh Government trigger for a lockdown, compared to 10 last week.
- 9** are in the lowest decile in Wales, compared to 5 last week.

MANAGING THE VIRUS

- Overall** - The Level-4 Alert lockdown, in place since 20 December 2020, has significantly reduced the rate of infection. It remains in place and the First Minister will review the measures in two weeks.
- Education**
 - All primary school pupils are back at school.
 - Secondary school pupils in years 11 and 13 (exam years) and some in years 10 and 12 who are taking exams are also back at school
 - All other secondary school pupils will be back full-time from 12th April
- Other Council Services** - the Council is continuing to provide critical services as publicised on our website and many other services too, other than public access to Council buildings.

The Vaccination Programme

- More than 345,000 doses have been administered in North Wales with nearly **52,000** in Wrexham, a significant increase on 270,000 and 42,000, respectively, last week.

- Vaccine rollout continues through the Mass and Local Vaccination Centres and GP practices.
- People aged 65 or older, those aged 16 to 65 with clinical conditions and health and social care workers (Priority Groups 1 to 6) who have not yet had an appointment for their first dose should contact the booking centre on **03000840004** (8am - 6pm Mon. to Fri. & 9am - 1pm at weekends).
- The vaccination programme is on course to meet the 5th April target of inviting all people in Priority Groups 1 to 9 to have their first vaccination:
 - People aged 60+ (Priority Group 7), will be invited to book an appointment by **22nd March**
 - People aged 55-59 (Priority Group 8), will be invited to book an appointment by **29th March**
 - People aged 50-54 (Priority Group 9), will be invited to book an appointment by **5th April**
- The rest of the adult population (Priority Group 10) will be invited to book an appointment by the end of July, though it is possible that this date will be brought forward.

Information and statistics on vaccinations can be found via the following links:

- Wales - <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/about-the-vaccine>
- North Wales: <https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-information/> and [Vaccinations statistics - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)