

Covid-19 in Islington: 16th November

What is the current situation?

- There were 353 new confirmed cases in Islington between 2nd and 8th November.
- There was one new death that has been reported between 2nd and 8th November.
- The weekly incidence rate in Islington is 145.6 per 100,000, compared with 118.8 per 100,000 the week before. It is likely that this is due to a short-term rise in infections immediately before the second lockdown started.
- In the past week, coronavirus cases across London also rose, despite a decrease in cases in the previous week.

What do residents need to do?

Protect yourself, your friends and your family by:

- **Washing your hands** - regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- **Wearing a face-covering** - in public places, including in shops, on public transport and at the school gates.
- **Creating space** – stay 2 metres apart from people outside your household.

Islington update

- As of **15th November 2020**, the cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Islington is **2,911**.
**Data includes both pillar 1 and pillar 2 (community) testing. These data are constantly being reviewed and corrected, because of this cumulative counts can occasionally go down from one day to the next.*

Islington Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report Week 45 (2 - 8 November)

- This has been developed by Islington's Covid-19 health protection group to monitor COVID19 in the borough. It includes data on cases, deaths, testing and contact tracing. The report is produced weekly and reviewed by the COVID19 health protection group to inform the boroughs response to COVID19.
- **Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report** . An infographic and resident-facing summary of the report is published on the [council website](#) weekly.

Cases

- The total number of new cases in week 45 was **353**, an increase of 63 cases from those reported at the previous week.
- The weekly incidence rate (new cases) per 100,000 population for the latest week has increased from 118.8 to **145.6**. An incident rate of under 25 per 100,000 is considered stable. The most likely reason for this increase is due to a short term increase in infections in the run-up to implementation of the second lockdown, which has also been reported nationally and regionally.
- Islington ranks the third lowest amongst all London boroughs for its crude (cumulative) rate of cases of per 100,000 population, with cases in Islington making up 2.22% of London's total cases.

Deaths

- There have been a total of **157** COVID-19 deaths occurring up until **30th of October**.
- There was one death related to COVID19 during the week of 2 – 8 November.

NHS Test and Trace

- As of 8th November, **2,095 cases** have been identified to the NHS test and trace service (cumulative total since launch of NHS T&T on 28th May).
- This is an increase of 320 from the previous week. 71% of cases have been successfully followed up.

- 4,475 contacts have been identified from these 2,095 cases and 60% of these contacts have been successfully followed up.

London and national update

As of the 15th November 2020:

- The cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in London is **131,013**.
- **35,252,165** tests have been processed in the UK, which may include multiple tests per person.
- Of those who have been tested in the UK, **1,369,318*** people have tested positive.
*Data includes both pillar 1 and pillar 2 (community) testing.
- The number of people in the UK who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test is **51,934**.
- The [latest R number range for the UK was published on Friday](#). The latest range is **1.0-1.2**. The latest growth rate range for the UK is +1% to +3% per day. The latest range for the London region is **1.0-1.2**.
- **Public Health England has published the [latest National COVID-19 surveillance report](#):**
 - Incidence and positivity rates remain highest in the North of England.
 - By age group, cases rates remain highest in the 20 to 29 year olds.
- **The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has published the [latest provisional data on deaths in England and Wales up to the week ending the 30th October \(Week 44\)](#):**
 - Of the deaths registered in Week 43, 1,379 mentioned "novel coronavirus (COVID-19)", accounting for 12.7% of all deaths in England and Wales.
 - This is an increase of 401 deaths compared with Week 43 (29.1% increase).

NHS Test and Trace

- [Experimental statistics for week 23 of NHS test and trace contact tracing in England have been published](#).
 - Please note previous weeks have been revised since the last publication.

Week	People who tested positive for COVID-19 and had their case transferred to the contact tracing system	People reached and asked to provide details of recent contacts	Close contacts identified	People reached and advised to self-isolate
21 (15 th – 21 st October)	120,444	100,393 (83.3%)	287,262	174,333 (60.7%)
22 (22 nd – 28 th October)	139,780	117,500 (84.1%)	329,128	198,293 (60.2%)
23 (29 th – 4 th November)	141,804	120,512 (85.0%)	314,817	190,129 (60.4%)

News and information

- [People with learning disabilities had higher death rate from COVID-19](#)
 - Findings from Public Health England study suggest England death rate up to 6 times higher from coronavirus during the first wave of the pandemic than the general population
- [COVID-19 study show infections continue to rapidly increase with over 1 in 80 people infected](#)
- [More than 2 million people reached by NHS Test and Trace](#)

New and updated guidance

- [New translated and easy read versions of National Restrictions \(5 November – 2 December\) guidance now available](#)
- [New guidance on enabling safe and effective volunteering during COVID-19](#)
- [New guidance for testing for coronavirus at home \(includes easy-read\)](#)
- [New reference-only versions of government letters to clinically extremely vulnerable people](#)
- [Camden and Islington receiving lateral flow tests from the Department of Health and Social Care](#)
- Updated guidance to reflect national restrictions from 5 Nov:
 - [Advice on home moving during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)
 - [Guidance for looking after people who lack mental capacity](#)
 - [Guidance for managing a funeral during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Research

- [Janssen to begin COVID-19 vaccine trials in the UK](#)
 - 6,000 volunteers from across the UK will take part in Janssen's trials to test its effectiveness
- [Pilot for family members to get regular testing for safer care home visits](#)
 - Around 20 care homes across Hampshire, Cornwall and Devon will be included in the trial before a wider roll-out in December
- [Oxford University and PHE confirm high-sensitivity of lateral flow tests](#)
 - Extensive clinical evaluation shows lateral flow tests are accurate and sensitive enough to be used in the community, including for asymptomatic people.

Further information

- Latest advice, updates and support from the Council and its partners - islington.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/coronavirus-covid-19
- Please encourage residents and anyone in your network to visit nhs.uk/coronavirus for the latest advice and guidance regarding the virus. It's important that this remains the main source of advice
- Call the We are Islington helpline on 020 7527 8222 for support and advice to residents with concerns about Covid-19 (coronavirus)
- Live updates via the Council's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts
- NHS Test and Trace - islington.gov.uk/islington-council-staff-area/coronavirus-testing
- Support for businesses and employers - islington.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-business
- Updates to council services, including schools, libraries, housing, and travel - islington.gov.uk/contact-us/changes-to-services
- Public Health queries can still be emailed to the Camden and Islington Public Health Department CIPHAdmin@islington.gov.uk
- Note that all current [coronavirus guidance produced by HM Government for health professionals and non-clinical settings](#) is now in one place