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Berkshire Weekly COVID-19 Briefing

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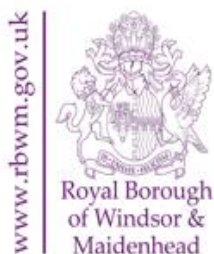
Agenda Item 4

Berkshire Weekly COVID-19 Briefing

This briefing has been produced to share the latest local COVID-19 information with a wider audience and includes:

- Current information and surveillance
- Key messages from the Directors of Public Health in Berkshire and the six local authorities

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Recent changes to restrictions

National lockdown restrictions were lifted on 2nd December and replaced with local tiers.



Slough is in Tier 3: Very High alert



Bracknell Forest, Reading, West Berkshire, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham are in Tier 2: High alert

A review of tiers will take place on 16th December 2020.

For information about what restrictions are in place in your local area, please visit the Berkshire Public Health website: <https://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/my-local-area>

Updates to our Berkshire Public Health website

The Berkshire Public Health website is being continually updated to keep everyone informed on the latest national and local information. Over the last week we have made several key updates:

- **Videos in five South Asian languages available on the Information Centre**

We have uploaded tier restriction information videos in 5 South Asian languages on our Information Centre page.

- **Christmas Bubble**

➤ The Information Centre now includes a Christmas Bubble video and supporting information on the government's relaxation of the current restrictions between 23 and 27 December.

- **Testing Information**

A new Berkshire Testing Sites section in the Information Centre explains how to get a free coronavirus test if you have symptoms. It also includes information for anyone who needs medical advice about their symptoms and guidance on self-isolation.

Visit the website for more information: <https://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/>

Situational Awareness

The latest Public Health England (PHE) Situational Awareness Report show that case rates have continued to decrease in 3 Berkshire local authorities over the last week. Bracknell Forest has had 1,668 confirmed cases of COVID-19 so far and 177 of these have been over the last 7 days (27th Nov– 3rd Dec).

The current weekly rate is 144.4 per 100,000 population, which is 99% higher than the week before and 54% higher than the week before that. Bracknell Forest's rate for people aged 60 and over has increased by 11% in the last week to 40.7 per 100,000 population.

Situational Awareness indicators from 27th November to 3rd December* in comparison to previous 7-day period

LA	People tested per 100,000 population (7-day moving average)		Positivity rate (weekly)		Cases per 100,000 population - all ages (weekly)		Cases per 100,000 population - aged 60 and over (weekly)		Number of confirmed cases (last 7 days)
Bracknell Forest	362.2	↑	6.0%	↑	144.4	↑	40.7	↑	177
Reading	446.2	↑	5.1%	↓	145.3	↓	121.6	↑	235
Slough	461.5	↑	8.9%	↓	240.7	↓	204.8	↓	360
West Berkshire	292.7	↑	2.8%	↓	53	↓	32.3	↓	84
RBWM	372.5	↑	5.1%	↑	112.9	↑	117.9	↑	171
Wokingham	344.9	↑	5.8%	↑	132.1	↑	96.3	↑	226
South East	440.7	↑	5.5%	↑	153.1	↑	100.4	↑	13,638
England	421.2	↓	5.8%	↓	149.2	↓	111.7	↓	83,998

Source: PHE Regional South East Situational Awareness Report (8th December 2020)

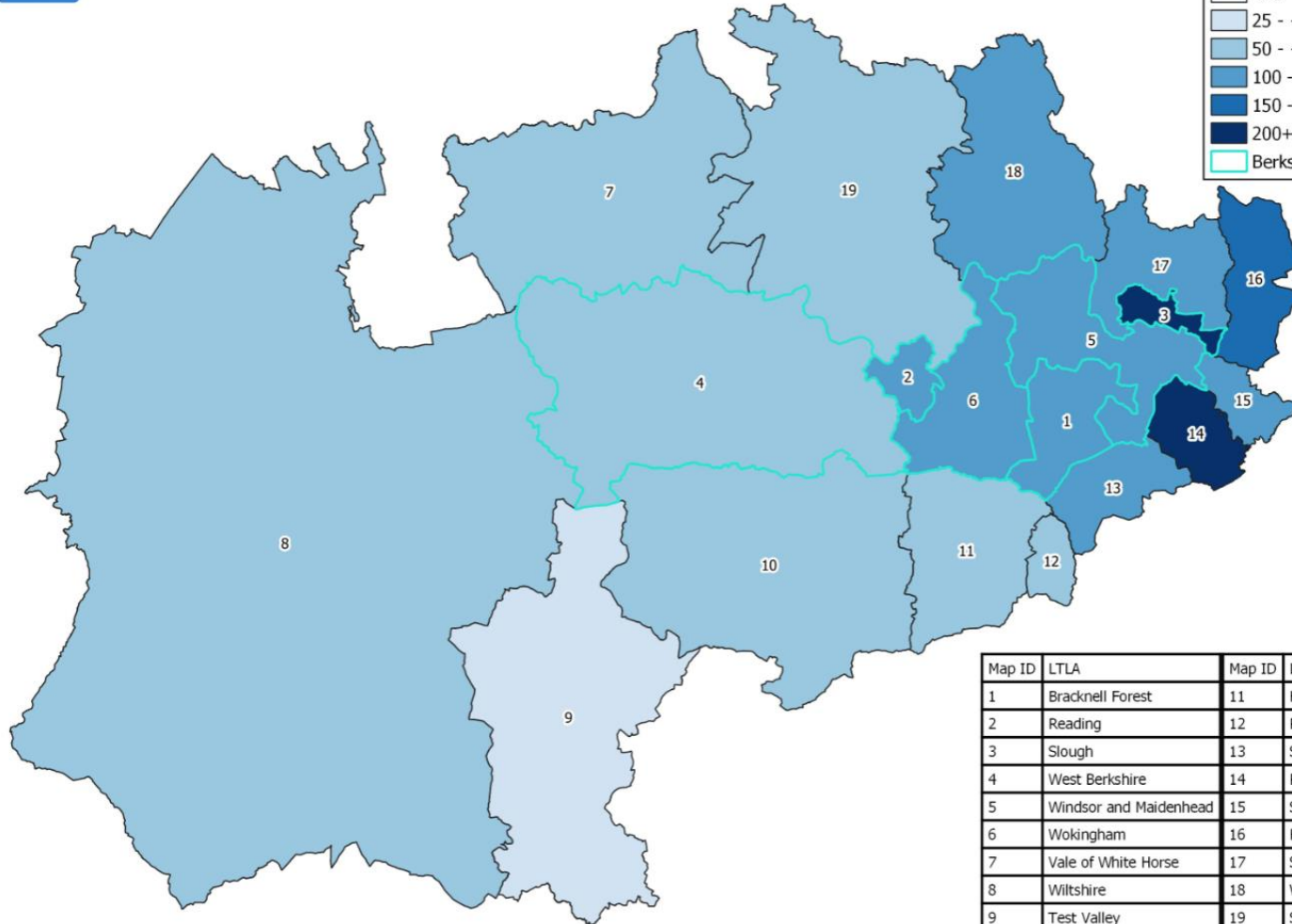
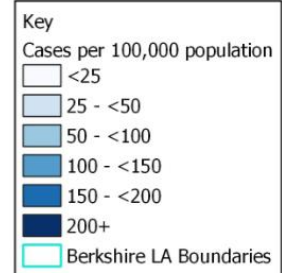
* Dates and figures refer to specimen date

The RAG ratings shown below reflect PHE's thresholds for positivity and case rates. More information on these thresholds can be found at the end of this Briefing.

Situational Awareness



Weekly Rate of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 by Lower Tier Local Authority.
 Data covers 7-day period from 27th November to 3rd December (published 8th Dec 2020)



Map ID	LTLA	Map ID	LTLA
1	Bracknell Forest	11	Hart
2	Reading	12	Rushmoor
3	Slough	13	Surrey Heath
4	West Berkshire	14	Runnymede
5	Windsor and Maidenhead	15	Spelthorne
6	Wokingham	16	Hillingdon
7	Vale of White Horse	17	South Buckinghamshire
8	Wiltshire	18	Wycombe
9	Test Valley	19	South Oxfordshire
10	Basingstoke & Deane		

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Epidemiology of cases

There has been a total of 15,713 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Berkshire. 70% (10,995) of these cases have occurred since the beginning of October. Berkshire's weekly rate has started to decrease since mid-November, in line with the national picture.

Weekly rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (7-day rolling average)

Data from the most recent 4 days have been excluded from the charts as these will be incomplete



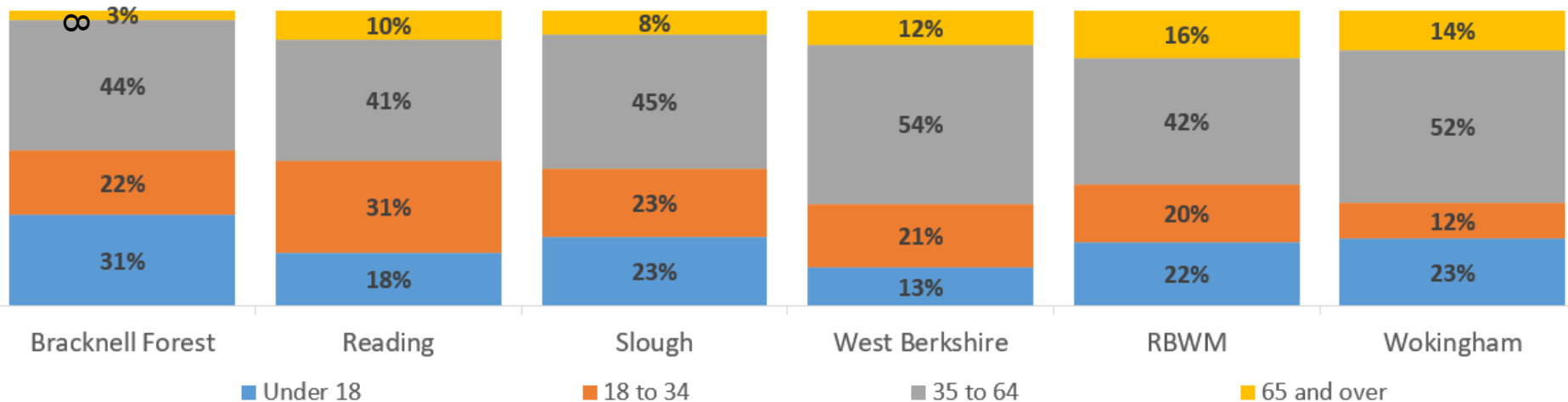
Source: PHE Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS)

Epidemiology of cases

Over the last 14 days (24th November to 7th December) there were 2,586 cases confirmed for Berkshire residents:

- 8% of cases were confirmed through Pillar 1 testing and 92% through Pillar 2 testing
- 54% were female and 45% male
- Of the cases with an ethnicity recorded - 49% were from a White background and 36% were from a BAME group
- 46% of Berkshire cases were from the 35 to 64 age group and 22% were from those aged Under 18 and 18 to 34

Age breakdown of confirmed COVID-19 cases over the last 14 days (24th November-7th December)



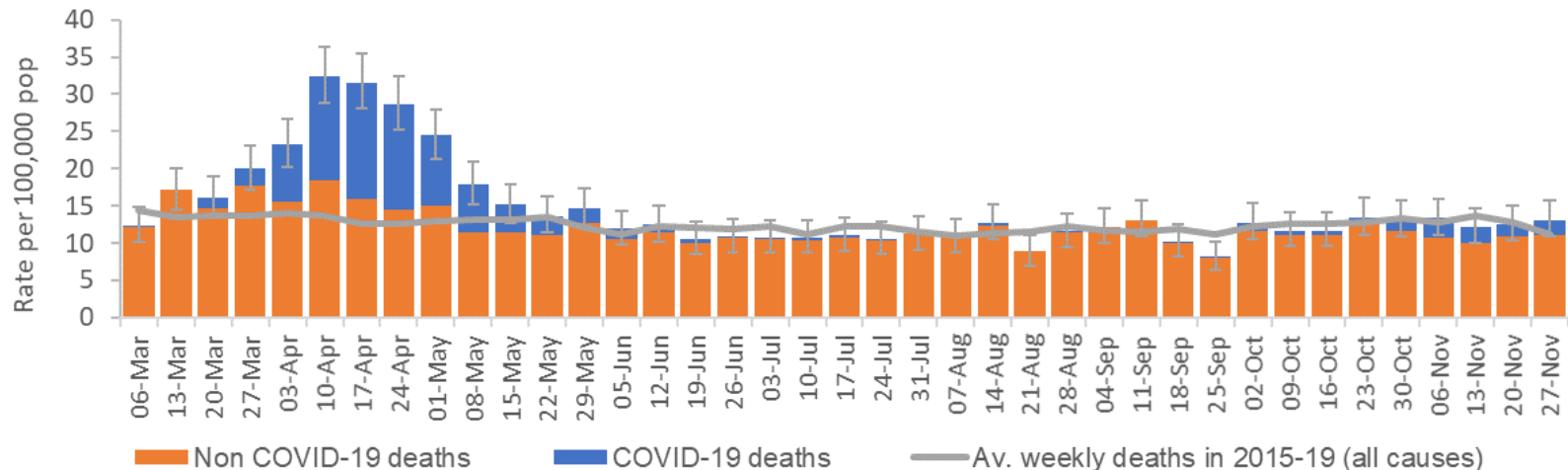
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Deaths

There have been 898 deaths related to COVID-19 in Berkshire through the whole pandemic. In the last week reported (week ending 27th November), there were 19 COVID-19 related deaths in 4 Berkshire local authorities, 17 of these deaths were in hospital. West Berkshire and Bracknell Forest recorded no deaths. There have been 83 COVID-19 related deaths in Bracknell Forest during the pandemic.

Berkshire's current all-cause mortality rate is in line with what we would expect for this time of year. Since March 2020, Bracknell Forest's all-cause mortality rate has been 10% higher than the previous 5 year average, which equates to 62 additional deaths.

Mortality in Berkshire per 100,000 population (2020 compared to 2015-19 average)



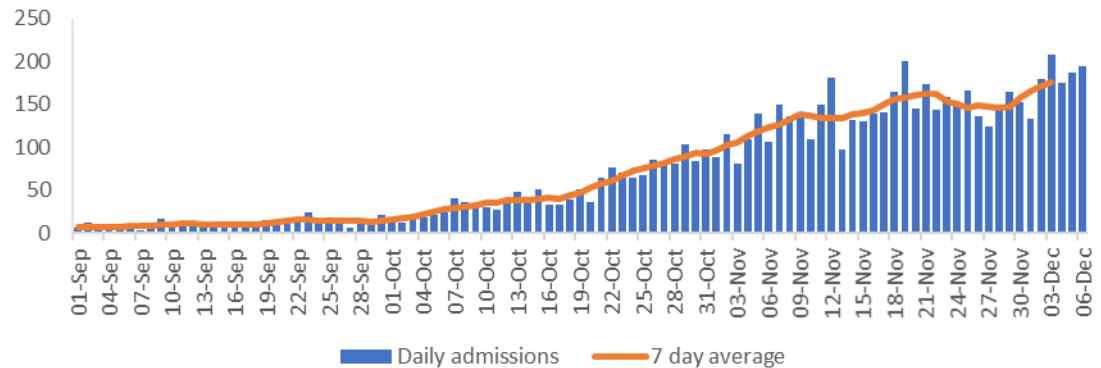
Source: [Office for National Statistics; Death registrations and occurrences by local authority](#)

Hospital activity

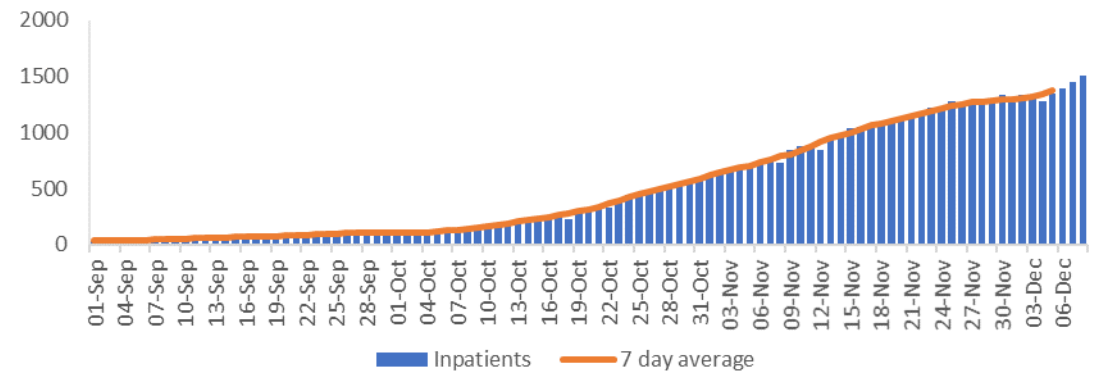
Hospital activity information is not currently available for Berkshire hospitals or residents in a format that can be shared publicly. The information on this page therefore shows the latest data for the NHS South East Region.

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On 8th December, 1,509 patients were in hospital with COVID-19 in the South East. 113 of these were on mechanical ventilation. The number of hospital admissions for Covid-19 has started to increase again in the South East.

Number of hospital admissions for COVID-19 in NHS South East region



Number of patients in hospital for COVID-19 in NHS South East region



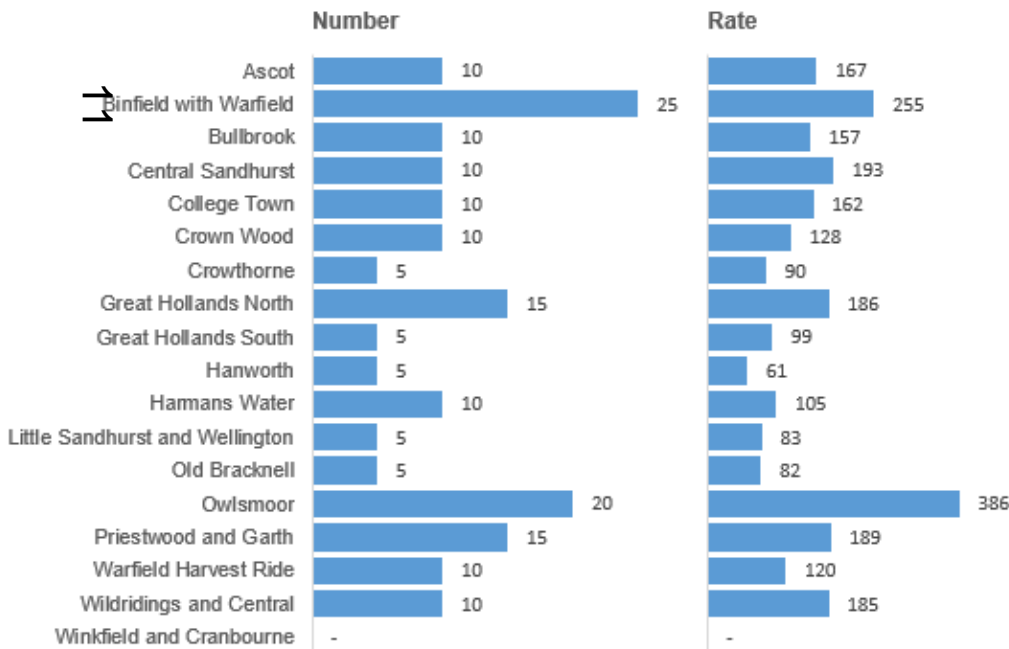
Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/healthcare>

Bracknell Forest

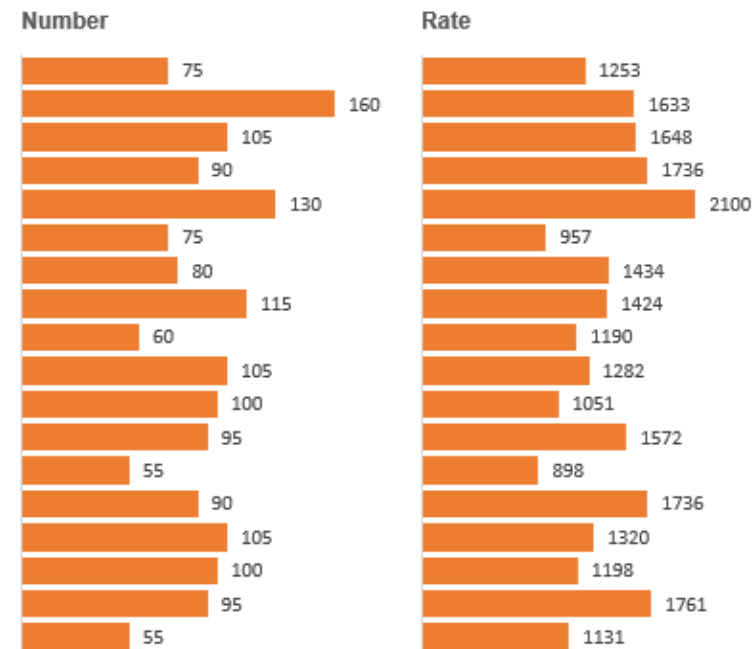
Data on confirmed COVID-19 cases are shown by Electoral Ward.

Caution should be taken with this information, as it will be based on small numbers and can fluctuate. Data relating to each Electoral Ward has been rounded to the nearest 5. This is in order to protect the identity of individuals.

Cases and weekly rates per 100,000 population for the latest week (27th November to 3rd December)



Total cases and total rates per 100,000 population (since Mar-20)

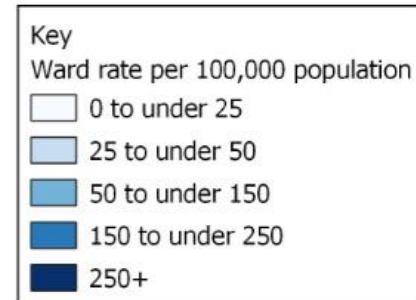
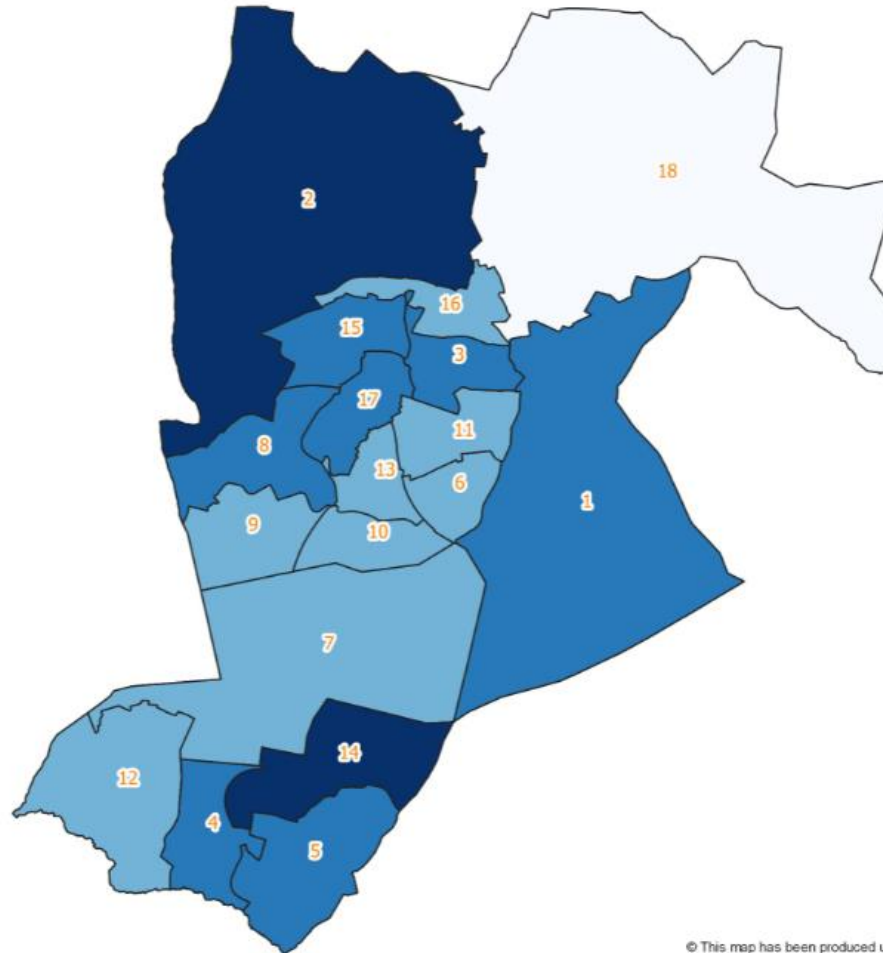


Source: PHE Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS)

Bracknell Forest

Weekly rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases by Ward in Bracknell Forest
for the period 27th November to 3rd December 2020

Map ID	Ward Name
1	Ascot Ward
2	Binfield with Warfield Ward
3	Bullbrook Ward
4	Central Sandhurst Ward
5	Sllege Town Ward
6	Crown Wood Ward
7	Crowthorne Ward
8	Great Hollands North Ward
9	Great Hollands South Ward
10	Hanworth Ward
11	Harmans Water Ward
12	Little Sandhurst and Wellington Ward
13	Old Bracknell Ward
14	Owlsmoor Ward
15	Priestwood and Garth Ward
16	Warfield Harvest Ride Ward
17	Wildridings and Central Ward
18	Winkfield and Cranbourne Ward



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To see case, rate and trend information at an MSOA-level, go to <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

Outbreaks

An outbreak is defined by PHE as two or more cases with highly probable or confirmed epidemiological links. For care home settings one case counts as an outbreak.

Over the last 14 days (23rd November to 6th December), PHE has informed us of 42 non-residential COVID-19 outbreaks in Berkshire.

Number of new outbreaks in Berkshire by setting (23rd November to 6th December)

LA	Care Home	School	Work Place	Other	Total
Bracknell Forest	0	3	0	3	6
Reading	1	4	1	2	8
Slough	0	2	0	4	6
West Berkshire	3	1	1	2	7
RBWM	1	2	0	1	4
Wokingham	6	3	0	2	11
Berkshire	11	15	2	14	42

Source: PHE Health Protection Zone Notifications

In addition to the outbreaks listed above, there are also a number of ongoing outbreaks that were identified in an earlier period.

Summary at 9th December 2020

- National lockdown restrictions were lifted on 2nd December and replaced with local tiers. Slough is in Tier 3: Very High alert and the other Berkshire local authorities are in Tier 2: High alert. A further review will take place on 16th December. For information about what restrictions are in place in your local area, please visit the Berkshire Public Health website: <https://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/my-local-area>
- The confirmed COVID-19 case rates have continued to decrease in 3 Berkshire local authorities over the last week. Bracknell Forest, Wokingham and RBWM saw increases between 10% and 99%.
- 14 Cases are increasing in the older population groups (aged 60 and over) in 4 Berkshire local authorities. This is a particular worry as the risk of severe illness, hospitalisation and death increases with age.
- The number of hospital admissions for COVID-19 is starting to increase again in South East hospitals after showing a decline in recent weeks.
- There were 19 COVID-19 related deaths across Berkshire over the last reporting week (up to 27th November) but none in Bracknell Forest.

Summary at 9th December 2020

The most effective method of stopping transmission and outbreaks of coronavirus (COVID-19) is to prevent them in the first place. As ~~we~~ approach winter and inevitably spend more time indoors, we need to keep following advice to control the spread of the virus.

The most important way to suppress the virus is to **maintain the right behaviours**



Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds



Wear a face covering in enclosed environments



Maintain space, including social distancing with those outside your household or bubble



Minimise the number of people you see/meet, and where possible the duration of contact



Get a test \ immediately if you have any symptoms and share contacts to enable effective tracing



Make sure that any indoor space has good ventilation (for example by opening windows so that fresh air can enter)



If meeting people try to do so outdoors



Self isolate if you or another household member has symptoms or has tested positive, or you have been notified that you were in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

HM Government - COVID-19 Winter Plan 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-winter-plan/covid-19-winter-plan>

Summary at 9th December 2020

Get your flu jab

The winter flu vaccination programme has been expanded this year to include more children and those aged 50 and over. For more details and full eligibility criteria, see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

Download the NHS Test and Trace App

It's the fastest way of knowing when you're at risk from COVID-19. The quicker you know, the quicker you can alert your loved ones and your community.

Download at: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

If you show symptoms - stay at home and get a test

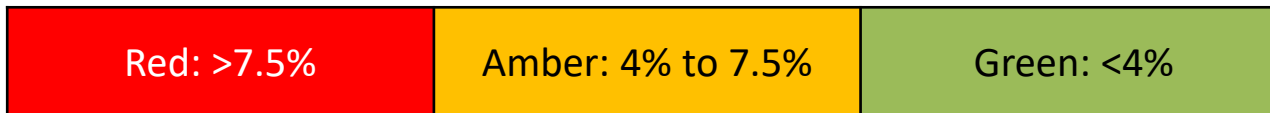
Further information can be found online at [Gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). You can order a home test or book a test at a local testing site. You should only leave the house to access testing and wear a face covering when you do so. You should drive or walk to the site and you must not use public transport/taxi.

Data thresholds

Data thresholds included in PHE's Situational Awareness Report:

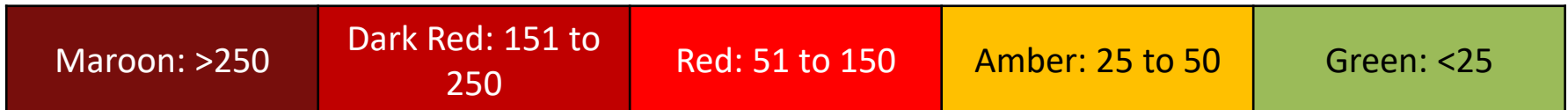
Positivity rate

This includes all individuals with a valid test result from a specimen taken in the 7-day period shown. This includes Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 test.

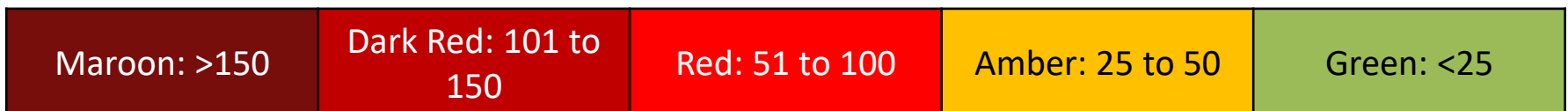


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Weekly rate per 100,000 population (all ages)



Weekly rate per 100,000 population (aged 60 and over)



For more information

For the latest Berkshire COVID-19 data (cases, NHS 111 triages and deaths) please visit our new website: <https://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/>



Additional information on national, regional and neighbourhood-level data can also be found at the main government website: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

For more information

More information about our local response to COVID-19 can be found in each of the local authority's COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plans. These are available on the Council websites. These plans set out:

- How outbreaks are managed when they occur
- How data is used to inform control measures
- Prevention and support measures for high-risk settings – including robust infection control and use of appropriate PPE
- 👁 Targeted messaging to the public, businesses, partners and press
- How the response can be escalated if required, including requests for support

The Outbreak Control Plans are live and used every day. We work closely with a range of partners including national government, the NHS, local businesses, schools and early year's providers, faith leaders, the voluntary and community sector and elected representatives. This engagement happens formally through our regular Health Protection Boards and Local Outbreak Engagement Boards, in addition to our daily work.

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