

Covid-19 – Cabinet Update

10th February 2022

- Update on Covid-19 London and Harrow
- Current situation and forward look
- Testing Update
- Vaccination update
- Overview of service pressures and organisational challenges
- Questions

- The Omicron wave has passed the peak but cases have plateaued at a high level – Government moved to Plan A on 26th January
- In Harrow the case rate is c920.2 cases per 100k people
- Reduction in Covid-19 hospitalisation due to vaccination but pressures on NHS and Social Care remain significant
- Outbreaks continue in schools and care homes but this is improving
- Council services were impacted by Omicron driven absence but this has now stabilised but social care in particular remains stretched
- Activity to support Testing and Vaccination remains ongoing
- Mandatory vaccination for NHS and Social Care not proceeding
- Overall position is stable and improving but with challenges

Harrow Covid 19 Dashboard



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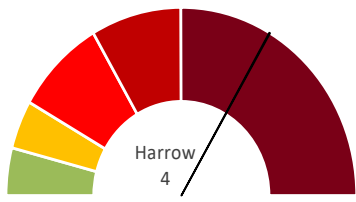
Report date: 09/02/2022
Data from: January 29 2022 to February 4 2022

Confirmed Positive Cases (all ages) in 7 days to 04/02/2022 **2322**

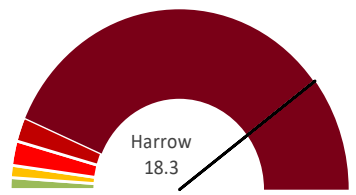
% Change in past 7 days **-22%**

Interim positive cases (all ages) in 7 days to 08/02/2022 **1917**

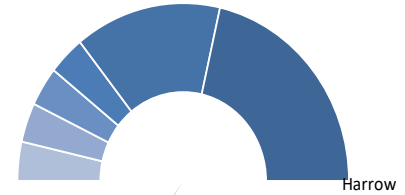
Mortality Rate in past 7 days - per 100,000 All ages



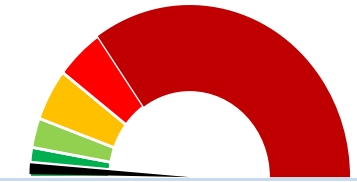
Mortality Rate in past 7 days -per 100,000 age 60+



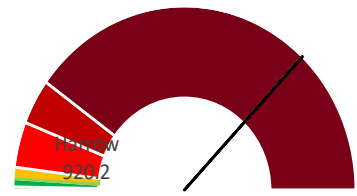
PCR Testing rate per 100,000



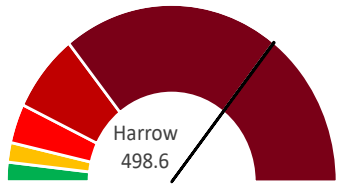
PCR Test Positivity rate %



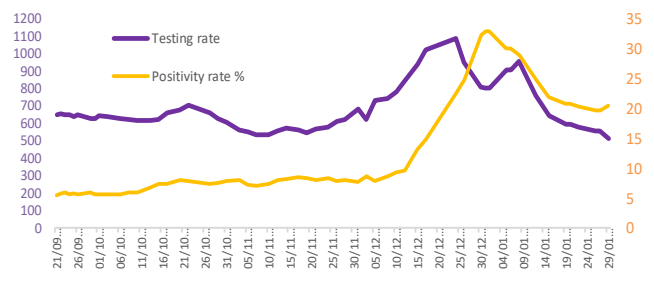
Incidence rate (all ages) in past 7 days per 100,000



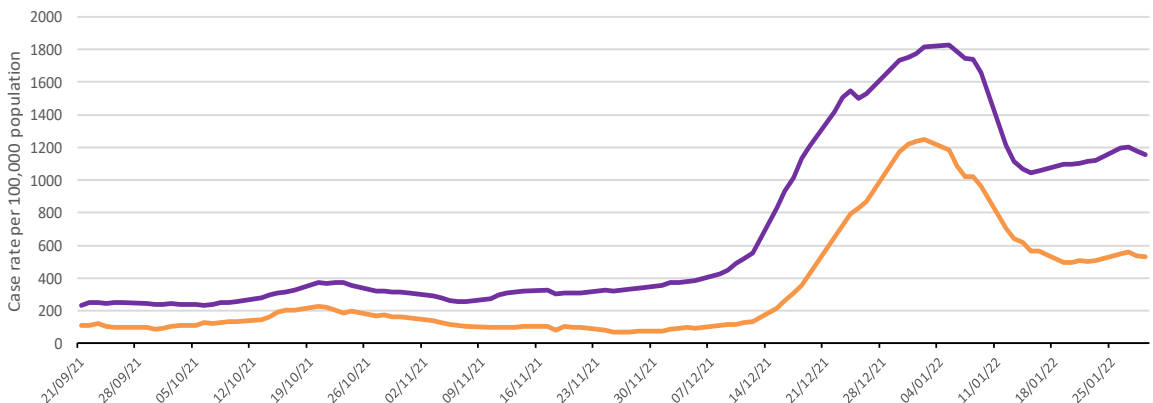
Incidence - 7 days in 60 and over per 100,000



Trends in PCR testing rates and test positivity



Rate of COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 in Harrow by notification date (note last 4-5 days are subject to change)



Harrow is currently in 7th position out of the 33 London boroughs,

Hospitalisations:

9 people with coronavirus went into hospital on 30th January 2022. Between 23rd January 2022 and 30th January 2022, **109** went into hospital with coronavirus **-32.9%** compared to the previous 7 days. There were **100** patients in hospital with coronavirus on 30th January 2022. There were **14** coronavirus patients in hospital beds with a mechanical ventilator on 30th January 2022.

Deaths:

There were **0** deaths within 28 days of a positive test for coronavirus reported on 9th February 2022. Between 2nd February 2022 and 9th February 2022, there have been **8** deaths within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test. This shows an decrease of **33%** compared to the previous 7 days.

- Cases levels remain high and pressures on the NHS and Social Care continue
- The position is improving and the outlook is more positive going forward but the impact of covid-19 will continue throughout the Winter
- Civic Hub reopened on 7th February for office based staff collaboration
- Government plans to publish “Plan for living with Covid-19” on 21st February that could see current rules e.g. self-isolation end
- The Council will continue to have an important role in Covid-19 response
 - Social Care in partnership with the NHS
 - Public Health advice
 - Business grants and support
 - Self-isolation support
 - Testing Support
 - Vaccination delivery
 - Public engagement and communication
- The focus on supporting recovery activity will increase as the emergency response reduces e.g. education, economy, mental health

- The MTU in the Civic Centre Car Park has returned to operating 3 days a week from February, Mon, Tues, Wed given drop in testing rate
- The testing site at Northwick Park will close from 1st March due to low usage. This is one of 5 test centres across London that will close from March

Asymptomatic Testing Update

- Important to continue to test regularly and record the result
- Our Covid pop up information stand that distributes home test kits to those unable to order via the Government's online service will be operating 7 days a week during February and March from libraries, the Leisure Centre, the Beacon Centre and Kenton Learning Centre.
- During February we are also repeating the door knocking exercise we ran in November, distributing home test kits to HMO's, temporary accommodation and some of our housing estates.
- Test kits remain available to collect from the Civic reception, Depot and over 30 other VCS groups.

- Vaccination rates have slowed in January and this trend, which is also a national one, continues. Promotion, engagement and delivery continues as follows:
 - Vaccination of Clinically Vulnerable 5-11 year olds started on 24th January, with parents being contacted directly
 - Plans for vaccinating healthy 5-11 year olds (living with immunosuppressed adults) being rolled out during half term and second doses for 12-15 started through schools during January
 - Civic 5 is still a vaccination site 7 days a week until the end of February 2022, for booked appointments as well as being available for walk-ins. Also exploring Civic 5 being a centre for those who received vaccinations abroad to register through the NHS
 - Byron Hall had it's last vaccination on 23rd January and is now closed as a vaccination site
 - Nine pharmacies continue to offer vaccinations across, which can be booked via the NHS National Booking Site or walk-ins
 - Continued focus of our Covid Awareness Fund still on those who have not had a first dose, especially our Black heritage and Romanian Communities, with new funding still being rolled out through Health Inequalities Funding and the new Community Vaccine Champions Fund

Vaccination Uptake in Harrow



Cohort	1 st Vaccination	2 nd Vaccination (as % of first doses)	Booster (as % of second doses)
Care home residents	95%	92%	81%
Over 80's	93%	98%	88%
75-79	93%	98%	92%
70-74	91%	98%	93%
CEVs	92%	98%	79%
65-69's	89%	98%	92%
60-64	84%	98%	89%
55-59	79%	98%	86%
50-54	76%	97%	82%
40-49	68%	96%	73%
30-39	59%	94%	64%
18-29	60%	91%	52%
16-17	61%	71%	-
12-15	52%	45%	-

Overall, **73%** of people have had a first dose, and **94%** of people who have had a first dose have had their second dose.

On the **Booster Campaign**, Harrow has delivered **123,686** doses, **74%** of those who have had a second dose.

- Covid-19 rates are reducing from the peak caused by Omicron but remain high
- The pressures on NHS and Social Care are still significant but reducing
- Pressures on Council services due to staff absence have abated
- Plan B restrictions ended on Wednesday 26th January
- The impact of the Pandemic is reducing but caution and good public health practice – hands, face, space and ventilation remains important!
- Next phase in Pandemic response and policy set to be announced on 21st February
- The Council will continue to have a significant role to play in responding to Covid-19 for some months