

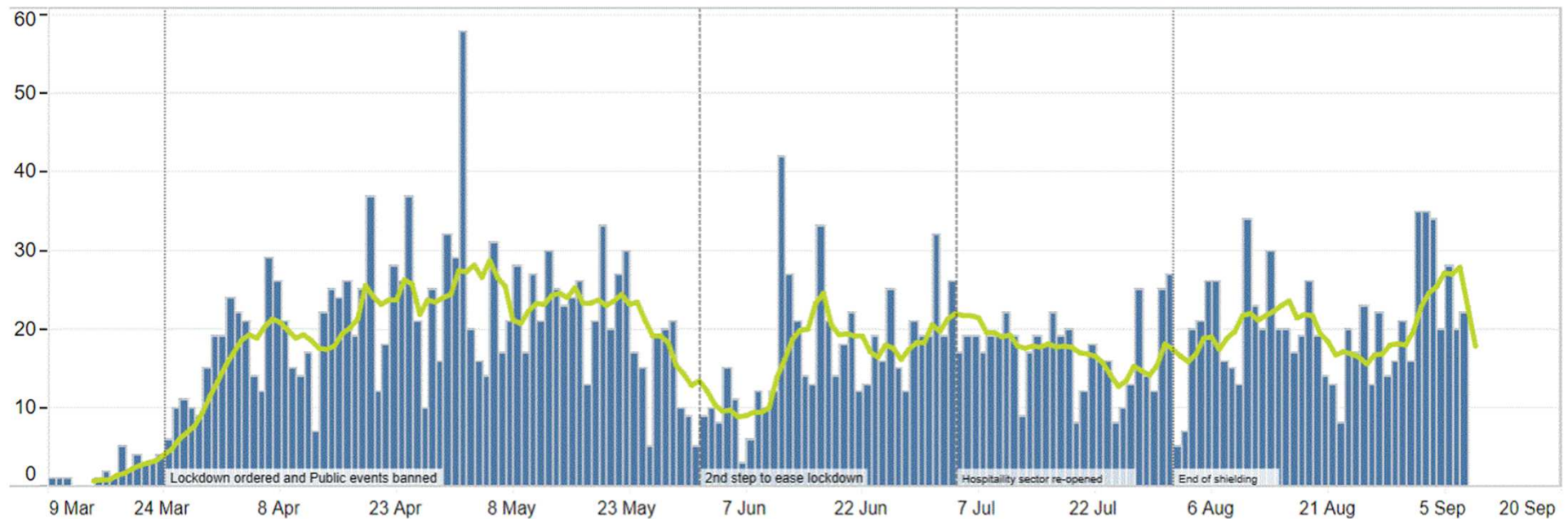
Covid-19 Update: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

24 September 2020

Cumulative Position

- Number of confirmed cases in Kirklees: 3260
- Cases in the last week: 188
- Latest weekly rank: 26
- Note: these are correct as of 10 September 2020

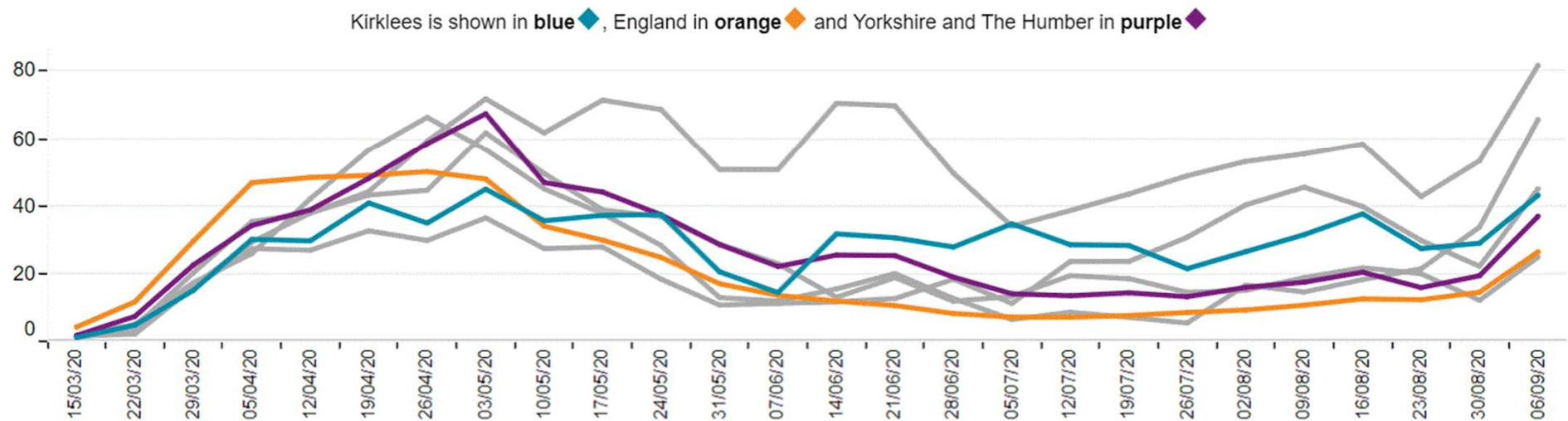
Number of daily cases of Covid-19 in Kirklees. **Green line** ◆ shows the 7-day rolling average. Data for the last 5 days is subject to change (coloured **orange** ◆). Annotations show national easing of restrictions.



Current Position

Comparison of weekly rate per 100,000 people of confirmed cases.
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West Yorkshire LAs: Includes local authorities within the region of West Yorkshire.
Yorkshire and the Humber: Includes local authorities within Yorkshire and the Humber.
England UTLAs: Shows all local authorities.
Top 10 by weekly rate: Shows the top 10 local authorities which have the highest weekly rate for the latest full week.



➤ Note: Updates can be tracked here:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/kirklees.intelligence.service#!/vizhome/CoronaviruscasesKirklees/PublicFacingDashboard>

Testing Update

- Mobile Testing Units:
 - Drive through sites. Serve dual function of providing community testing and responding rapidly to areas of community need, working alongside regional testing sites. Samples sent to lighthouse labs to enable increase support of testing nationally. Appointments are needed for these sites.
 - Current locations: Batley (Wards Hill), Holmfirth (Sports Centre), Dewsbury (Cliffe Street Car Park) and Fartown (Spaines Road).
 - If needed the Director of Public Health (DPH) will re-deploy to areas requiring site specific testing or experiencing a spike in cases based on intelligence pointing to a need.
 - A weekly update on uptake at these sites is provided from the national coordinators.

- Local Testing Sites:
 - Walk up sites where appointments in advance are not required.
 - Current locations: Ravensthorpe (Queens Street Carpark), Saville Town (Wharf Street)
 - Potential upcoming locations: Earlsheaton
 - These are in place every day of the week for a minimum of 4 weeks.

- Asymptomatic Testing
 - Kirklees successful in being one of the LA areas that can offer asymptomatic testing in ward areas with higher case numbers.
 - Time limited.
 - Swab kits being delivered by volunteers to individuals who can complete self tests if they wish.
 - Returned to lighthouse laboratories by Royal Mail priority mailboxes (pre-paid postage)

Testing Update

➤ Care homes:

- 6 July 2020 asymptomatic testing rolled out nationally to all registered care homes for those aged over 65 and for those suffering dementia. From 31 August 2020 (with despatch dates from 7 September 2020) asymptomatic testing remaining care homes can participate.
- Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Team has ensured all care homes are registered on the national portal to receive swabs
- Residents are tested monthly. Staff are tested weekly.
- Identified positive cases are not retested for 6 weeks post positive test.
- Since 9 March 2020, IPC Team has supported 66 care homes with outbreaks of covid-19. Of these, ten identified by whole care testing. Eight care homes have had more than one outbreak. The IPC Team support the care homes to the closure of the outbreak at 28 days.
- IPC Team members and a number of Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) colleagues with clinical qualifications became nationally recognised IPC super trainers – providing support to care homes in: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donning and doffing, environmental cleaning, decontamination of equipment.

Plans and Arrangements

- Local Outbreak Control Plan (Covid-19) (with supporting Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Risk Assessment)
- Communications Strategy
- Community Protection Plans
- Kirklees Test and Trace Group
 - Health Protection Board
- Outbreak Control Board (cross party members)

Incident/Outbreak Management

- Outbreak incidents can be defined as:
 - an incident in which two or more people experiencing a similar illness are linked in time or place
 - a greater than expected rate of infection compared with the usual background rate for the place and time where the outbreak has occurred
 - a single case for certain rare diseases such as diphtheria, botulism, rabies, viral haemorrhagic fever or polio
 - a suspected, anticipated or actual event involving microbial or chemical contamination of food or water
- Public Health England (PHE) or other partners will Notify the DPH of any incidents of concern at which point the DPH will request an Incident Management Team to be set up.
- An Incident Management Team is a formal meeting of all partners to investigate controls and provide management for an outbreak.
- Incident Management Team (IMT) work to determine and agree:
 - If the outbreak is linked to the setting or if it is community transmission.
 - Risks.
 - Appropriate control measures.
- IMT work closely with the affected area(s)/setting(s) to ensure an appropriate response Which can include neighbouring Local Authorities and wider neighbouring partners.

PPE

- Kirklees has managed the West Yorkshire LRF emergency supplies during Covid-19
 - Worked with all WY Local Authorities, NHS England WY and others
 - Provided emergency supplies to all community based providers of health and social care
 - Holding an emergency stockpile
- Strong collaboration across all West Yorkshire NHS providers and Councils with emphasis on mutual aid
- National PPE Portal now operational to provide emergency supplies for primary care contractors, most social care providers, hospices and substance misuse services

Lessons Learned

- The Incident Management Team consider all Covid-19 outbreaks or community clusters, to reduce to a minimum the number of cases of illness by promptly recognising the incident, defining how cases have been exposed to Covid-19, identifying and controlling the source of that exposure, and preventing secondary exposure. The Kirklees Council IPC and Environmental Health team have conducted joint visits to companies/factories experiencing an outbreak -providing specialist support and advice.
 - Early engagement is key to minimise any possible wider outbreak in the community.
 - Establishing a relationship and rapport with local companies/businesses- schools and care homes is essential to achieve affective communication.
 - A site visit provides an opportunity to review the current standards of practice and to identify areas for immediate improvement and a Covid-19 safe environment.
 - Recognition of areas within a building that pose as “pinch points”. Support all settings with hygiene measures which reduce or eliminate contamination e.g. hand hygiene, environmental decontamination. Provide a written report with recommendations.
 - Curtailing normal daily activities or services -temporary closure through voluntary agreement. Provide ongoing contact and support.
 - To communicate with other services, community partners, professionals, the media and the public as required providing accurate and timely information.
 - The identification that certain activities in settings increase risk of transmission- such as break times – car sharing.
 - Ensure that Covid-19 guidance is available in all languages – Romanian, Polish
 - Ensure lessons learned are identified and shared.

Ongoing Considerations

➤ Changes to PPE system

- Obtain PPE via National online portal for PPE to be used in adults and children's services, and primary care
- Routine deliveries to LRF cease as of 11 September 2020. Stockpile that will be delivered prior to this will be held as a strategic reserve

➤ Seasonal flu planning

- Member of West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System (ICS) Flu Board to maximise uptake of flu vaccine to eligible community members
- Council “voucher” scheme for free flu jabs
- Support place-based approach to planning and delivery
- Maximise patient access to the flu vaccine (making every contact count)
- Support the design of efficient, convenient and safe delivery models across the system
- Bring about a step change in the uptake of vaccination among all eligible groups in line with national ambitions

➤ Winter and Possible Second Wave

- Increased pressures on the wider health system is normal – but with Covid-19 and the potential for a second wave this will add even more pressures
- Second wave preparedness being carried out