



Northumberland
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COVID-19 Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan Update to Health and Wellbeing Board

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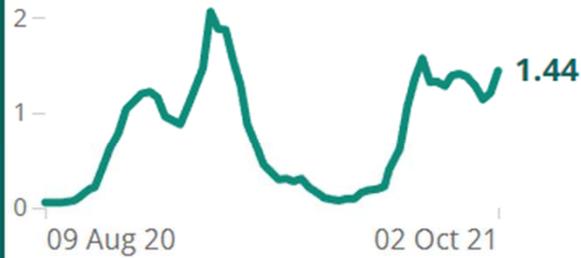
National overview

Deaths fall nationally for first time since June

Deaths in Northumberland involving covid also falling

Infections increased

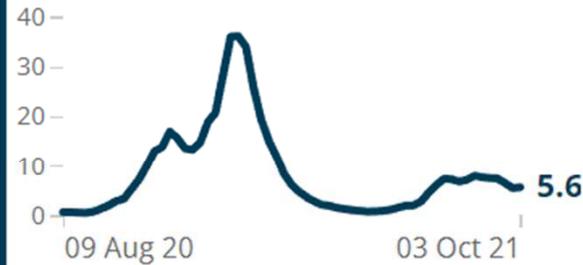
Percentage testing positive for COVID-19, England



Office for National Statistics

Hospital admissions remained similar

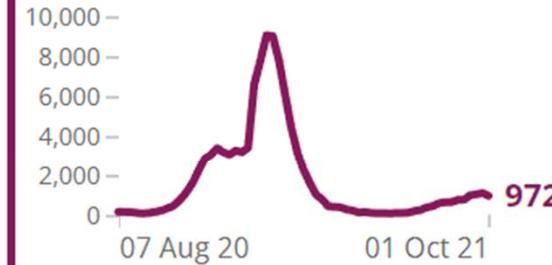
Hospital admissions involving COVID-19 per 100,000 people, England



UK Health Security Agency

Deaths decreased

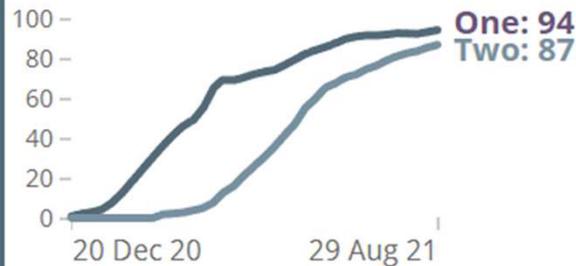
Deaths registered by week involving COVID-19, UK



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More than 4 in 5 adults are fully vaccinated

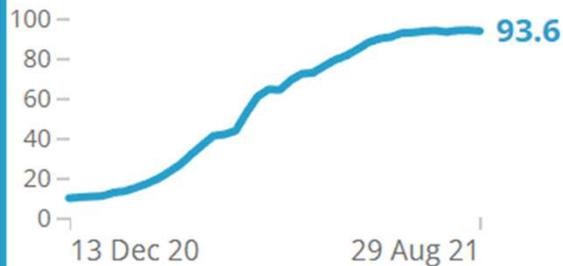
Percentage who received one and two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, England



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More than 9 in 10 adults had antibodies

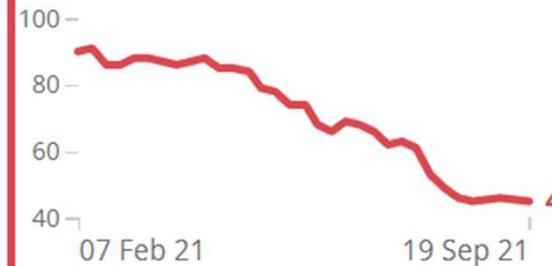
Percentage testing positive for antibodies to COVID-19, England



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Social distancing remained level

Percentage always/often maintaining social distancing



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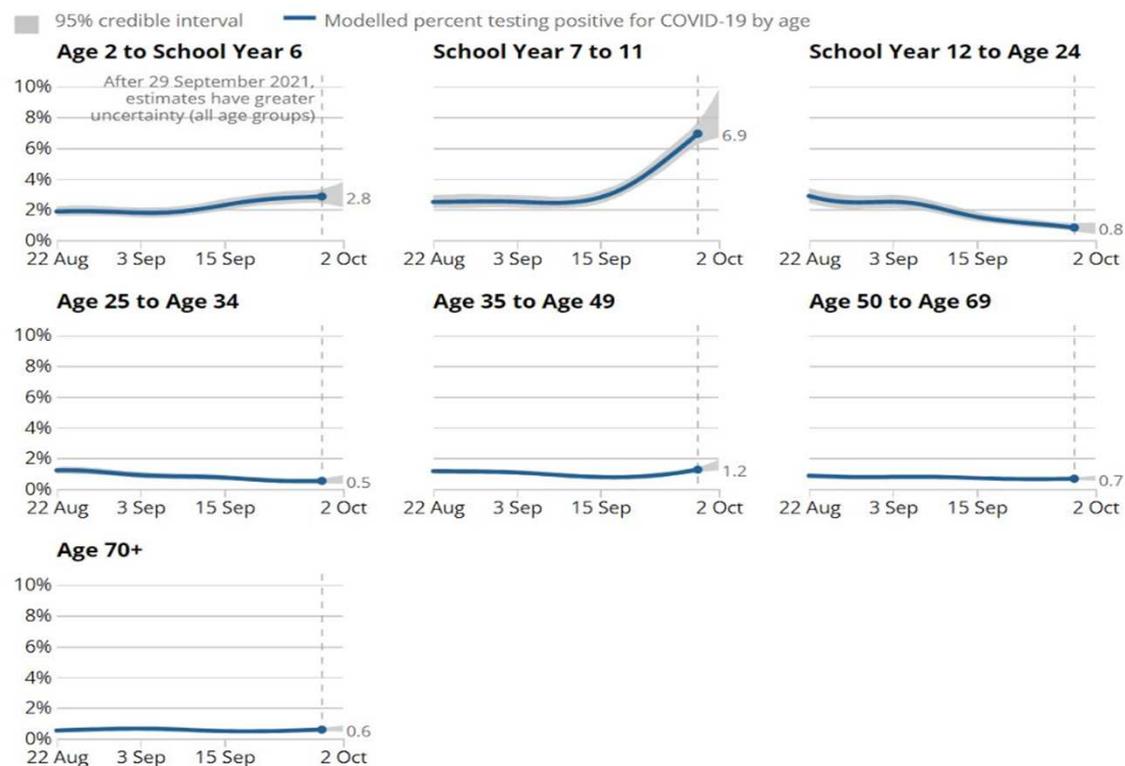
NS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey

to week ending 2nd October 2021

Secondary school children represent largest proportion of people testing positive

The percentage of people testing positive was highest in secondary school pupils in the week ending 2 October 2021

Estimated daily percentage of the population testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) on nose and throat swabs by age group, England, 22 August 2021 to 2 October 2021



Source: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey, UK: 8 October 2021

Office for National Statistics

Weekly Change in Rate per 100,000 - week beginning

9 August 2021	16 August 2021	23 August 2021	30 August 2021	6 September 2021	13 September 2021	20 September 2021	27 September 2021	4 October 2021
273.92	326.11 ▲	293.99 ▼	320.86 ▲	355.44 ▲	367.49 ▲	427.09 ▲	402.38 ▼	445.62 ▲

Rate of Positive Cases per 100,000 - 05/10/2021 to 11/10/2021

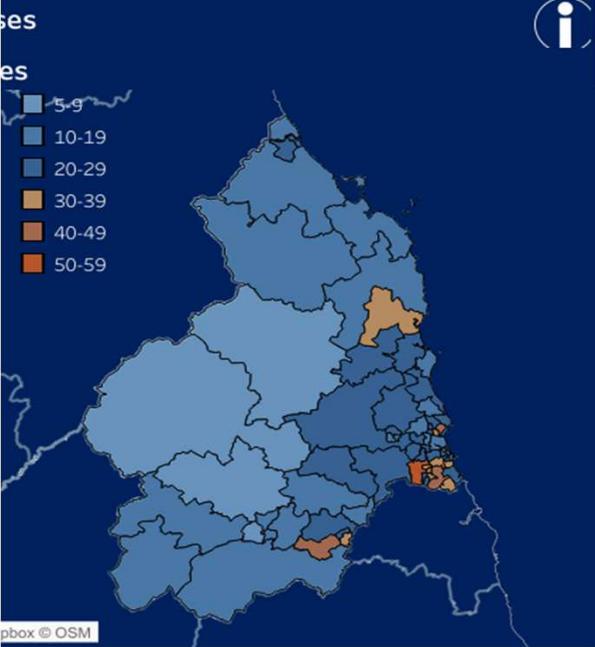
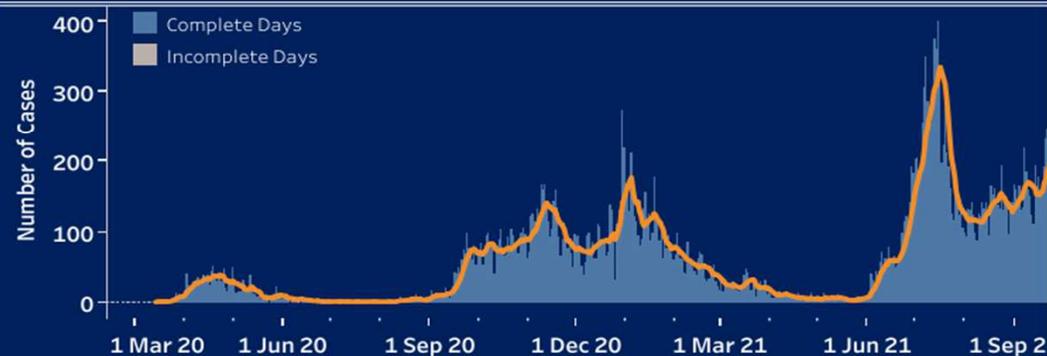
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New Confirmed Positive Cases - 05/10/2021 to 11/10/2021

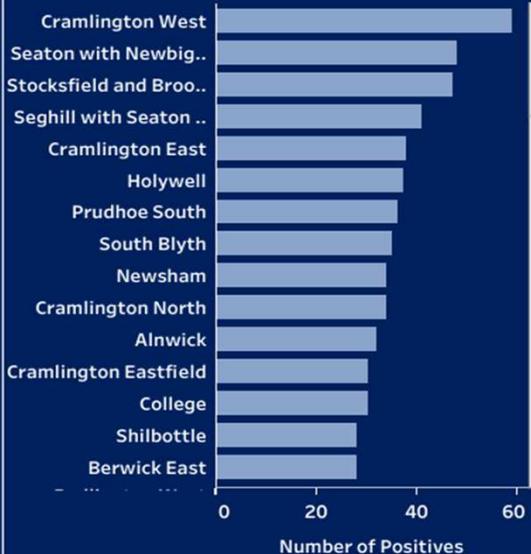
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Epidemic Curve - Click below to select view

Number of Positive Cases



Positives Cases by Ward (<5 Suppressed)



Daily Cases - This data is subject to change and cases will be added retrospectively on a daily basis

11 October 2021	269	▲
10 October 2021	221	▲
9 October 2021	180	▼
8 October 2021	188	▼
7 October 2021	214	▲
6 October 2021	186	▼
5 October 2021	245	

Outbreaks and incidents

Educational settings

445 cases reported across 77 settings in the last 7 days (7 – 14th Oct) - roughly the same as the previous 7 days

Care sector

Ongoing COVID cases in care homes and homecare settings

Most outbreaks are small and limited to staff only with a small number of large outbreaks despite high vaccination rates among staff and residents. Hospitalisations and deaths in care settings are now rare.

High risk settings

Cases in homeless hostels, children's residential care and retirement schemes, again small numbers in each setting

Prison

There have been over 60 cases in residents and staff since July 2021. A multiagency outbreak control team (OCT) was convened by PHE and continues to meet frequently.

Other

Lindisfarne festival on 2-5 Sep associated with >170 cases (around 30 in Northumberland)

COVID-19 Autumn and Winter Plan

Plan A (subject to change in assessment of

Containment Framework also updated to reflect priorities set out in Winter Plan and transition of PHE health protection function to the newly established UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

Covid winter plan in England



50+ and younger adults with health conditions
offered booster



Children aged 12-15
to be offered one dose of Pfizer vaccine



NHS and social care staff
offered booster



Holiday PCR test
expected to be scrapped soon



Anyone 70+
priority group for boosters



Covid laws
scaled back significantly



One dose of Pfizer or half a dose of Moderna
for 50+ boosters



Mask rules, vaccine passports and working from home
still an option under plan B if Covid cases surge



Meet outdoors
where possible and wear masks in crowded indoor spaces



Self-isolation
support continues with free test kits and financial aid



Contact tracing
through NHS test and trace continues



Largest flu vaccination
campaign the country has ever seen is on the way

GRAPHIC: MARK HALL

COVID-19 Autumn and Winter Plan

Plan B (contingency planning)

Covid-19 winter plan 'Plan B' contingency measures



Mandatory face coverings in some settings



Powers in reserve to mandate vaccine passports



Encourage people to work from home



Communicating the need for caution

Source: UK government

BBC



COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update

Health and Wellbeing Board

14 October 2021

Vaccine uptake within age bands – first dose

Age	First dose % uptake				
	England	North East	Northumberland	N'land vs England	N'land vs NE
90+	94.0%	95.5%	96.2%	2.2%	0.7%
85 to 89	95.7%	97.3%	97.4%	1.7%	0.1%
80 to 84	95.7%	97.4%	97.3%	1.6%	-0.1%
75 to 79	95.6%	97.5%	97.5%	1.9%	0.0%
70 to 74	94.6%	96.6%	97.0%	2.4%	0.4%
65 to 69	92.5%	95.4%	96.1%	3.6%	0.7%
60 to 64	90.7%	94.1%	95.1%	4.4%	1.0%
55 to 59	88.9%	92.6%	93.9%	5.0%	1.3%
50 to 54	86.6%	90.3%	92.6%	6.0%	2.3%
45 to 49	82.2%	86.3%	90.0%	7.8%	3.7%
40 to 44	76.7%	81.9%	87.3%	10.6%	5.4%
35 to 39	71.2%	77.2%	84.2%	13.0%	7.0%
30 to 34	66.9%	70.8%	80.4%	13.5%	9.6%
25 to 29	64.5%	66.3%	78.1%	13.6%	11.8%
18 to 24	66.3%	69.6%	80.4%	14.1%	10.8%
16 to 17	56.7%	61.1%	69.9%	13.2%	8.8%
12 to 15	12.7%	10.1%	9.6%	-3.1%	-0.5%

Rate of first dose uptake for 16-39 year olds in Northumberland is 13.5% higher than the England average and 9.6% higher than the North East average

Vaccinating Children and Young People

- JCVI advice to Government for **all 16-17 year olds and those most vulnerable 12-15 year olds** to be offered a vaccination
 - Current guidance is for **16-17 year olds** to receive **one dose**
 - Vulnerable **12-15 year olds** should receive **both doses**
 - **PCNs** have identified eligible 12-15 year old cohort and are proactively contacting them to be vaccinated in PCN sites (including household contacts of immunosuppressed)
 - **16-17 year olds** have all received a national invitation and can attend walk-in/pop-up clinics in addition to pre-booked clinics at PCNs, Pharmacies, and Vaccination Centres
 - **Healthy 12-15 year olds** will be vaccinated by School Immunisation Services **in schools**
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Vaccinating Children and Young People

- **UK CMOs have recommended** vaccination of all **12-15 year olds** after considering wider benefits of vaccination including mental health and wellbeing of children and disruption to education
 - Consent and co-administration with flu carefully considered.
 - Across NENC ICS school immunisation services are working on the initial principle of **no consent form, no vaccination**
 - CCG working with system partners (LA & FT) to plan and support workforce
 - All 12-15 year olds to have been offered the opportunity to receive a vaccination **by October half term**
 - Plans in place, and underway for the rapid rollout of vaccination for this cohort **in schools**
 - **19** schools visited to date
 - **14%** of eligible Northumberland school population
 - uptake **47%**
 - range from **16.5%** to **77%**
 - **Challenges include:** timeliness of consent, workforce capacity, disparity of uptake across communities, uncertainty re: secondary offer
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Phase 3 – Autumn/Winter ‘Boosters’

- JCVI has issued **final advice** to Government which has in turn been enacted by Government and NHS England and Improvement
- JCVI advised that the booster programme **should deliver boosters** to Cohorts 1-9 in order to maximise protection in those who are most vulnerable to serious COVID-19:
 - all those **over 70 inc. Older Adult Care Homes**
 - all those **over 16 who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable**
 - frontline **Health & Social Care workers**
 - all those **over 50**
 - adult **household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals**
 - and all those **16-49 in a flu or COVID-19 ‘at-risk’ group**
- The **Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty)** vaccine is preferred and should be delivered **no sooner than six months after the 2nd dose** of a patient’s primary course
- The booster **CAN be co-administered** alongside flu vaccines where is operationally expedient, improves patient experience, and uptake of both vaccines...**but neither programme is to be delayed to wait for the other**
- **Older Adult Care Home residents and staff** to be prioritised by PCNs with a target for completion of this cohort **by 1 November**

Next steps...

- Continue to provide 2nd doses to all eligible patients at **8 weeks** and maintain an **evergreen offer** of primary vaccination into the Winter (particularly in priority cohorts, e.g. pregnant women)
 - **Promote** importance of second dose uptake to provide **greater protection** to patients and **reduce** opportunities for transmission
 - Offer vaccination to all **eligible Children and Young People** and explore opportunities to strengthen workforce, accelerate pace, and increase uptake
 - Deliver **3rd doses (primary course)** to those eligible **immunosuppressed** individuals
 - **Collaborate** and **co-operate** across delivery models (PCN, Community Pharmacy, Hospital Hub) to deliver **Phase 3**
 - Deliver seasonal **flu** vaccinations **as normal & without delay**
 - Increase activity and **promotion** of the benefits of vaccination in our most deprived communities to **tackle inequity** of uptake
 - **Communicate proactively and effectively** with our patients and public
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Summary

COVID cases have been gradually increasing – still largely driven by
- 14 year olds (nationally may be levelling off)

Hospital admissions and deaths stable but still anticipating a
challenging winter - flu activity still low

Many measures continue in Winter Plan but little to prevent ‘super-spreader events’
Vaccination coverage high with a focus on unvaccinated at risk e.g. pregnant women
Work ongoing to implement COVID vaccinations for all 12-15 year-olds and Booster
programme to necessary timescales alongside flu vaccination programme
1500 cases in the last week? Doesn't feel like this pandemic is over.

Covid Acts of Kindness #47

**“I chose to get
the vaccine
as soon as
I could”**

Let's kill Covid with kindness.
Discover how at [BeatCovidNE.co.uk](https://www.beatcovidne.co.uk)



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