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# Community Briefing – Coronavirus 22nd February 2021

# Reviewing the Covid19 data from the previous week across the borough, shows that the highest cases are within age groups 25-34 followed by 55-64. The wards most affected are:

# Ashurst

# Tanhouse

# Birch Green

* Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) residents are required to continue shielding until 31st March by which time further guidance will be issued. In addition the Government has introduced a new cohort of CEV aged 16-69 based on a predictive risk model which factors in differing health conditions, ethnicity and age.
* Home test kits can now be ordered over the phone by calling 119, without needing access to the internet.
* NHS Test and Trace have partnered with Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) to improve home testing service for people with visual impairments. A new video-call support service with specially trained NHS Test and Trace staff will assist people with vision impairments to test at home.
* The government will set out a "roadmap" for a "gradual and phased" relaxation of coronavirus restrictions on Monday 22nd February.
* Free PPE will now be provided for unpaid carers. Lancashire County Council are developing an application form however in the meantime unpaid carers can get in touch by emailing careproviderppe@lancashire.gov.uk
* This week mobile testing units for people with coronavirus symptoms will be available at All Saints Church Hall, Hesketh Bank, on 25th & 26th February and West Lancashire College in Skelmersdale every day (including Saturdays and Sundays). We also have the permanent testing sites available, for more information visit: [www.westlancs.gov.uk/covid19test](http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/covid19test)
* A reminder that we have the asymptomatic testing sites for front-line workers to access, for more details please visit: [www.westlancs.gov.uk/symptom-freetesting](http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/symptom-freetesting).