



West Lancs COVID-19 Local information update

March 11th 2022

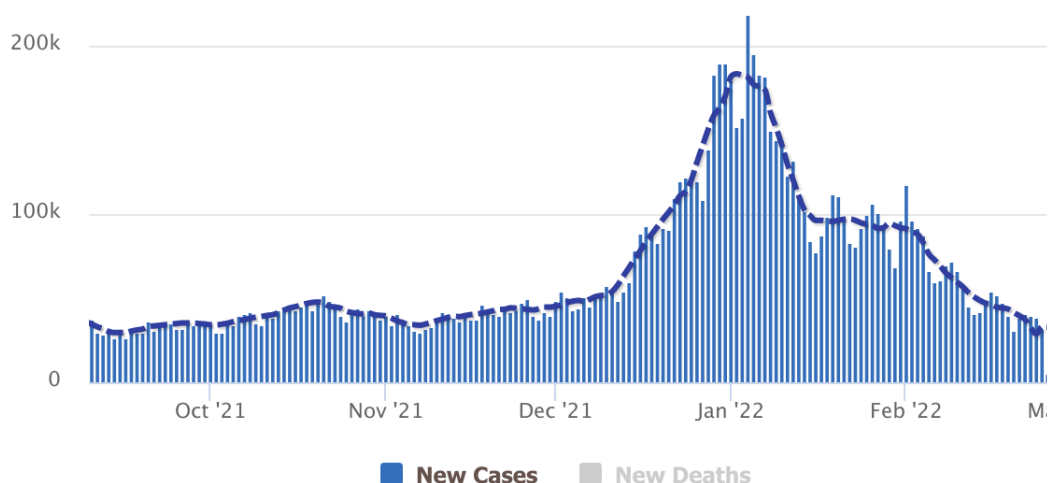
Covid-19 situation

What's happening in West Lancs?

- This week Covid rates are **markedly and unexpectedly on the rise** again – across the UK and in West Lancs.
- The number of new cases reported yesterday is **up by 71% in West Lancs** in comparison to last Thursday – and this mirrors a rise in most areas across the UK.



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Source: Gov.UK • Updated: 10/03/2022

- A number of factors are thought to be causing this including the removal of restrictions leading to increased mixing, combining with the spread of an Omicron sister variant which is more contagious (but no more severe and equally well combated by vaccines).

- Initial fears that immunity may be waning in older age groups were shown to be unfounded by the latest ONS figures showing immunity is holding strong, despite it being some months since their boosters.
- However the **good news** is that data is showing the recent increase in hospital admissions is mostly driven by patients who are being treated for something else, **not** Covid - but happen to be found testing positive on admission.
- This is also reflected in the decrease in the number of people needing mechanical ventilation due to severe covid - dropping by a further 6% this week and now standing
- at a similar level to June 2021.

So to summarise, there's now more covid around but thanks to the high levels of immunity due to vaccination, it's continuing to be relatively mild for most.

See the situation in your postcode [here](#).

Latest covid data:

From the [Government Coronavirus Dashboard](#)



West Lancs Covid cases

In last 7 days to March 10th:

530 (+ 71%)

[See change over last 3 months here](#)



UK Covid cases

In last 7 days to March 10th:

371,662 (+ 53%)

[See changes over last year here](#)



People admitted to hospital - West Lancs

No. of people admitted to hospital due to covid up to March 6th:

34 (+ 26%)

[More West Lancs hospital data here](#)



People admitted to hospital - UK

No. of people admitted to hospital due to covid up to March 6th:

9,328 (+ 17%)

[More UK hospital data here](#)

Covid vaccinations

Never too late

Vaccines have built a wall of protection around our communities, allowing us to get back to a more normal way of life.

It's vital we get our first, second and booster doses, not just to protect ourselves, but also our loved ones and our communities.

It's never too late to get your Covid vaccination.

Every day, **thousands of people are still coming forward for their first jab**. In the UK yesterday, for example, **over 5,000 people got their first covid jab** and over 15,000 got their second.

And it's **not too late for 12–15 year olds** either. They've not missed the chance to get their jabs and can still get them through school or at a local vaccination clinic.



Latest vaccination uptake: % population age 12+

(to 9th March 2022)

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| West Lancs | 85% First dose | 81% Second dose | 64% Booster/third dose |
| UK | 92% First dose | 85% Second dose | 67% Booster/third dose |

Getting your vaccination

Who is eligible?

- Everyone aged 12 and over, and some children aged 5 to 11 can get a jab.
- You don't need an NHS Number or to be registered with a GP.
- **Check all eligibility [here](#)**



Boosters

- Everyone aged 16+ (or 12-15 in an 'at risk' category) is eligible for a booster 3 months after their second dose.
- People aged 75+, residents in care homes and those 12+ who are immunosuppressed can get a **spring booster** 6 months after their third dose/booster.

1. Book an appointment online

You can make an appointment by booking online [here](#) or freephone 119

2. Find your nearest drop-in clinic

Permanent clinic sites: Anyone aged 16 and over can get vaccinated at a drop-in clinic - without a pre-booked appointment.

Find nearest vaccine drop-in clinics on [the NHS website](#).

Additional drop-in clinics: This weekend's local drop-in clinics are listed below and any additions will be listed on West Lancs CCG's webpage each week: www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/popupclinics/

Grab your jab this weekend at Hants Lane Clinic, Ormskirk
Accepting walk-ins for first, second and booster doses:

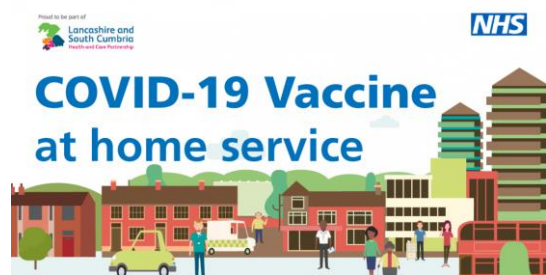
- **Saturday 12th March** 9am-1pm
- **Monday 14th March** 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-5pm

3. Request a home visit

Anyone who is shielding or doesn't feel comfortable using the existing vaccine services can now **book to be vaccinated at home**.

This service is for anyone aged 12 and over and provides all doses of the vaccine.

Find out more information and how to book online, [here](#).



Covid testing

If you have symptoms: You will need to self-isolate and get a PCR test [here](#).

If you don't have symptoms: Anyone in West Lancashire is eligible to free lateral flow tests for themselves and their families to use twice a week. You can either:

- Collect FREE tests from a symptom free local collection site to use at home later. Find your nearest collection point [here](#). Or
- Order FREE home testing kits online to be delivered to your home, [here](#).



Please note: Due to government changes to self-isolation rules, the Test & Trace Support Payment has now finished. See full information here: www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/emergencies/coronavirus/test-and-trace-support-payment.aspx

If you test positive

You are no longer legally required to self isolate if you test positive for Covid but **it is strongly advised you do**.

If you test positive, the government advice is:

- Stay at home, avoid contact with others
- You should not attend work during that time
- Avoid inviting anyone into your home
- Cancel routine medical or dental appointments
- Tell people you've met with recently about your positive test result

Resources and support

Household Support Fund

Since the Household Support Fund launched in December, West Lancashire Borough Council have **paid out £78,355 in**

Household Support Fund



Visit westlancs.gov.uk/bills-benefits/help-and-money-advice/household-support-fund for information on how to apply

Household Support payments to more than 400 residents.

If you know anyone who needs a bit of extra financial support, West Lancashire Borough Council is still accepting applications from residents who don't have enough resources to meet their immediate needs and need help with essential items.

This Household Support Fund grant can be used to help towards the cost of:

- food
- energy / water needs
- essentials linked to energy / water needs
- wider essentials such as household bills, clothing, and white goods.

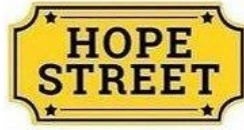
Find out more about how to apply [here](#).

Walk and talk

If you want to reduce loneliness, reconnect with people or make new friendships, why not join Hope Street's Sunday Walk and Talk?

All ages are welcome to their weekly rambles amidst farms, livestock and likeminded people.

Every Thursday and Sunday - find out more [here](#).



Weekly Walk and Talks

THURSDAYS 5PM AND SUNDAY 2PM
MEET AT DERBY STREET, ORMSKIRK



Try it Tuesdays

There's lots of opportunities to get involved and try new things at Ormskirk's Civic

On Tuesdays, choose from U3A Musical Theatre, Clubbercise, Hope Street, Keep-Fit classes, ReSound choir, line dancing, Scouts, WLPA, cake decorating, guitar lessons plus social events.

There really is something for everybody.

For more information about what's going on at the Civic, please visit www.ormskirkcivichall.co.uk



Try It Tuesday