

# COVID-19 Weekly Situation Report Summary: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**We are still experiencing a rising tide of cases in Barking and Dagenham. Testing has increased but there is still capacity for more testing at our Local Test Sites.**

## **Barking and Dagenham**

- Test rates in Barking and Dagenham have increased again to 350.1 and remain among the highest in London. The London average is 322.4.
- However, the Local Test Sites in Barking and Dagenham are still underutilised; the average daily site utilisation from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> November was 44% at Barking Football Club and 52% at the Chadwell Centre.
- The weekly case rate in Barking and Dagenham is now 244.7; an increase of 19% compared to the previous week. There has been a 24% increase across the whole of London but the average London case rate is 188.8, demonstrating the wide ranging case rates across the region.
- The NHS Test and Trace completion rate for contacting positive cases has increased again from 84.3% to 88.9%. It now exceeds the target of 85%, and also the London average (84.9%) and the England average (84.9%).
- The number of COVID-19 patients in BHRUT hospitals has increased by 23% compared to the previous week.
- There were 7 COVID-19 related deaths of borough residents in the week ending 6<sup>th</sup> November. Numbers remain low but are increasing each week.

## **London and North East London**

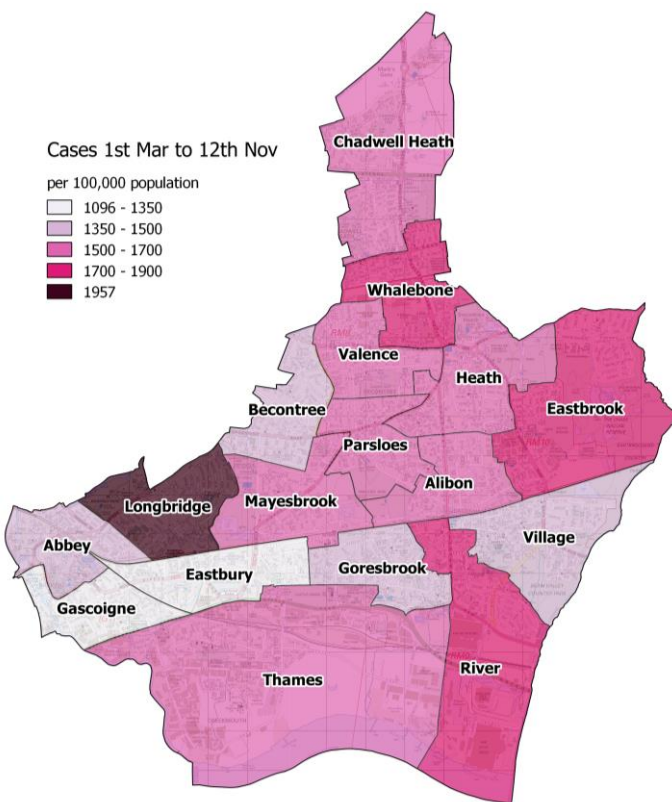
- Of the 33 London boroughs (inc. City), Havering has the highest test rate at 391.6. Barking and Dagenham ranks 8th with a rate of 350.1. Rates have increased in both boroughs compared to the previous week; whereas the London average has fallen to 322.4.
- All 33 boroughs saw increases in the percentage of individuals who tested positive. 6 of the NEL boroughs occupy the top 7 when ranked. Tower Hamlets ranked 1st with 14.4%, Barking and Dagenham ranked 6th with 11.2%. The London average was 9.2%.
- Case rates across all ages increased in every borough except Westminster (-5%). Twenty-nine of the thirty-three London boroughs saw an increase of 15% or more. Havering has a case rate of 319.4 cases per 100,000 – the highest in London. Barking and Dagenham ranks 6th at 244.7 compared to the London average of 188.8.
- Case rates in over the 59s have increased in London by 21% compared to 7% the previous week.

*Test rates, case counts and rates and positivity rates mentioned are for the period 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with comparisons to the period 30<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*

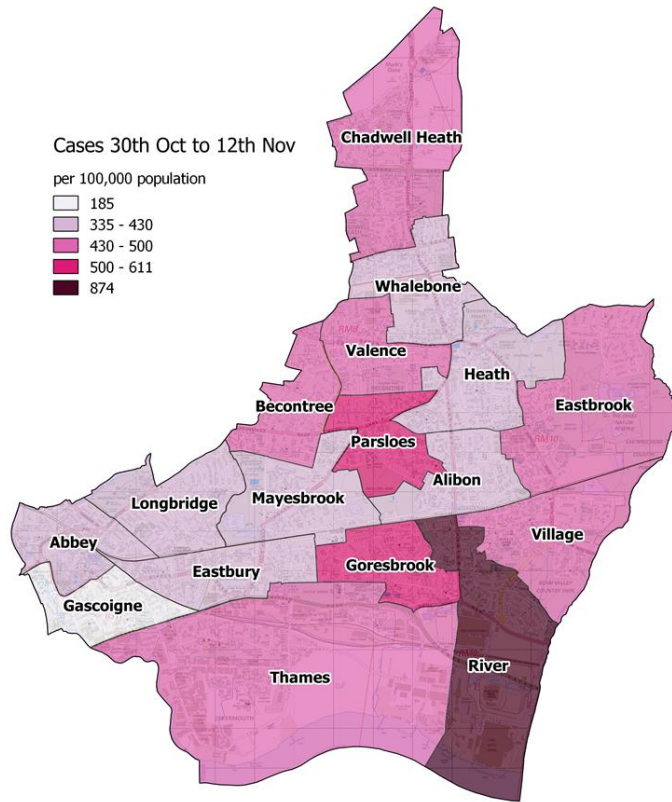
# Cumulative and fortnightly confirmed cases by ward

- Longbridge still has the highest rate of cases for the year to date; Gascoigne ward has the lowest year to date case rate.
- River now has the highest case rate for the last fortnight, followed by Parsloes and Goresbrook.

Year to date case rates



Case rates for the most recent fortnight



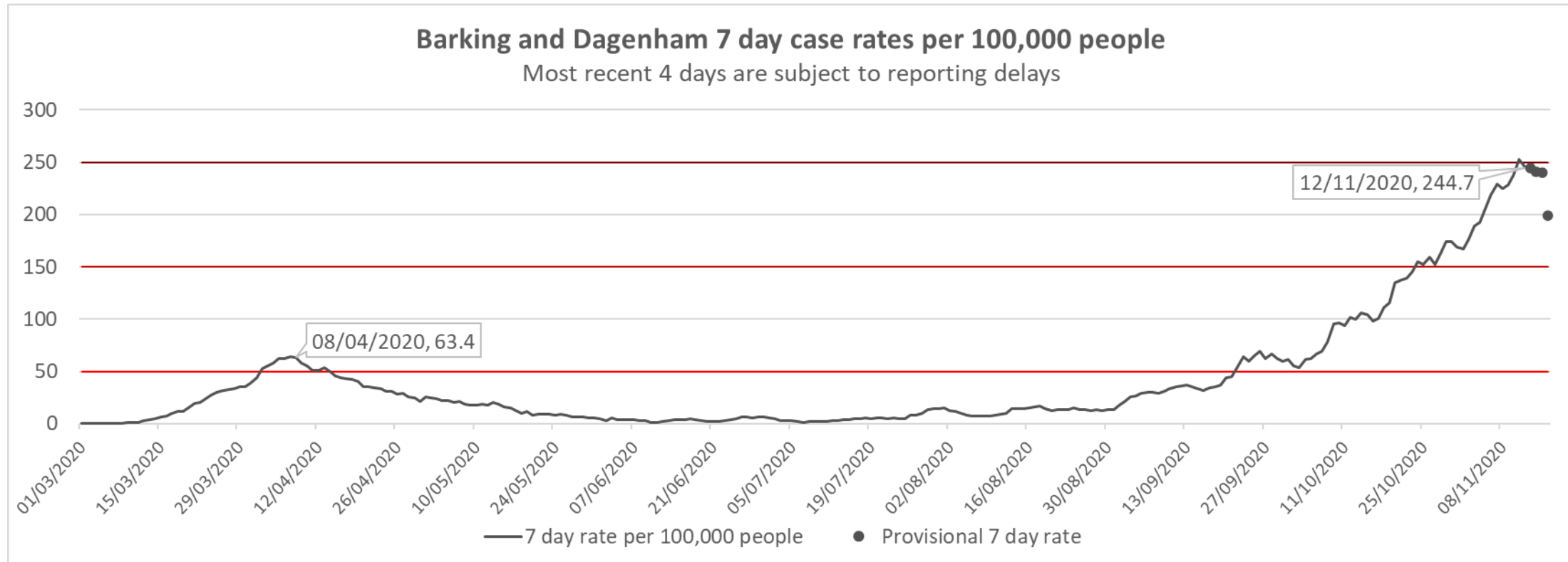
Cases and case rates by ward

Ward	Number of cases		Case rate		Population estimate
	1st Mar to 12th Nov	30th Oct to 12th Nov	1st Mar to 12th Nov	30th Oct to 12th Nov	
Abbey	219	59	1,388.7	374.1	15,770
Alibon	168	45	1,534.5	411.0	10,948
Becontree	227	68	1,487.5	445.6	15,261
Chadwell Heath	180	52	1,575.6	455.2	11,424
Eastbrook	205	53	1,769.7	457.5	11,584
Eastbury	161	43	1,255.5	335.3	12,824
Gascoigne	136	23	1,096.2	185.4	12,407
Goresbrook	174	64	1,436.6	528.4	12,112
Heath	198	43	1,640.2	356.2	12,072
Longbridge	251	55	1,957.1	428.8	12,825
Mayesbrook	170	43	1,530.8	387.2	11,105
Parsloes	187	68	1,678.9	610.5	11,138
River	225	106	1,855.8	874.3	12,124
Thames	248	78	1,580.1	497.0	15,695
Valence	185	53	1,675.4	480.0	11,042
Village	172	52	1,447.2	437.5	11,885
Whalebone	219	52	1,725.8	409.8	12,690
<b>Total</b>	<b>3325</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>1,561.7</b>	<b>449.5</b>	<b>212,906</b>

Data source: PHE Line Lists as at 17/11/2020

# Barking and Dagenham 7 day case rates per 100,000 people

- The Barking and Dagenham case rate at the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 is 244.7 cases per 100,000 people, an increase of 19% compared to the previous week. The case rate exceeded 250 for the first time on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

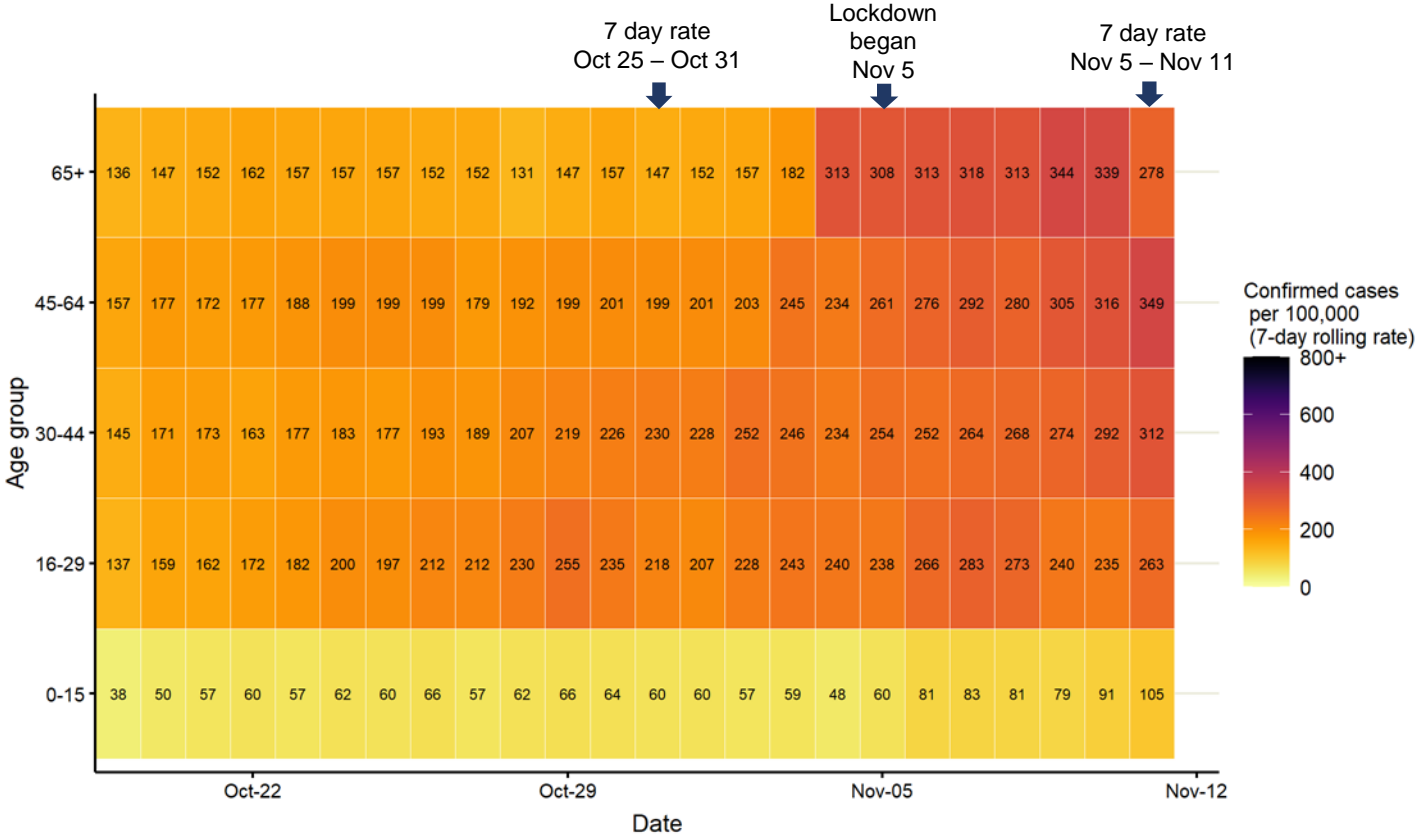


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# Age-specific case rates per 100,000 people, Barking and Dagenham



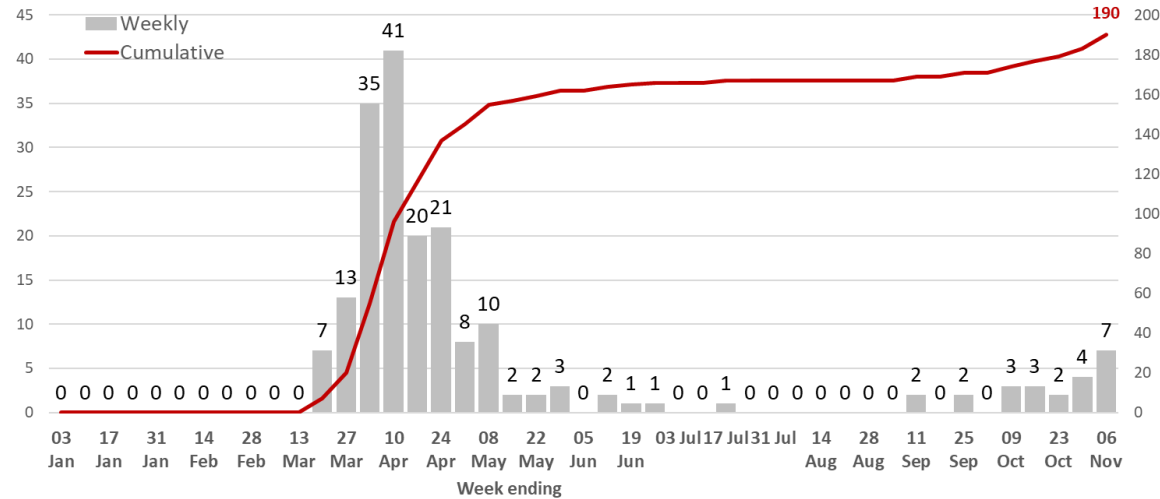
A lot has changed in the last fortnight:

- Case rates for the 65+ age group increased rapidly at the beginning of November, largely due to a number of outbreaks in care homes.
- In the last few days case rates have exceeded 300 in both the 45-64 and 30-44 age groups.
- Case rates in those aged 0-15 have increased since the end of half-term.

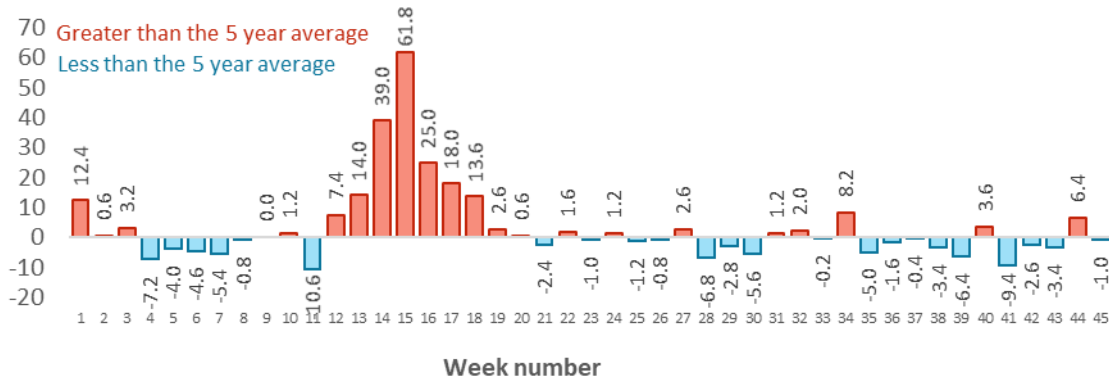
Source: LA Report, PHE, 17/11/2020

# Covid-19 mortality

**Deaths of Barking and Dagenham residents involving COVID-19**  
(occurring up to 6 November 2020 but registered up to 14 November 2020)

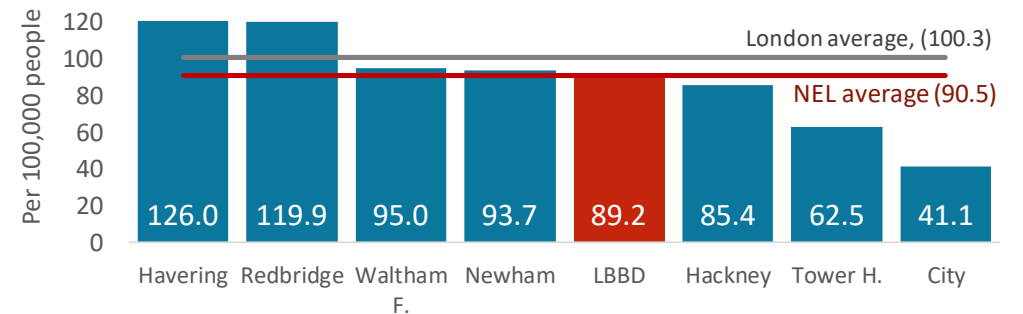


**Excess deaths in Barking and Dagenham**  
(2020 deaths minus 5-year average for 2014 to 2018)



- Numbers of Covid-19 related deaths remain low in Barking and Dagenham but have started to increase in recent weeks. There were 7 deaths in the week ending 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- There have been no Covid-19 related deaths in care homes since the end of June.
- Excess deaths account for 11.8% of all deaths in the year to date; the majority of excess deaths occurred during the first wave.
- The rate of Covid-19 deaths for the year to date remains just below the average for North-East London.

**Cumulative rate of COVID-19 deaths occurring up to 6 November 2020 per 100,000 people, North-East London boroughs**

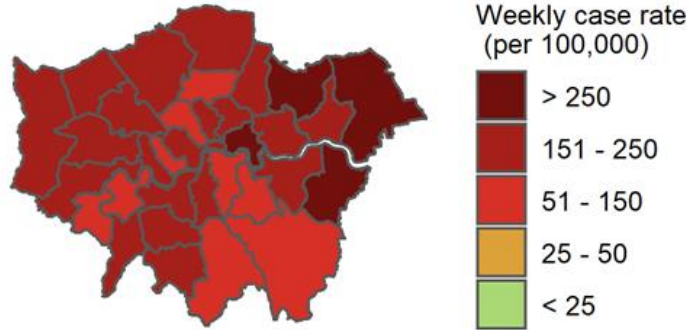


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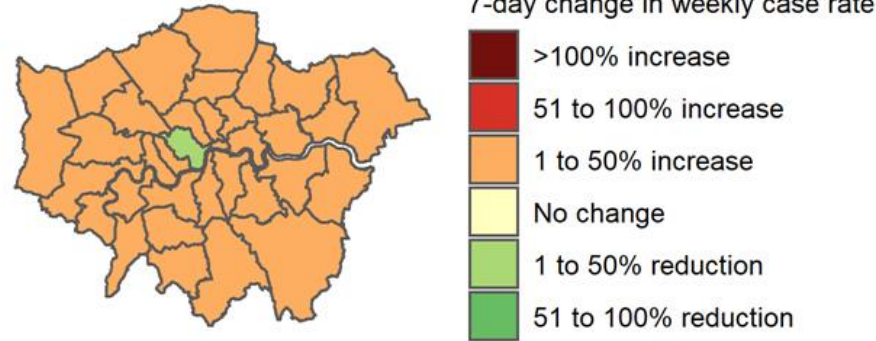
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# London maps of key COVID-19 indicators

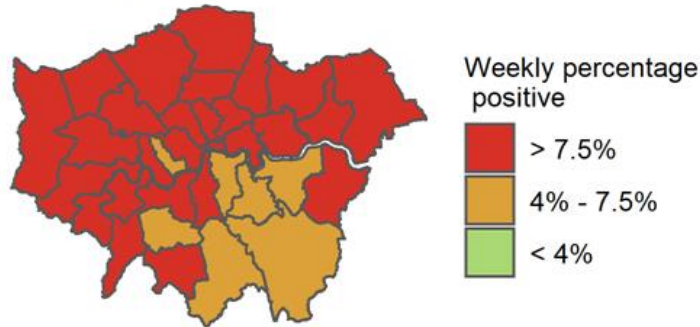
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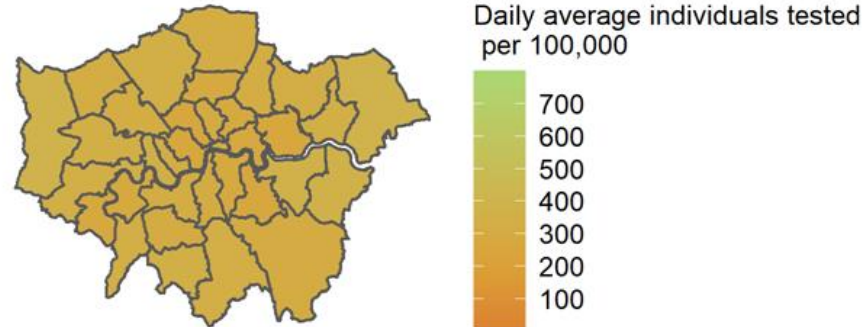
Case rate change



Positivity



Tests



- For the period November 6 to November 12, all London boroughs remain RAG rated red for 7 day case rates.
- In contrast to last week when more than half of London's boroughs saw a reduction in case rates compared to the previous week, this week all but one (Westminster) have seen an increase.
- Positivity has increased across London with all but 7 boroughs exceeding 7.5%.

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Source: Regional SAR  
Data for period November 6 - November 12 2020, as of 9:00am on November 17 2020

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# Director of Public Health recommended actions

- Work with partners to ensure arrangements are in place for the roll out of Covid vaccination (where appropriate).
- Prepare for the end of lockdown and the return to the governments' tiered strategy for reducing Covid infection, taking a view on which tier the borough could be placed in to enable planning.
- Continue to lobby for increased testing capacity, improve uptake of testing and work with partners to prepare for the roll out of lateral flow testing (mass testing).
- Evidence suggests that our local testing sites are underutilised. If the national programme allows us to have a clear understanding of demand at our local testing sites, we can proactively manage demand through our effective resident communications.
- Maximise our local communication and engagement with residents on Covid-19 prevention and harm reduction.
- When we come out of lockdown, ensure pubs, restaurants and other entertainment venues are Covid-secure and are complying with the restrictions; take enforcement action if they are not.
- Work towards a contact tracing rate of 90% and above for positive cases in Barking and Dagenham.
- Support those residents who are required to self-isolate and ensure timely payment of the £500 support package for those who are eligible.
- Work with the police to enforce self-isolation rules.