

COVID-19 Weekly Situation Report Summary: 8th September 2020

There is no immediate cause of concern in Barking and Dagenham. The situation will be kept under close scrutiny over the next 7 days.

London picture

- There has been a rising tide of cases in London, particularly in North East London (NEL).
- Five of the eight NEL boroughs are already rated Red for exceedance, and this includes Barking and Dagenham.

Key 7 day indicators

- Based on the latest available data, Barking and Dagenham currently has a 7 day case rate of 28.7 per 100,000 people which places the borough in Epidemic Level 2: Area of Enhanced Support (for areas with a case rate greater than 25.0).
- Based on thresholds agreed by London Directors of Public Health, Barking and Dagenham is currently RAG rated **amber** for 7 day case rates and contact tracing rates, and **red** for testing rates (which need to increase) and % positive cases (highest in London)

Situational awareness indicators

- Two areas of Barking and Dagenham had case rates in the top 5% in London (Dagenham Central and Longbridge & Barking Park)
- There were 17 new situations in the last 14 days, 14 of which were in residential dwellings. The remainder were in a care home, a workplace and a food outlet.

Covid-19 testing

- Testing rates in Barking and Dagenham are the 2nd lowest in London.
- Testing began at a new test site in Barking Football Club car park last week and 1,385 tests were administered within the first 4 days of opening. This test site will be open from 8:00am to 08:pm 7 days a week.
- Public Health has arranged for two further local test sites to open later this month at Chadwell Heath Community Centre and Marks Gate Community Centre.

Covid-19 cases in the last fortnight

- 89 new positive cases in total, 54% female, 62% aged 20-49, 51% symptomatic
- residents who describe their ethnicity as Any other White Background accounted for the highest proportion of cases (25%)

COVID-19 related deaths

- 0 deaths involving COVID-19 in the last 6 weeks

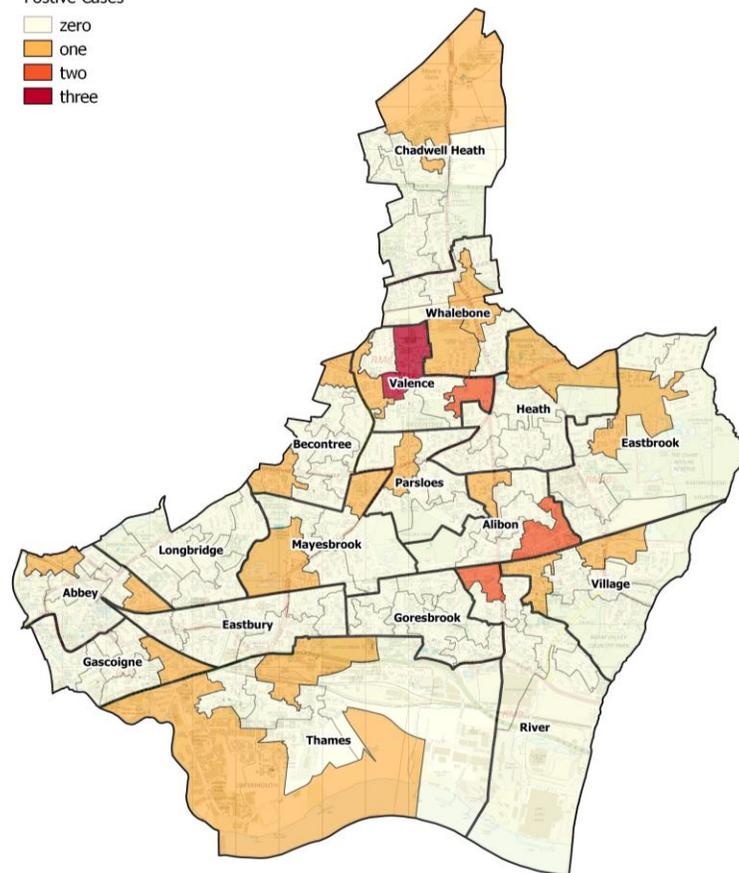
Cases within the most recent 7 days versus those within the previous 7 days

The maps on this page show the number of cases per lower layer super output area (LSOA) within the borough

- The concentration of cases in Whalebone ward has increased in the last 7 days.
- There has also been an increase in cases around Longbridge and Dagenham Heathway.
- ***Case numbers are low so this data should be treated with caution.***

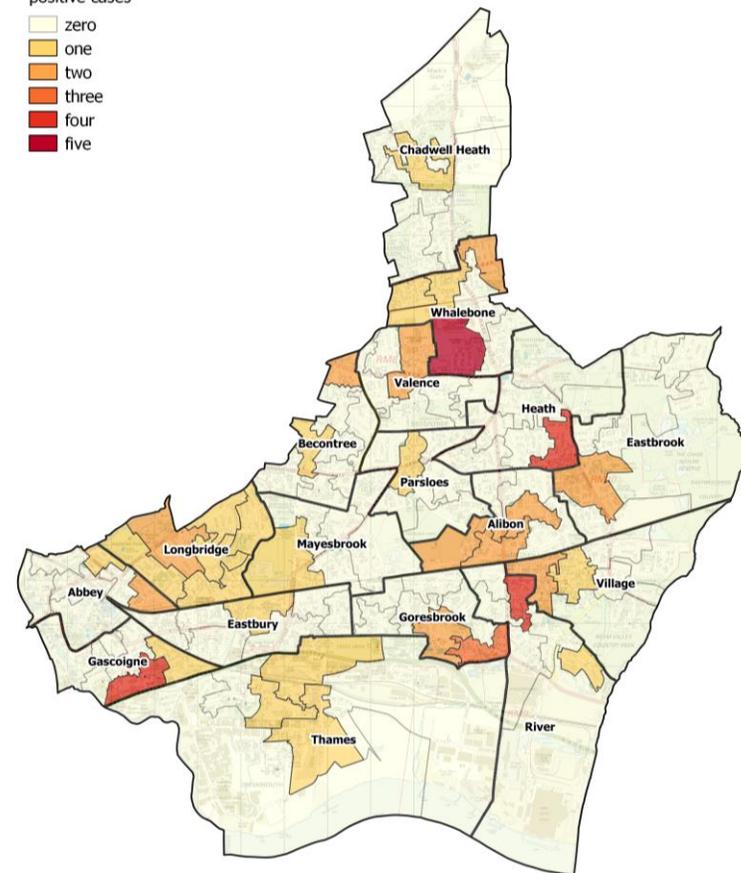
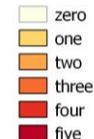
24th August to 30th August

Positive Cases



31st August to 6th September

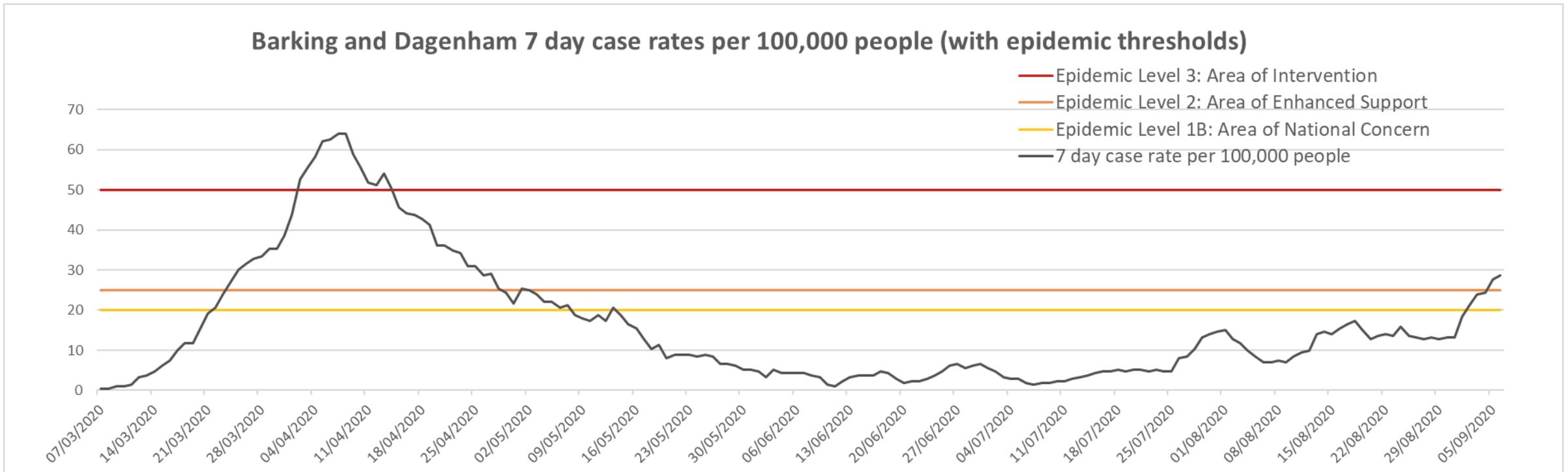
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Barking and Dagenham 7 day case rates per 100,000 people

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The case rate was on a much slower incline than that seen in March - April, until the 1st September when the 7 day rate increased from 13.2 to 18.3 per 100,000.



Director of Public Health recommended actions

- To review and reflect on the epidemiology over the last 14 days. Has it changed? If so does this change our understanding and importantly our local interventions and coms
- We need to push up our 7-day testing rate per 100.000 given the rising incidence.
- We continue using the Council's powers in relation to closing premises that are not covid-19 secure.
- Publish weekly an easy to read and understand Covid-19 Barking and Dagenham metrics scorecard to help communicate 'the one version of the truth'.
- We need to do more targeted communications to the 20-29 years where there has been a large increase in cases over the past few weeks. Also, to address the uptick in older teenagers and young adults: 15 -21 years of age. Key messages are in the London wide coms on this, but basically "take greater care on face coverings, hygiene and distance".
- Oversee and ensure that Chadwell Heath and Marks Gate walk-in testing sites are operational on 14 September.
- Assure the governance and process before local contact tracing by default goes live in the next 4 weeks.