

Stakeholders Briefing

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Our current seven-day infection rate stands at 387.1 cases per 100,000, which is below the England average of 431.6 cases per 100,000. Those under 19 and the 40-59 age group continue to account for 63 per cent of cases in County Durham, with each group accounting for around 30 per cent of cases. There are 60 inpatients across County Durham and Darlington, with ten patients being treated in intensive care. Our emergency departments remain under pressure, so we continue to encourage people to follow the Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air guidance to limit the risk of exposure and reduce transmission. As always, for the latest data in County Durham and your local area, please visit our [Covid dashboard](#).

Vaccinations

We continue to encourage all those who are eligible to book their Covid vaccinations and boosters. People aged 40 to 49 can now book their Covid booster vaccination, which can be given six months after their second jab.

Updated clinical guidance has also been received around young people aged 12 to 17 who have had coronavirus and are not in a high-risk group. It is recommended that they wait 12 weeks following a positive Covid test before having a vaccine.

Adult social care

This week, hand hygiene training kits have been offered to all County Durham care homes that are currently without a kit. As part of the Care Academy's work to support care homes with staff training, it is hoped the kits will help to reinforce onsite training in infection prevention and control as part of our ongoing Covid response.

I will continue to keep everyone up to date throughout these changing and challenging times. Information is available on the council's website at www.durham.gov.uk and our social media channels www.facebook.com/DurhamCouncil and www.twitter.com/DurhamCouncil.

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For the latest government advice on the coronavirus pandemic, visit (www.gov.uk/coronavirus). Updates on changes that may affect our area can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Public Health England communication materials (posters and social media images) are available for all partners and can be accessed at <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/>.

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