

COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Tracker

30th June 2022

Following the discontinuation of universal free testing as part of the national Living With Covid plan, we have removed the sections based on cases and rates for Wigan and its wards as they no longer accurately reflect the incidence of Covid-19 in our communities.

Summary

- In the week ending 18th June 2022, the ONS estimate that around 1 in 40 people in England had COVID-19
- The ONS survey suggests that the percentage of people in England testing positive increased in all age groups. We advise taking caution in over-interpreting any small movements in the latest trend.
- As at 29th June, there were 69 COVID-positive patients in Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh hospitals, an increase from this time last week.
- There have been 1 COVID-19 related deaths registered in Wigan so far in the latest week (w/e 17th June), an increase from the previous week.

For more information and the latest guidance, please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

Coronavirus COVID-19 Infection Survey

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) publish the results from a weekly survey delivered in partnership with University of Oxford, University of Manchester, UK Health Security Agency and Wellcome Trust. This study is jointly led by the ONS and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) working with the University of Oxford and Lighthouse laboratory to collect and test samples.

The publication refers to the number of current COVID-19 infections within the population living in private residential households. Those in hospitals, care homes and/or other communal establishments are excluded (where rates of COVID-19 infection are likely to be different).

Results from report on 27th June 2022:

England

For the week ending 18th June, there was an increase in the percentage of people testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, likely caused by infections compatible with Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5.

In England, the estimated number of people testing positive for COVID-19 equated to 2.50% of the population or around 1 in 40 people.

- The percentage of people in England testing positive increased in all age groups. We advise taking caution in over-interpreting any small movements in the latest trend.

Regions

- In the week ending 18 June 2022, the percentage of people testing positive increased in all English regions except in the North East and the South East, where the trend was uncertain.
- The rate for the North West was 2.6% (in the previous week it was 1.9%).

Data note from ONS: *In the data used to produce these estimates, the number of people sampled in each region who tested positive for COVID-19 was low relative to England overall. This means there is a higher degree of uncertainty in the regional estimates for this period.*

Data source: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey, UK Statistical bulletins - Office for National Statistics](#)

Further information available at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) latest insights - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

Regional 'R' Data and Growth Rate (published 24/06/2022)

Please note – the R data is now published every two weeks.

What is the R number?

R represents the average number of onward infections that will be generated by a single infectious individual. R tells us if the epidemic is getting bigger (>1) or smaller (<1) but not how large it is, and therefore should not be used as a sole indicator of the current threat posed by an epidemic. It cannot be measured directly so there is always some uncertainty around its exact value.

What is a growth rate?

The growth rate reflects how quickly the number of infections are changing day by day. It is an approximation of the change of number infections each day. If the growth rate is greater than zero (+ positive), then the disease will grow. If the growth rate is less than zero (- negative) then the disease will shrink.

Both the R number and Growth rate are published at Regional level.

Please see the table on the next page for the latest regional and national figures.

Latest figures

Region	R	Growth Rate (% per day)
England	1.1 to 1.4	+2 to +5%
East of England	1.1 to 1.4	+1 to +5%
London	1.1 to 1.4	+2 to +5%
Midlands	1.1 to 1.4	+3 to +6%
North East and Yorkshire	1.1 to 1.3	+2 to +5%
North West	1.1 to 1.4	+2 to +6%
South East	1.1 to 1.5	+3 to +7%
South West	1.1 to 1.4	+3 to +6%

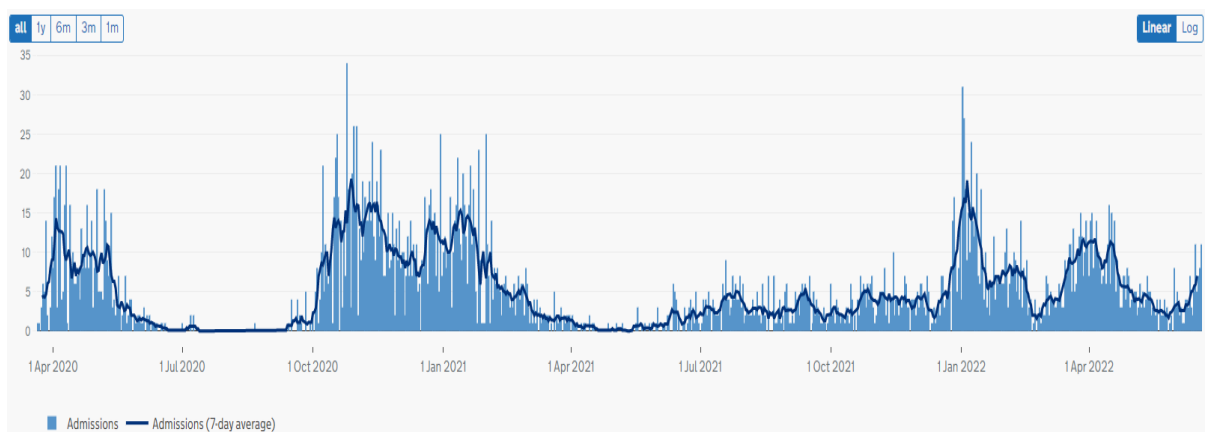
North West Overview

The latest range for R for the North West is 1.1 to 1.4 which is higher than the previous range (0.7 to 0.9). The growth rate range (+2 to +6) is also higher than the previous range (-5 to -2).

Data source: [GOV.UK – R Number](#)

Covid-positive inpatients in Hospital

As at 29th June, there were 69 COVID-positive patients in Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh (WWL) hospitals. The chart below shows the daily count of confirmed COVID-19 patients admitted to WWL.



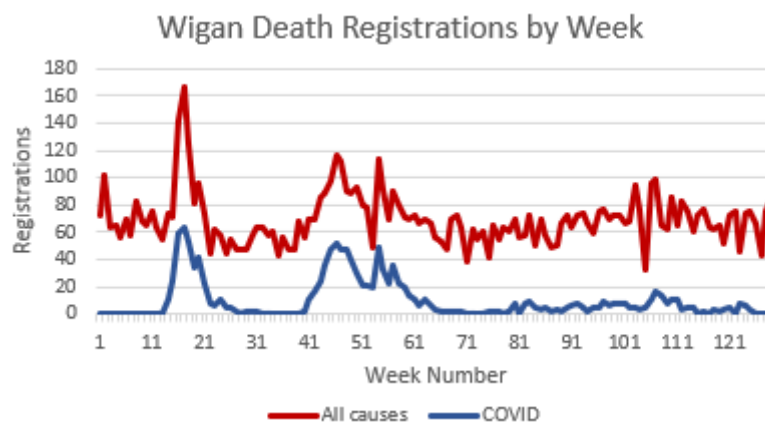
Source: [Government's Coronavirus data page](#)

Weekly Death Registrations (latest data published covers up to w/e 17th June 2022)

As at 17th June, there have been 1269 deaths registered for Wigan residents that mention COVID-19, with 1 registration in the latest week, an increase from the previous week.

There were 85 deaths from all causes registered in the latest week, an increase of 9 from the previous week.

***NB in weeks containing Bank Holidays registrations may be artificially**



Further information available on [Office for National Statistics death registrations page](#).

Schools

Due to changes in national testing policy, cases within schools are no longer published within this report.