

## Coronavirus Additional Update

### 10/07/20

These briefings provide a short summary of the current data on coronavirus in Birmingham. This additional briefing has been provided as the Department of Health and Social Care has published a new set of data today on cases at Medium Super Output Area Level, this can be accessed at <https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/about-data#daily-and-cumulative-numbers-of-cases>

The current testing regime is based on testing individuals admitted to hospital and NHS staff (pillar 1) and testing in the community through postal tests or drive through facilities (pillar 2). Currently, the reporting of pillar 2 tests and cases lags slightly behind pillar 1.

There is still very limited access to ethnicity of new cases and this has been escalated nationally.

Key points from MSOA data published today:

- Four MSOA reported between 3-8 new cases last week – Stirchley North & Selly Park, Sparkhill North, Handsworth West, Sparkbrook North.
- The largest number of cases at MSOA level is in Gravelly Hill & South Erdington (79), Bordesley (76) and Chester Road (75).
- The highest rate of cases is in Upper Witton (930.5/100K) and Chester Road (764.1/100K) followed by Sheldon North (691.0/100K)
- The areas with the highest rates/numbers primarily links to more elderly populations and care home deaths but we are doing further work to explore this.

Other key points from current data:

- There were 4,822 COVID-19 (Pillar 1 & 2) cumulative cases announced on the 09/07/20 bringing the cumulative rate of 422.5 cases/100,000 citizens.
- Pillar 1&2 data shows Birmingham has **seventh** highest rate of confirmed cases in the West Midlands, lower than Stoke-on-Trent, Solihull, Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Walsall & Shropshire.
- Pillar 1&2 data shows amongst the Core Cities, Birmingham has the **sixth** highest rate, behind Sheffield, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Liverpool, Manchester & Leeds.
- At 06-Jul-20 1,217 tests were positive, which is 2.9% of all test (West Midlands 2.9%, Core Cities 3.4%).
- Pillar 2 testing data over the last 7 days shows that Birmingham was ranked **13** when compared to other West Midlands local authorities.
- The daily number of hospital admissions for new cases of C19 has been falling this week.

Key actions being taken:

- Working to promote translated test and trace resources through media and community partners to promote uptake and engagement with testing
- Working with DHSC and NHSE to identify further testing sites to increase access to testing in the city, especially for citizens without cars.

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