

COVID-19 (coronavirus) weekly update from Birmingham City Council

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Welcome to the coronavirus weekly update from Birmingham City Council.

The update lets you know about Birmingham City Council's services, public health information, general advice on Covid-19, and other relevant news from the council and our partners so that we can keep you informed. If you have friends and family who are not online, please share the information in this bulletin with them.

[You can find a full suite of information about Covid-19 on the council's website](#)



Covid-19 news

It's still really important to [follow COVID-19 guidance](#) to prevent the virus spreading. Make sure you only meet with up to six people or two households outdoors and remember hands, face, space, fresh air.

The council is working closely with Public Health England and the national NHS Track and Trace team to support [measures to curb any potential spread of COVID variants](#). The areas where we are currently conducting surge testing are in the following wards: Ladywood; Soho and Jewellery Quarter; Alum Rock; Glebe Farm and Tile Cross; and Bordesley Green.

[COVID-19 testing is available for anyone without symptoms](#) who lives OR works in Birmingham at locations across the city.

Most people catch COVID-19 from people they spend the most time with. Regular testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have the virus and stop it spreading, even if you've been vaccinated. All adults in England can now get free rapid COVID-19 tests twice a week. [Order your rapid tests for free](#) or get them from your pharmacy.

You are now eligible to [book an appointment for your COVID-19 vaccination if you're over 40](#) or schedule your appointment today by calling 119.

Public Health England research shows that [one dose of COVID-19 vaccine can cut household transmission by up to half](#).

The [COVID vaccine does not contain components of animal origin](#) and a vaccination does not break your fast. If you're invited to get your vaccine, or you have a second dose booked this Ramadan, please take it.

Visit the council's website for [translated audio and written information](#) on Coronavirus Test and Trace. Please share this information with people you know who will need translated information.

For [latest updates and advice on Coronavirus](#), please visit the government website.

Local news

The elections are coming up fast! You can [have your say in the elections on 6 May](#). Cast your vote for: councillors (in 4 of our 69 wards); Mayor of the West Midlands; and Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The Electoral Commission has worked with Mencap, RNIB, and United Response, on helpful [easy-read guides to voting in May's elections](#).

Time is running out to get your application in for a [temporary exemption from Clean Air Zone charges](#), if you are eligible. The Clean Air Zone launches on 1 June.

The organisers of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games have announced [the search is on for 25 Game Changers](#). These new recruits have the opportunity to change their lives by embarking on a new career in sport – by working on the largest multi-sport event to be staged in the UK for a decade – where their first task is to help deliver the biggest sports programme in the history of the Games.

Not completed your Census yet? Your community is counting on you. Fill in your census today and help inform local services such as schools, GPs and charities and to make sure valuable resources are placed where you need them most in your area. [Did you know, you could be prosecuted and get a £1,000 fine if you don't complete the Census?](#) Our Birmingham team can help you if you message us. Or you can fill in yours online now.

[Jewellery Quarter Bid has installed 10 new picnic benches on the Golden Square](#) to allow space for up to 60 people. They've also been helping venues secure additional outdoor space on St Paul's Sq, Warstone Lane, Livery St & Water St.

NHS and social care services in Birmingham will be working together in Neighbourhood Integration teams. Find out what this means for your care in a [free, local health and social care services online event](#).

Looking for a fun, free activity for the May Day Bank Holiday weekend? Birmingham & Black Country is one of 450 city areas taking part in the global [City Nature Challenge](#). See how much wildlife you can spot over the four days.

Find out about the Birmingham Local Offer Website where you can find help, advice and information about the [services available for children and young people from birth to 25 years with a Special Educational Need or Disability \(SEND\)](#).

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