

Local Members Interest
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Cabinet - Wednesday 19 August 2020

Update from COVID-19 Member Led Local Outbreak Control Board

Introduction

1. The Council continues its efforts to prevent and control the spread of Covid-19. It remains very important that we follow national guidance to avoid a resurgence of infections and any consequent restrictions on our lives and our economy. Stick to the rules. This means washing your hands regularly, sticking to 2 metre social distancing, self-isolating and booking a test if you have any Covid-19 symptoms, and self-isolating for 14 days if you have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

Latest Situation

2. The number of new confirmed cases in Staffordshire remains low at around 5-10 a day. We continue to deal with a steady stream of Incidents related to care providers, educational settings, businesses and communities.
3. In the last month, the most significant Incidents have been an outbreak related to the Crown and Anchor pub in Stone, and an ongoing elevated level of infections in parts of Burton.
4. We will continue to provide further details to local Elected Members about the most significant Incidents as well as a weekly summary of the current situation.
5. We continue to raise issues about the completeness and timeliness of the NHS test and trace service with the Department of Health and Social Care. We have put in place systems to mitigate this with the Council tracing some cases and contacts in order to be sure that they are self-isolating, and we will be proceeding with a Local Enhanced Contact Tracing pilot to trace those cases and contacts that the national service has been unable to reach.
6. We have also developed a process for implementing our new powers under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020. We would prefer to avoid having to use these, however if poor compliance with Covid-19 guidance by individual businesses poses a risk to people's health and a risk of restrictions being imposed on our whole economy, then we will have to take action.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

[COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan](#)

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