

Local Members Interest
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Update from Covid Member Led Local Outbreak Control Board

Introduction

1. The number of new cases of Covid in Staffordshire remains high, and above the England average. Cases rates are highest in school age children, although these are falling due to schools adopting proportionate measures to limit transmission of infection, the 12-15 vaccination programme, and rising natural immunity in this age group.

Covid vaccination

2. Vaccination is the best way to reduce complications and deaths from Covid. The NHS plans to accelerate booster vaccinations for over 50s and first doses for 12-15 year olds. We urge everyone to take up the offer of vaccination as soon as possible. The NHS and social care are coping at the moment but continue to experience considerable pressure from Covid and other conditions.

Personal responsibility

3. We would like to thank residents for continuing to take sensible precautions to limit the spread of infection such as good hygiene, keeping a respectful distance, and wearing face coverings in crowded indoor places. Residents should continue to get a Covid test twice weekly - and tests are available at a range of locations across the county.

Covid Local Outbreak Management Plan

4. The Council will maintain Covid defences for the remainder of 2021/22. This includes testing and contact tracing, as well as managing outbreaks and supporting the most vulnerable. These will be reviewed in line with emerging Government policy.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

[Staffordshire Covid Local Outbreak Management Plan](#)

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