



## COVID-19 information and updates from the Council and councillors for April 24th

### Local vaccination information

Over 144,500 Covid-19 vaccines have now been given out to priority groups in the borough.

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to take up your appointment and to all staff and volunteers at the centres.

If you have not had your vaccination yet, you will be contacted by the NHS as soon as a local appointment becomes available.

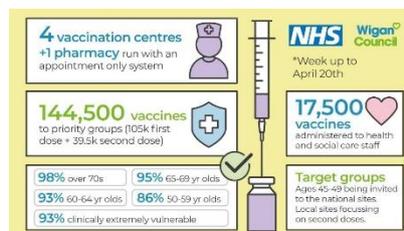
If you are aged 45 or over or are aged 16+ and clinically extremely vulnerable, you are also invited to book your own vaccination through the NHS website, although this may mean travelling outside the borough for your appointment.

To book an appointment you can call 119 free of charge.

If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, or are a British Sign Language user, you can use textphone 18001 119.

**Click here to book an appointment online and for more information**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>



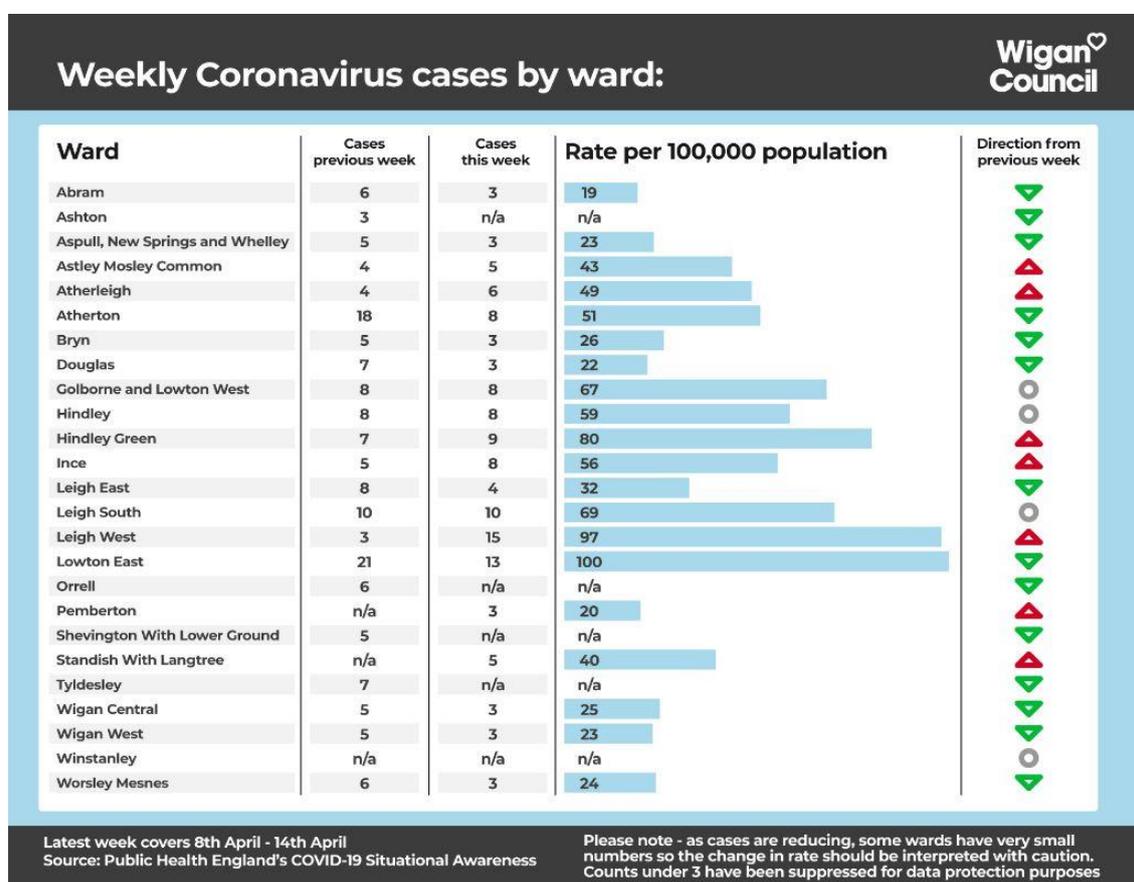
## This week's Covid-19 tracker has been published

It shows:

- The rate of new cases in Wigan is lower than the previous week but is higher than regional and national rates.
- As of 20<sup>th</sup> April, there were 11 COVID-positive patients in WWL hospitals – a decrease.
- There have been 2 COVID–19 deaths registered in Wigan so far in the latest week - the same as the previous week.
- Rates in Golborne and Lowton have reduced.

[Click here to view the full tracker](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-update-and-advice.aspx)

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## Ramadan Safety Guidance

If you're observing Ramadan at the moment, you might have questions about how best to mark Ramadan appropriately and stay safe during the pandemic.

The British Islamic Medical Association has put together lots of useful guidance on subjects such as fasting, vaccinations and celebrating Eid.

To find out more click here  
<https://www.britishima.org/>



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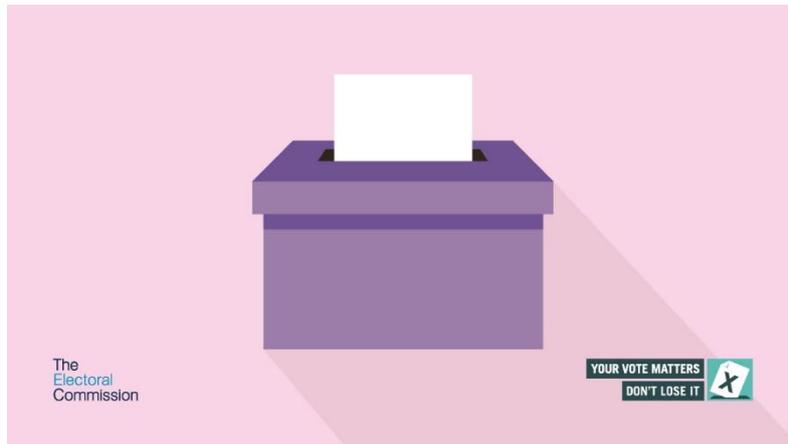
## Elections are coming

The May local and GM mayoral elections are getting closer.

For anyone wishing to vote by proxy, where someone you trust votes on your behalf, the application deadline is 5pm on Tuesday, April 27.

Both elections will take place on May 6.

Click here to find out more  
<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Voting-and-Elections/How-to-register-to-vote.aspx>



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## Help our borough stay clean and tidy

We hope everyone's managed to get outside and enjoy some of the borough's green spaces since the lockdown rules were slightly relaxed last week.

Please help us to keep our green spaces clean and tidy by throwing rubbish away responsibly.

The pandemic has put a lot of pressure on our services. We are doing our best to empty all public bins regularly but if some of the public bins are full, please look for another bin or take your rubbish home with you, rather than leaving rubbish at the side of the bin.

To let us know about a full public bin, register for My Account and you'll be able to report this and many other things to us quickly and easily.

**Click here to register for My Account**  
<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/MyAccount/My-Account.aspx>



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**Last chance for young people to have your say on new developments**

There are just a few days left for young people to have their say on the development of an exciting new space at Leigh Sports Village and a brand new play space at Pennington Flash Country Park in Leigh.

We want to offer children and young people the chance to influence these developments and have their say to make sure we create spaces that young people will use and enjoy in the future.

This short survey is for young people aged 8-18. There are just 9 tick box questions and an option to give us more information if needed.

The survey will close on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.

**Fill in the survey here**  
<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=161616799616>



### **Update on the Wigan Borough Community Partnership**

Many of you will be aware of the work of the community charity Wigan Borough Community Partnership.

Unfortunately, it is set to disband and we have prepared the following official response on behalf of the council:

“We would like to acknowledge all the hard work of WBCP and their staff over the last few years. We have offered our advice and support to the Partnership at this time and will continue to work closely with them to ensure a smooth transition.

We recognise the importance of having arrangements in place in the borough to bring the voluntary, community and enterprise sector together. We will continue to work closely with VCSE partners to identify support requirements for the future and plans for a sustainable model in the future.”

### **Home testing kits**

A number of locations are now available for residents to pick up home Covid-19 test kits. These are for residents who are not showing symptoms and need a test – for work purposes, for example.

Please remind residents who are using these home kits to record their results and follow the appropriate public health guidelines [here](#).

**[Anyone who has symptoms should book a test immediately here](#)**

**Community collection sites  
for lateral flow testing kits**



**Ashton Leisure Centre,**  
Old Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield,  
WN4 9TP,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30am - 10pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8am - 4pm

**Ashton-in-Makerfield Library,**  
Wigan Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield,  
WN4 9BH,  
Monday - Wednesday, 10am - 2pm,  
Thursday-Friday, 1pm - 5pm

**Golborne Start Well Family  
Centre,**  
Talbot Street, Golborne WA3 3NN,  
Wednesday, 9am - 12pm  
and Friday, 9am - 5pm

**Standish Library,**  
13 Cross St, Standish, WN6 0HQ,  
Monday - Wednesday, 10am - 2pm,  
Thursday - Friday, 1pm - 5pm

**Standish Leisure Centre,**  
Rectory Lane Standish, WN6 0XB,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30am - 10pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8am - 4pm

**Wigan Library, Wigan Life  
Centre,**  
The Wiend, Wigan, WN1 1NH,  
Monday - Friday, 10am - 2pm

**Wigan Life Centre (Leisure  
reception),** College Avenue,  
Wigan, WN1 1NJ,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30am - 10pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8am - 4pm

**Robin Park Indoor Sport Centre,**  
Loire Drive, Newtown, WN5 0UL,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30am - 10pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8am - 4pm

**Westleigh Start Well Family  
Centre,** Westleigh Lane, WN7 5NJ,  
Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

**Leigh Central Start Well Family  
Centre,** Windermere Rd, Leigh,  
WN7 1UZ, Tuesday and  
Wednesday, 9am - 5pm

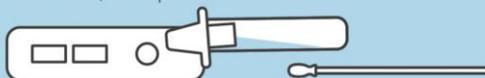
**Leigh Library, Turnpike Centre,**  
Civic Square, Market St, Leigh,  
WN7 1EB,  
Monday - Friday, 10am - 2pm

**Leigh Indoor Sports Centre,**  
Sale Way, Leigh, WN7 4JY,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30am - 10pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8am - 4pm

**Atherton Start Well Family  
Centre,** Meadowbank Primary  
School, Formby Avenue, Atherton,  
M46 0HX,  
Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm

**Howe Bridge Sports Centre,**  
Eckersley Fold Lane, Atherton,  
M46 0PJ,  
Monday - Friday, 6:30am - 10pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8am - 4pm

**Hindley Pool,**  
Borsdane Avenue, Hindley,  
Wigan, WN2 3QN,  
Monday - Friday, 2:30pm - 8.30pm  
and Sat & Sun, 8:15am - 4pm



## **Golborne X Zone – have your say on how we bring back our weekly youth centre**

It's been great to chat to some of our young people in the parks over the last few weeks, on how we can safely reopen the Xzone youth club. The first step will be having a focus group of young people to co-create and refresh what the XZone has to offer, they always have the best ideas. Look out for the temporary FB page for more details.

Volunteers to help run the Xzone are always welcome, you will love it.



Best Wishes

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