



COVID 19 updates and information from the council and councillors for June 12th

Covid support for Greater Manchester

This week, the Government announced that Greater Manchester, which includes Wigan Borough, will be one of the areas to receive more support to address increasing Covid rates.

The support will include increased testing and the option of military help if needed.

The Euros kick off this weekend, which is an exciting time for football fans.

If you're watching the matches with people from outside your household, please continue to take care to avoid the spread of Covid.

We continue to encourage everyone to do the small, simple, things that can make a big difference, such as washing hands regularly, sanitising frequently touched points in your home, opening windows in your home if you have guests, or meeting outside instead if it's a nice day, wearing masks in public settings unless exempt, and respecting social distancing as much as possible.

Please take up your invitation to have your vaccination as soon as it is offered.

Here is a statement from the leader of the council.

[Click here for a reminder of what we can and cannot do at the moment](#)
[\(COVID-19\) Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



Latest local vaccination information

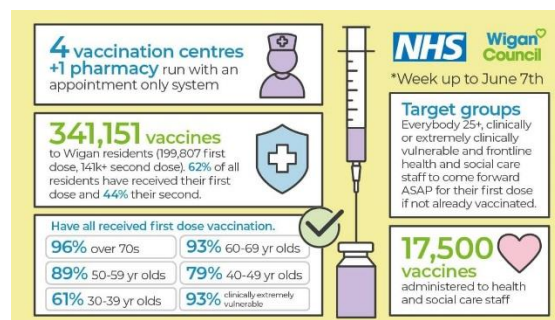
Following the Government's announcement that Greater Manchester is one area of concern due to the rise of the Delta variant, it's even more important that you take up your appointment to be vaccinated as soon as you are invited.

Thank you to everyone who has already done so. We've surpassed 340,000 vaccines.

Here is this week's vaccination data for the borough.
We need more volunteers to help support our Covid-19 vaccine clinics.

Non clinical roles are available, supporting people to check in. You must be aged 16+ but there are no other specific requirements.

[Click here to read more about becoming a volunteer at our vaccine clinics](https://healthierwigan.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination/volunteer-at-a-vaccine-clinic/)
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This week's Covid-19 tracker has been released

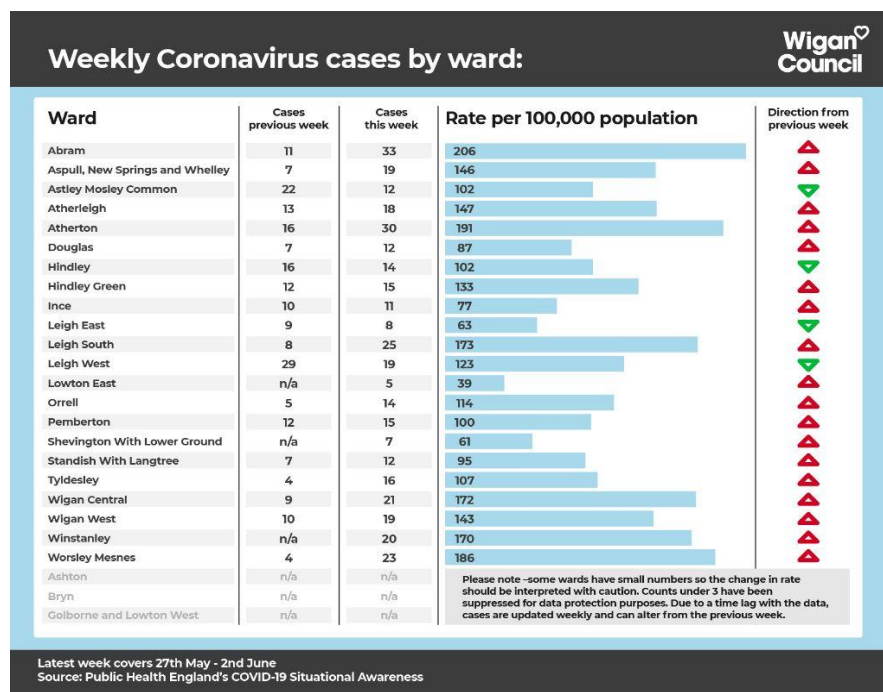
It shows :

- Wigan is classed as red for new cases
- Our rates now sit at 149 cases per 100,000, which is an increase from last week
- Wigan is below the Greater Manchester average but higher than the North West for rate of new cases
- As of 8th June there were 8 COVID-positive patient in WWL hospitals
- There has been 1 COVID-19 death registered in Wigan so far in the latest week
- Cases rose slightly in Lowton East last week but not in Golborne Lowton West.

As the Delta variant is now on the rise and Greater Manchester has been declared as an Enhanced Response Area, we are urging everyone to come forward and take up their vaccine when invited to do so.

Though the vaccines don't prevent transmission, they provide the best possible protection for you and your loved ones and will minimise the risk of getting seriously unwell.

[Click here to read the full tracker](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Crime-Emergencies/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-update-and-advice.aspx)
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2023 Boundary Review

Every so often parliamentary constituencies are changed to make sure that the number of people entitled to vote in each area are more equal.

The Boundary Commission for England reviews the boundaries and suggests changes. They are an independent and impartial public body.

This week they have published the suggested changes for 2023.

Everyone is now welcome to take a look at them online and give feedback. You have until August 2 to do this.

[Click here to look at the suggested parliamentary constituencies' names and boundaries and give feedback](https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/)

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How to pay your council tax by direct debit

Paying your council tax by direct debit will save time and money.

Setting up a direct debit is quick and simple and can help you to manage your finances effectively.

To pay your council tax by direct debit you will need the 12 digit reference shown on your bill.

If you are a council tenant you can also pay your rent by direct debit. You will need your 9 digit reference number shown on your latest rent statement.

[Click here to pay your council tax by direct debit](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Council-Tax/Pay-your-Council-Tax/Pay-your-Council-Tax.aspx)

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Council-Tax/Pay-your-Council-Tax/Pay-your-Council-Tax.aspx>

[Wigan Council tenants can click here to pay your rent by direct debit](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Housing/Council-homes/Your-tenancy/Rents-and-benefits/Pay-your-rent.aspx)

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Housing/Council-homes/Your-tenancy/Rents-and-benefits/Pay-your-rent.aspx>

Competition time

Here's your chance to win a UEFA Women's Euro trophy visit or two tickets to a group stage game.

Show us what women's football means to you by designing your own football badge.

The designs will help inspire the artists who are designing the match day host city celebrations.

Post your creations on Facebook using #WEURO2022

The deadline for competition entries is the end of 11 July 21.

[Click here for competition terms and conditions](https://64millionartists.com/our-work/womens-euros-2022/)

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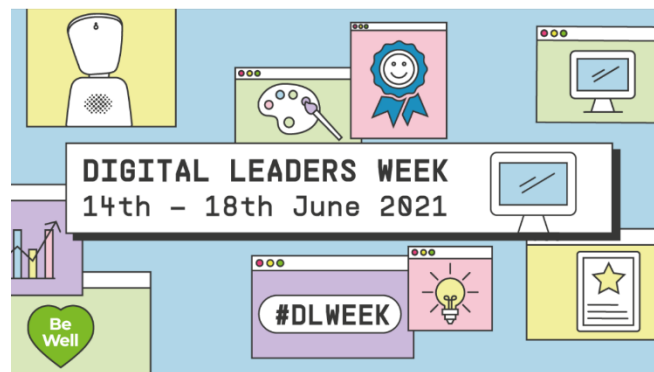


Digital Leaders' Week

Next week is Digital Leaders' Week and we will be hosting a series of discussion events during the week including:

- How digital will form part of the borough's recovery plans after Covid
- Believing in digital during Covid
- Find out more about Tech Mates, our digital mentoring scheme
- Adult education and the digital sector

[Click here to book your place on one of the digital discussion events](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/digital-wigan-33488035743)
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Festival of Libraries

From now until the end of the weekend, you will also be able to enjoy Greater Manchester's Festival of Libraries, with cultural events hosted by libraries across the region.

Our local libraries will host workshops by local authors, a dance theatre workshop and some film and craft sessions.

[Click here to find out more about the Greater Manchester Festival of Libraries](https://www.manchestercityofliterature.com/event/festival-of-libraries/)
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This week is Carers Week

This week is Carers Week and we have strived to recognise the amazing works that carers carry out, to help carers feel recognised and valued.

We wanted to say thank you to our carers for all the love and support they provide by delivering over 1000 "hugs in a box" treat boxes to our outstanding carers.

Thank you to our teams across the council, carer organisations and Wigan and Leigh College for their support with delivering our boxes to our amazing carers.

Thank you to everyone who supported with delivering the boxes this week. Your support has helped us spread the message gratitude and love we have for our unpaid carers across our borough!

[Click here to find support for carers](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Adults/Community-support/support-for-carers.aspx)

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Adults/Community-support/support-for-carers.aspx>



Next Week is Refugee Awareness Week

If you're in Leigh from Tuesday next week, call into Leigh Market Hall and take a look at an exhibition we've put together for Refugee Awareness Week.

The exhibition has been created in partnership with Leigh community organisation, Everything Human Rights, artist Ibukun Baldwin and The Turnpike.

It features stories of refugees now living in Leigh and artwork created by young people on the theme of, 'We cannot walk alone.'

[Click here to find out more about Refugee Week](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Adults/Community-support/support-for-carers.aspx)
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Armed Forces Day is on Saturday 26th June



This is Wigan & [Wigan Council](#) are proud to support this year's Armed Forces Day on Saturday 26th June.

Celebrations will be taking place in Leigh Civic Square from 11am.

More details to follow.

OPENING FRIDAY JUNE 18TH

A new Foodbank in Golborne

I am writing to you to inform you of changes that are going to occur in the coming months that will mean new ways of working.

St Thomas's Church Ashton (the location of ACT Food Bank) is opening a Food Pantry which will mean clients pay a £5 joining fee and £3 every time they go to pick up food. The Pantry will only serve local residents and is not a delivery body.

The consequence of the Food Pantry opening is that ACT Food Bank will eventually have to close and therefore those traditionally helped will not be catered for, especially those in Golborne and Lowton.

The good news is that a new food bank is opening at All Saints RC Church in Golborne which will take over and develop the work we have been doing in that area. Once it is open councillors will be able to refer people to the new foodbank for support.

The All Saints Church Food Bank will be open on Friday mornings 10am – 12pm at their address High Street, Golborne, Warrington. WA3 3BG. Emergency deliveries can be made.



Golborne Active Neighbourhood Programme

The first workshop for Golborne Active Neighbourhood Programme is on Monday 21st June at 6.30pm.



To join the online workshop, visit the following link.

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/3PXt29A9jdfb9f7W4aGneK46H2?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sustrans.org.uk%2F>

Can we also remind you about the Golborne Summer Craft Fayres. They are due to be held on the last Sunday of June, July and August. If you want a stall please contact the number or email below and if you want to attend – save the dates.

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In association with
Golborne and Lowton West Councillors

Presents

**GOLBORNE
SUMMER
CRAFT FAYRES**

**Peter Kane
Square**

Sunday 27th June
Sunday 25th July
Sunday 29th August

£10 per stall

To Book your stall, call
01942 718822
8am to 3pm – Monday to Friday

Or message

10am to 3pm

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Best Wishes

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