

Northamptonshire COVID19 Oversight and Engagement Board

A meeting of the Northamptonshire COVID19 Oversight and Engagement Board will be held virtually on Thursday 8 July 2021 at 9.00 am

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Minutes of the COVID19 Oversight and Engagement Board Meeting
held at 10.00 am on Thursday 29th April 2020
Public Session held virtually via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Ian Morris – Chair	West Northamptonshire Council
Cllr Phil Bignell	West Northamptonshire Council
Kathryn Hall	Communications Lead, Public Health Northamptonshire, North Northamptonshire Council
Cllr Jim Hakewill	North Northants Council
Professor Will Pope	Interim Chair, Northamptonshire Healthwatch
Cllr Chris Stanbra	North Northants Council
Cllr Lesley Thurland	North Northants Council
Lucy Wightman	Director of Public Health, Northamptonshire County Council and Director of Population Health Strategy, NHS Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Minute Taker:

Cheryl Bird	Health and Wellbeing Board Business Manager, Public Health Northamptonshire, North Northamptonshire Council
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Apologies:

Cllr Jean Addison	North Northamptonshire Council
Simon Blatchly	Assistant Chief Constable, Northamptonshire Police
Joanna Fawcus	Chief Operating Officer, Kettering General Hospital
Angela Hillery	Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
Kate Holt	Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Healthwatch
Cllr Chris Lofts	Liberal Democrat Group Lead West Northamptonshire Council
Cllr Ian McCord	Leader, West Northamptonshire Council
Danny Moody	Chief Executive, Northants CALC
Professor Will Pope	Interim Chair, Northamptonshire Healthwatch
Cllr Russell Roberts	Leader, North Northamptonshire Council
Toby Sanders	Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Julie Shepherd	Chief Nurse, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
Cllr Danielle Stone	West Northamptonshire Council

46/21 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

47/21 Minutes from the previous meeting 1st April 2021

RESOLVED that: the minutes from the 1st April 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

48/21 Weekly Summary of Local Surveillance Data

The Director of Public Health presented the weekly Summary of Local Surveillance Data up to 18th April 2021 and highlighted the following:

- When a person is identified as a positive case, if they live in shared accommodation with family or others they need to isolate in a separate room to the rest of the household, using separate

towels and cooking utensils. If using shared areas, the infected person should use them last and then clean with a diluted bleach solution.

- The police are working with Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) and Community Wardens to ensure regulations are enforced and communications are circulated to the population to remind people of the current restrictions and why they are in place.
- The national four step roadmap to exiting the national lockdown will be governed by data and not by the dates which are an ambition not a deadline. From the 12th April residents of Northamptonshire and across England took Step 2 on the roadmap, which included opening of non essential shops and personal care services, funerals can have up to 30 mourners, weddings up to 15 guests and hospitality venues can serve people outdoors. The next step will not be before 17 May and will only be taken if the COVID-19 data shows that it is safe to do so.
- Residents are reminded to stay alert and stay 2m apart, avoid face to face and physical contact, not to share drinks, avoid shouting and to be aware of surface transmission while outside.
- In a bid to stop transmission of the virus residents are advised to use contactless payments where possible, sanitise/ wash their hands and discard face coverings safely in the bin.
- Residents are reminded of the risk they pose to themselves and others if they do not adhere to the lockdown restrictions.
- A total of 48,604 positive cases have been identified in Northamptonshire to date. Of this number, 285 were identified in the last week, 12th April to 18th April 2021.
- Northamptonshire's infection rate per 100,000 population for the most recent week up to 15th April is 40.8, West Northamptonshire's 34.8 and North Northamptonshire's 33.8, which are all significantly higher than the national average of 24.8.
- All district and borough area infection rates are significantly higher than or similar to the national average. Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering, Daventry and Corby's rates are significantly higher than the national average.
- All district and borough areas except for South Northamptonshire have seen a decreasing or plateauing trend in case rates in the recent week. The case rate in South Northamptonshire has continued to rise since 10th April.
- Wellingborough's rate is currently the highest of the seven district and borough areas and one of the highest in England, but has now started to plateau. Although Corby's rate has decreased notably since the end of March, it remains one of the highest in England and the second highest rate in Northamptonshire.
- For both males and females, the age group with the most positive tests was 10 to 19 year olds, closely followed by 30 to 39 year olds.
- Over the last 4-week period there have been steady decreases in numbers of cases amongst people aged 60+.
- The number of patients in hospital due to COVID-19 has been on a decreasing trend since mid-January, although the rate of decline has recently slowed. The latest data shows a total of 14 COVID-19 patients occupied hospital beds in Northamptonshire on 20th April 2021.
- There have been 4 COVID19 related deaths in Northamptonshire recorded in the week up to the 18th April.
- A number of education settings are still being affected by positive COVID19 cases, with 88% of schools in the period 24th March to 21st April recording no COVID19 positive cases. The routine lateral flow testing process amongst secondary school students and the student bubble system are helping to protect students.
- Currently there are no education settings closed and the Director of Public Health thanked all school staff, students and families for their participation in the school testing process.
- Up to the 19th April there were 5 outbreaks in the county, with 79 associated cases. An active outbreak is only closed when a setting has not had a positive case for 28 days.
- Once a person has received their first dose of the vaccine they still need to adhere to COVID19 secure behaviours to reduce transmission of the virus.

RESOLVED that: The Board noted the Summary of Local Surveillance Data

49/21 Test and Trace Update

The Director of Public Health provided an update on Test and Trace and highlighted the following:

- Northamptonshire has had a local test and trace service in place for a few months and this is making an impact on the ability to trace cases. This compliments the National Test and Trace Programme.
- As of 27th April, 91% of all cases in Northamptonshire had been successfully contacted by Test and Trace (either national or local team), which is joint second highest in the East Midlands region.
- The number of cases referred to the local team for follow up by the national programme is reducing due to the overall reduction in positive cases numbers.
- There are still people who refuse to disclose details of the contacts which is the biggest challenge for the local programme, this is currently at 7% of referrals.
- Children who have been asked to self isolate due to being a contact of a confirmed case, are not allowed to mix with people outside the household.
- Self Isolation support packs are posted to people who are unable to access a digital version, these packs provide advice on how to keep healthy whilst isolating, looking after mental wellbeing and how to reduce risks to those sharing a house.
- Regular texts are now being sent out to those who are self isolating, proving encouragement and proving links to wellbeing information and access to support.

RESOLVED that: The Board noted the Test and Trace Update.

50/21 Testing Update

The Director of Public Health provided an update on testing within the county and highlighted the following:

- Those who are symptomatic are encouraged to get a PCR test and those who have to attend a workplace, all other local residents are urged to undertake a twice weekly self test lateral flow routine.
- The lateral flow device provides a result within 30 minutes, it is not as accurate as a PCR test and the result does not confirm whether a person has COVID19, just whether they have a high viral load and are infectious. Even if a negative result is received from a lateral flow test, COVID19 secure practices still need to be maintained.
- There are seven lateral flow asymptomatic testing sites operational in the county Corby, Rushden Hall, Northampton, Brackley, Daventry and Wellingborough, these are open to 16+ age groups.
- Mobile test units offering PCR tests are continuing to rotate across the county, currently located in South Northants, Corby and Northampton.
- There is a regional testing site at Kettering Conference Centre, Local Testing Sites (LTS) are based in Northampton, Corby, Wellingborough, Daventry, Thrapston and Kettering town centres. Home testing kits can be collected from these sites between the hours of 1.00pm and 7.00 pm.
- South Northants currently has no static local testing site, but a MTU is in the Towcester and Brackley area.
- There is still low utilisation at some of the testing sites and local residents are urged to visit the sites if they are not able to complete self testing at home.
- There is a home delivery option for test kits from the government testing website, this option is only for those who are unable to access the local test sites.
- 121 pharmacies across the county are now offering a click and collect service for lateral flow testing kits.
- If you are a private business, a domiciliary care provider, day centre, or care home, work based testing can be accessed via the government and NCC websites.
- Travel to and from a testing site is one of two journeys allowed to make during self isolation.

RESOLVED that: the Board noted the testing update.

51/21 Communications Update

Kathryn Hall provided an update on Communications and Engagement and highlighted the following:

- A campaign was launched in conjunction with step 2 of national roadmap, 'Take care in the open air', with a range of messaging for residents as they start to mix outdoors, to remain socially distanced from those they don't live with, not to share items even if meeting in private gardens and to avoid face to face contact.
- Messages are being circulated to remind residents to discard face coverings safely in a bin and to wash hands regularly if touching surfaces outside, carry and use hand sanitiser and to use contactless payments where possible.
- All the above messages will be on social media, bus stops, local radio stations, GOMO vans, iWalkers, and banners in open spaces.
- Preparation work on step 3 of the national roadmap will begin once central Government release details for step 3.
- Town centres now have new signage, with the 'hands, face, space' messaging.
- Work is continuing with BAME groups, with guidance being provided to the Muslim community on how to celebrate Eid safely, and reiterating the uptake of vaccination during Ramadan is safe.
- The 2nd May is orthodox Easter celebrations, which is celebrated in by Eastern European communities, work is ongoing with community and church leaders on how to celebrate this safely and to address vaccine hesitancy in some of these communities.
- A young person's campaign is underway using a new landing page which called 'this is not a game', where young people can obtain COVID1919 information and play games against each other on the platform. This is being promoted across YouTube, Twitch and on local pizza company boxes.
- A local influencer Tessa Bear has completed videos on how to meet people safely outdoors, social distancing and self testing.
- Competitions for young people are underway and a conference for young people was held this week, which is being promoted through the local media.
- There are question and answer webinars taking place to enable local residents to ask questions about the vaccine and complete some myth busting sessions.

RESOLVED that: The Board noted the Communication and Engagement Update

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be at virtually via Zoom at 10.00 am on Thursday 27th May 2021

**OVERSIGHT AND ENGAGEMENT BOARD ACTION LOG
OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Action Overdue
Action Pending
Actin on Hold

Action No	Action Point	Action Name	Progress	Status of Action
010421/01	The final version of the revised Local Outbreak Plan will be circulated to the Board.	Lucy Wightman	Update: This is waiting to be presented at SCG in May for ratification then will be presented at the next Oversight Board meeting.	

COMPLETED ACTIONS FROM 29th April 2021

Action No	Action Point	Action Name	Progress	Status of Action
290421/01	The list of dental practices who are taking on NHS patients to be circulated to the Board.	Will Pope	Circulated to the Board on the 29th April.	Completed.
290421/02	Northamptonshire Healthwatch will review the numbers of complaints for local residents who are struggling to get access to their GP and forward to Toby Sanders.	Kate Holt/ Will Pope	Completed. Healthwatch reviewed the complaints and have shared the reports through our usual patient experience channels. Healthwatch are currently scoping a project, involving partners, including the CCG, on GP Access.	Completed.

Northamptonshire COVID-19 Oversight and Engagement Board Terms of Reference

The Department of Health and Social Care on the 22nd May 2020 instructed all upper tier authorities and their Public Health teams to establish specific **COVID-19 Health Protection Boards** that will have a remit to oversee the delivery of **COVID-19 Local Outbreak Prevention and Control Plans**.

The COVID-19 Health Protection Board should be supported by a public-facing Politically-led Board to communicate openly with the public; a **COVID-19 Local Engagement Board**.

Aim:

The aim of the Northamptonshire COVID-19 Oversight and Engagement Board, is to provide political oversight from North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Councils of the Local Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan and to drive public-facing engagement and communication to ensure consideration and appropriate engagement on local residents' interests and concerns relating to the pandemic.

Objectives:

- To provide Political oversight of the outbreak prevention and control measures in Northamptonshire
- To ensure transparent and timely two-way communication with the residents of Northamptonshire on COVID-19 related news and issues
- To recommend approaches to, and support engagement with, the public and key stakeholders in Northamptonshire on the impacts of the outbreak prevention and control plan
- To support the local COVID-19 Health Protection Board in meeting its objectives to reduce transmission of the virus

Accountability:

There will be a bi-directional relationship between the Northamptonshire COVID-19 Oversight and Engagement Board and the COVID-19 Health Protection Board.

The COVID-19 Oversight and Engagement Board will provide challenge and scrutiny of the Local Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan via the Health Protection Board, but there will also be a requirement for the Oversight and Engagement Board to supply the Health Protection Board with local intelligence and public feedback to be able to respond to local needs appropriately.

The Board will support both proactive engagement and communication with the residents of Northamptonshire to prevent transmission and local outbreaks, as well as support reactive communications in the event of a significant outbreak in the county.

The Board meeting will be held in Public, live streamed via YouTube.

Both the Health Protection and the Oversight and Engagement Boards will also provide regular updates to the Northamptonshire COVID-19 Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG), the membership of which will aid the system response to any significant outbreaks, as illustrated below:



Membership:

The COVID-19 Local Oversight and Engagement Board will be chaired by Councillor Matt Golby, Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care and Public Health, West Northamptonshire Council and the membership will consist of:

Core membership

	Organisation
Cllr Matt Golby, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health – Chair Chair West Northants Health and Wellbeing Board	West Northants
Cllr Helen Harrison, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health – Vice Chair	North Northants
Cllr Jon Paul Carr, Chair, North Northants Health and Wellbeing Board	North Northants
Cllr Jonathan Nunn, Leader	West Northants Council
Cllr Jason Smiths, Leader	North Northants Council
Cllr Gareth Eales, Labour Group Leader	West Northants Council
Cllr Sally Beardsworth, Liberal Democrat Group Leader	West Northants Council
Cllr Julie Davenport, Independent Group Leader	West Northants Council
Cllr Jean Addison, Labour Group Leader	North Northants Council
Cllr Emily Fedorowycz, Green Alliance Leader	North Northants Council
Assistant Chief Constable, Simon Blatchly Northamptonshire Police	Northants Police
Lucy Wightman, Chair of the Contain Board and Joint Director of Public Health	Public Health Northamptonshire
Toby Sanders, Chief Executive	NHS Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Simon Weldon, Chief Executive	University Hospitals of Northamptonshire NHS Group
Angela Hillery, Chief Executive	Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

Samia Latif, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control	PHE Midlands
Shirley Plenderleith, COVID19 Chief of Staff	North Northants and West Northamptonshire Councils
Professor Will Pope, Chair,	Healthwatch Northamptonshire
Kath Hall, Communications Representative	Public Health Northamptonshire

Co-opted members (will be invited according to need and focus for particular meetings)

- Elected members and officers from West Northamptonshire and North Northamptonshire Councils, wider LRF members and local member representation to be co-opted according to any emerging significant outbreaks*
- Other key stakeholders to be co-opted according to emerging significant outbreaks*

Format of the meeting:

- Quorum: No less than 60% attendance of core membership, to include West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council, NHS, and Healthwatch representation
- Meeting Frequency: six weekly, unless intervening meetings required if significant outbreak* identified
- Meeting Attendance: Due to the current pandemic, we ask attendance is prioritised
- Minutes: Members will be expected to communicate Minutes through their organisations' respective governance channels as appropriate. Minutes will also be shared with SCG members for information
- Papers: Papers will be requested a minimum three days prior to meetings, for circulation two days prior to meetings

*a significant outbreak is defined as a situation that the DPH and PHE agree, due to the scale or scope of settings and individuals affected, represents a significant challenge that requires an escalated response beyond Outbreak Control Team management. A full definition of a significant outbreak can be found in the Northamptonshire COVID-19 Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan

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Northamptonshire COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Report

- **474** Northamptonshire residents have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last week – **50% higher** than last week's number
- **Mixing between households** remains the greatest **cause of transmission**
- The largest number of positive tests in the last week was found in **20 to 29 year olds**, followed by **10 to 19 year olds**
- **Locally the highest weekly rates are in East Northamptonshire (76.2 per 100,000) and South Northamptonshire (65.6 per 100,000)**
- All residents are being urged to take free **twice weekly rapid lateral flow tests** to reduce onward transmission
- COVID-19 **vaccinations** are now available to **everyone aged 18 years and over** – both doses are required to give the protection required from the dominant Delta COVID-19 variant

Data up to 27 June 2021

Four Step Roadmap



Only when the government is sure it is safe to move to Step 4 will the final decision be made - and not before 19 July.

The decision will be based on four tests:

- The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully
- Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated
- Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS
- Assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern

Step 1 8-29 March	Step 1 Changes on 29 March	Step 2 Not before 12 April	Step 3 17 May *Review of social distancing	Step 4 Not before 19 July
Children back to school/college	Rule of 6 or 2 households meet outdoors	Opening of non-essential shops hairdressers, gyms, zoos, holiday campsites and personal care services	Most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted, although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the 'Rule of 6' or 2 households will apply If you are meeting friends and family, you can make a personal choice on whether to keep your distance from them, but you should still be cautious	Government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact
Outdoor recreation/ exercise with one person outside your household	Outdoor activity facilities open and formally organised outdoor sports	Funerals up to 30 mourners. Weddings, receptions and commemorative events 15	Most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen	Government hopes to reopen remaining premises, including nightclubs, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3
Care home residents – one regular visitor	End of 'stay at home' rule but work from home if can and no holidays	Hospitality venues serve people outdoors	Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals	



Everything We Do Can Stop The Spread



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- **Both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are important for the best possible protection against COVID-19.** Now that the **COVID-19 vaccination programme** has been **extended to everyone aged 18 and over**, further opportunities are being offered for people to get the jab at a time and place convenient for them. Adults can ‘grab a jab’ without the need to book an appointment at two locations in Northamptonshire this week. A new pharmacy-led COVID-19 vaccination site has opened at the Raven Hotel in Corby. The site went live on Thursday 1 July and will further improve local access to the vaccine for people in the town. Drop-in vaccination sessions are available on **Sunday 4 July at The Raven Hotel in Corby**. In addition, the Vaccination Centre at Moulton Park is offering drop-in sessions every evening, seven days a week.
- **Meeting up for the football? Meeting groups friends or family? Playing in sports matches or participating in activities with others? Take regular lateral flow device tests.** They are FREE so get yours today, find your nearest pick up point at <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> or order online for next day delivery [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). Each time we leave the house and mix with others, we risk coming into contact with the virus. Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not show symptoms, and can spread the virus to others without knowing. Testing regularly helps to reduce this risk, particularly before meeting people from outside your household.
- **Cases are rising – Remember the basics – Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air.** There has been a 50% increase in cases in Northamptonshire in the last week. Please remember to keep up good levels of hand hygiene washing hands thoroughly and regularly. Wear face coverings in crowded areas, shops and on public transport. Keep your distance from those you do not live with. And if you have to meet indoors, open your windows and doors.



Its Coming Home.....

Let's make sure that football is the only thing coming home this week

Its great that we can meet with friends to watch and enjoy the football, but remember to follow the guidance so that you and your friends can stick together as a team for the whole tournament. Cases were highest in males aged 20-29 last week.

What can you do to reduce the risk of contracting or spreading the virus?

- Take up both vaccinations when you are called to do so
- Take twice weekly tests to check you are not carrying the virus without symptoms [Order rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)
- Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly throughout every day
- Meet outdoors where possible and ventilate indoor areas
- Avoid close face to face indoor contact, shouting and singing
- Meet up within the guidance, 6 indoors, 30 outdoors

England v Ukraine

Make sure it's only football that's coming home today

Please enjoy the game but remember to follow all the guidance

Don't drop the ball



Public Health Northamptonshire, North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council

Show Coronavirus the red card

The final whistle hasn't blown on coronavirus yet



Take a free regular test before meeting up with others to watch the game

Put your mind at rest, take a regular test and stay match fit for the big game

Public Health Northamptonshire, North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council

Let's kick COVID-19 into touch

Watching the big game indoors?
Six people or two households

Watching the game outdoors?
30 people maximum

Football 1 - Covid 0



Public Health Northamptonshire, North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council

England v Ukraine - What can I do?

 You can meet indoors with 1 other household or 5 other people

 Pubs and bars will be able to show the game but will operate table service for six people

 Remember to wear a mask when entering a pub, restaurant or bar. Please drink responsibly

Public Health Northamptonshire, North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council

COVID-19 Testing



I have symptoms = PCR Test

- To find out more information about local PCR testing sites visit: [Northamptonshire COVID-19 Testing Update](#).
- Tests can be booked online at [NHS COVID-19](#) or by calling 119. Home test kits can also be ordered subject to availability.
- It is vital that when you leave the house to be tested you must **go straight to the testing centre and return home immediately to self-isolate** until you get your results.
- Find out if you can claim financial support during self-isolation [here](#).
- For the full self-isolation guidance see [here](#).
- A [self-isolation support pack for residents in North and West Northamptonshire](#) can be found [here](#).

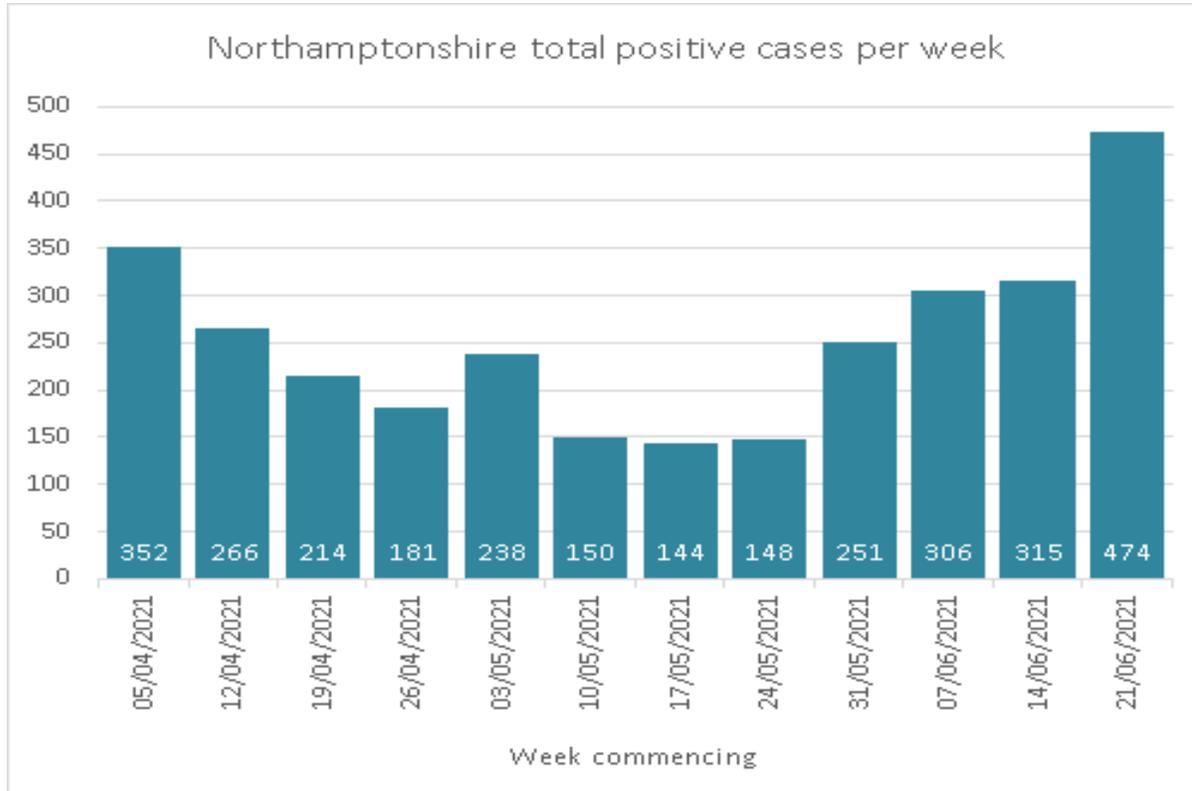
I don't have symptoms = Free Rapid COVID-19 Test

- [Everyone in Northamptonshire can access free, regular, rapid coronavirus testing](#). Test kits are available for home use or at test centres, some workplaces and schools. You can order home test kits on gov.uk and get home deliveries, or you can pick up test kits at pharmacies and other local sites. The test is called a Lateral Flow Test and involves a swab of the mouth and nose and provides a result within 30 minutes.
- The aim of testing people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms is to identify those who may be infectious without having symptoms in order to reduce spread of the virus. If positive, the test means you are infectious and must start self-isolating at home immediately and complete 10 days of self-isolation, along with any household contacts.
- **The test does not tell you if you are COVID-free, so all COVID-secure measures must be exercised even if you get a negative result.** You must continue to follow COVID guidelines and remember to wash your hands, wear a face covering where required and maintain a 2m distance from others regardless of the result.



Total and Weekly Summary

A **total of 51,002 positive cases** have been identified in Northamptonshire to date. Of this number, **474** were identified in the **last week, 21st to 27th June 2021**.



This graph shows the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Northamptonshire each week since 5th April 2021.

Case rates were on a steady decline throughout the whole of April. A brief rise in cases was seen in early May, after which weekly case volumes decreased and then plateaued. Sadly, there has been a rise in cases in the last few weeks.

This week's case total represents an **increase of 50%** when compared to the previous week.

Please note that the latest week's figures may increase, as data for the most recent days is subject to reporting delays.

Rates of Cases by Area



Area	Cumulative rate per 100,000 to 24 Jun 2021	Rate per 100,000 18 Jun to 24 Jun 2021	Compared to Northants rate 18 Jun to 24 Jun 2021	Compared to England rate 18 Jun to 24 Jun 2021
Northamptonshire	6,738	42.5	-	Sig lower
North Northamptonshire	6,476	38.5	Similar	Sig lower
Corby	8,322	19.4	Sig lower	Sig lower
East Northamptonshire	5,372	76.2	Sig higher	Sig lower
Kettering	6,130	18.7	Sig lower	Sig lower
Wellingborough	6,554	36.4	Similar	Sig lower
West Northamptonshire	6,964	45.9	Similar	Sig lower
Daventry	5,170	34.9	Similar	Sig lower
Northampton	8,360	41.9	Similar	Sig lower
South Northamptonshire	5,276	65.6	Sig higher	Sig lower

Source: [Gov.uk Coronavirus Dashboard](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-dashboard)

**Please note that the word sig means 'significant', which is a statistical term that simply means that the research is valid.*

The data in this table shows us what the total and most recent week's positive COVID-19 case numbers for each area in Northamptonshire would look like if they all had the exact same population size (100,000).

Northamptonshire's infection rate per 100,000 population for the most recent week up to 24th June is **42.5**, a 4% decrease compared to the previous week and is significantly lower than the national average (**138.4**). **The national case rate is RAPIDLY increasing due to the growth of the Delta variant. West Northamptonshire's rate (45.9, a 9% decrease compared to previous week), is similar to Northamptonshire average and significantly lower than the national average. North Northamptonshire's rate (38.5, which represents a 4% increase when compared to previous week) is similar to Northamptonshire average and significantly lower than the national average.**

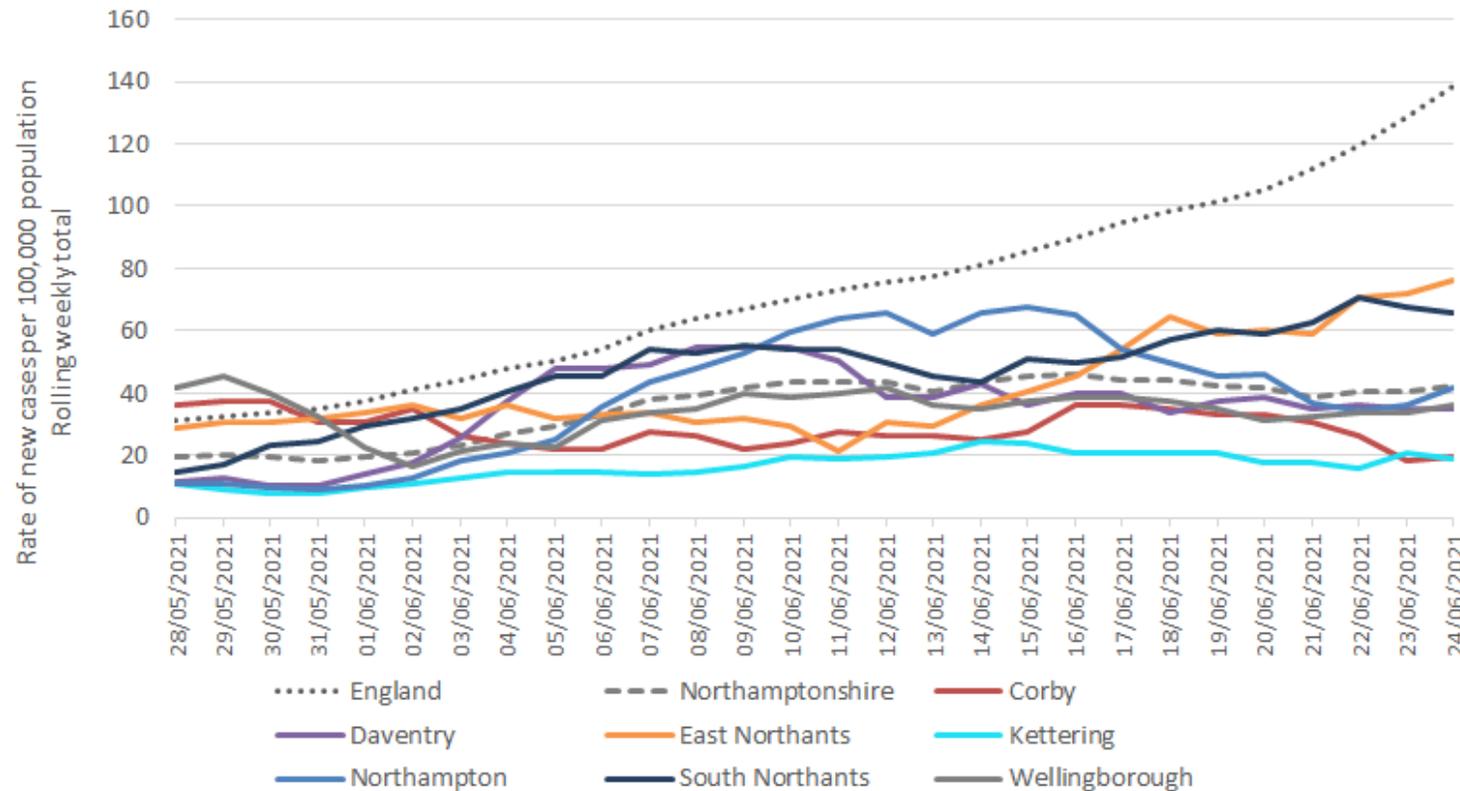
All district and borough area infection rates are significantly lower than the national average.

The East Northamptonshire area has the highest rate in Northamptonshire, followed by the South Northamptonshire area.

We must all continue to adhere to the rules, be 'coronavirus careful' in everything we do and try to reduce any risk of transmission.



Rate of Weekly Lab Confirmed Cases



Source: [Gov.uk Coronavirus Dashboard](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-dashboards).

This graph includes all testing data up to 24th June. This chart shows that Northamptonshire’s rate of cases has been below the England average since mid-May and the gap between the Northamptonshire and England rates has widened in the last month. Northamptonshire’s rate in the latest week is similar to the previous week, however, the **national average case rate increased by 46%** when compared to the previous week.

All district and borough areas currently have weekly total rates below the England average.

Case rates for the East Northamptonshire and South Northamptonshire areas have increased in the last week, however, the case rate for the South Northamptonshire area has reduced slightly in the last couple of days. All other district and borough areas have seen either a decreasing or plateauing trend in case rates in the last week, although Northampton’s rate has shown a slight uptick in recent days.

East Northamptonshire area’s rate is currently the highest of the seven district and borough areas and has been on an increasing trend since mid-June. South Northamptonshire area’s rate is the second highest.

- These are 7-day rolling total numbers of cases as a rate per 100,000 population – this is done to even out the fluctuations we see in testing volumes on weekdays vs weekends.

Total Cases by Area

Area	Total cases to 27 Jun 2021	Cases in week 21 Jun to 27 Jun 2021	Change from previous week
Northamptonshire	51,002	474	Increase
North Northamptonshire	22,659	206	Increase
Corby	6,033	30	Increase
East Northamptonshire	5,111	84	Increase
Kettering	6,266	43	Increase
Wellingborough	5,249	49	Increase
West Northamptonshire	28,343	268	Increase
Daventry	4,489	66	Increase
Northampton	18,833	125	Increase
South Northamptonshire	5,021	77	Increase

This table shows the total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 up to 27th June 2021 in Northamptonshire by area.

Northamptonshire has seen an increase in total weekly cases since the end of May. This week's data shows a further increase of 50% when compared to the previous week.

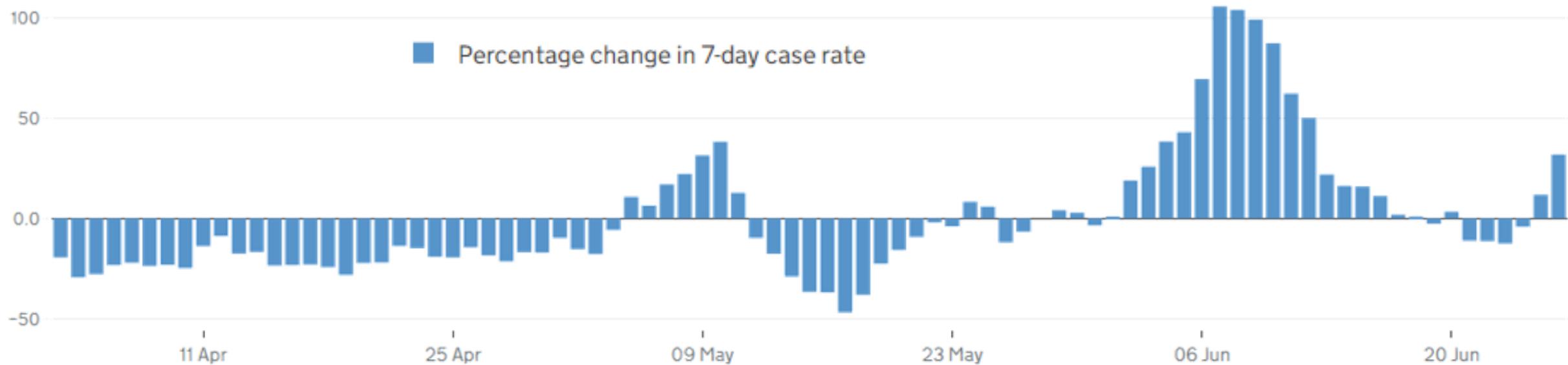
In the most recent week both North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire and all district and borough areas saw increases in overall case totals.

Please note that **extreme** caution must be applied when viewing week on week changes. To see the overall changes in areas in context please see slides 15, 16 and 17.

Percent Changes: Recent 7-Day Case Rates



This chart shows percentage changes in case rates over the last three months up to 26th June, 2021. Percentage changes are calculated by comparing cases to the previous non-overlapping 7-day period. It shows that Northamptonshire saw a steady decrease in case rates in April 2021, after which there was a short-lived increase in case rates early May that included cases of an Indian COVID-19 variant of concern (also called the Delta variant) first discovered in early April. There was a further rapid increase in early June, however, in the last week we saw a short-lived decrease in case rates which unfortunately have started to increase in recent days.

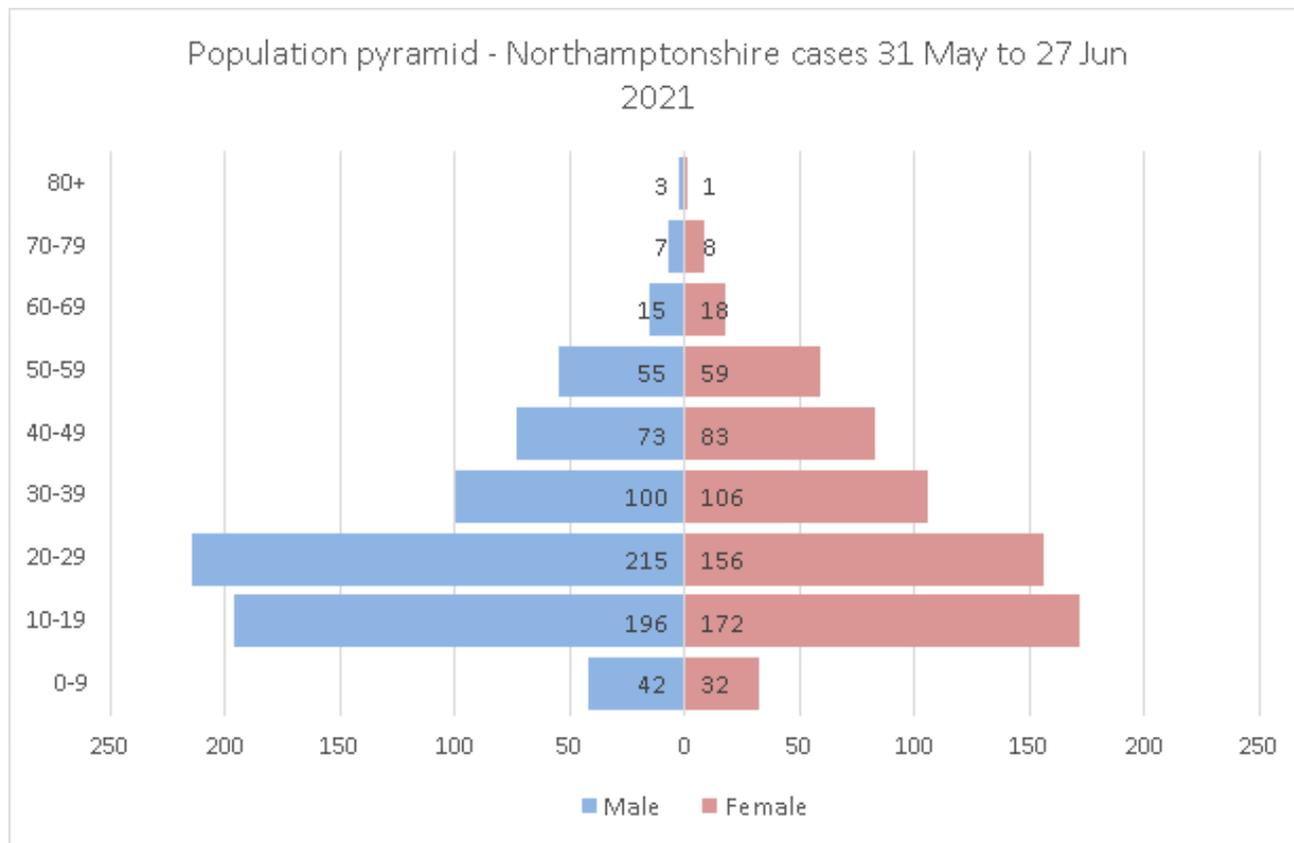


* Data for the last 5 days are not displayed as they will be incomplete.

Source: [Gov.uk Coronavirus Dashboard](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-dashboard)



Recent Cases by Age and Gender



This graph shows the number of positive test results for COVID-19 in Northamptonshire over the last 28 days by gender and by ten-year age band.

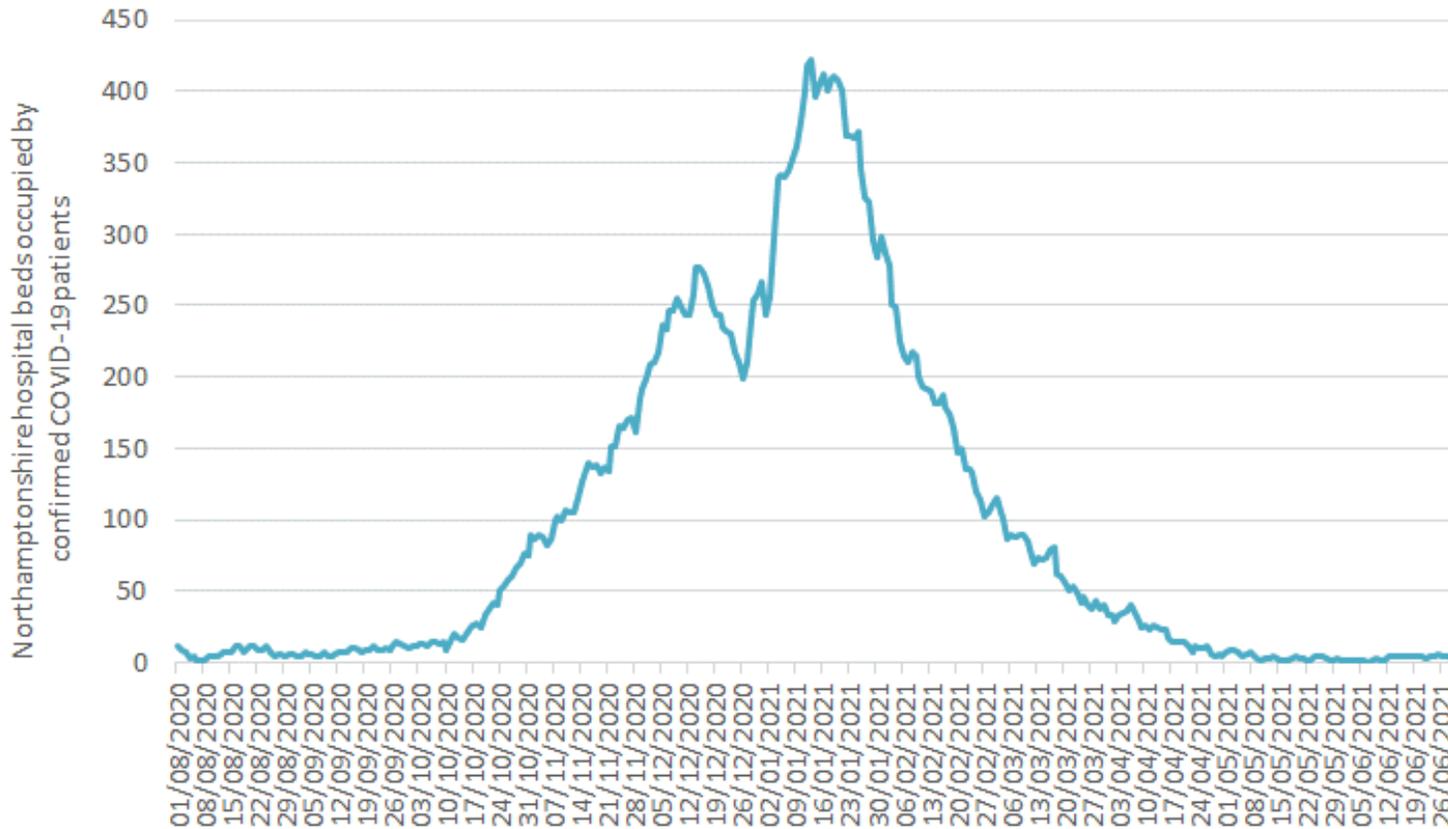
Overall, more men than women tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 28 days.

The age group with the most positive cases was **20 to 29** year olds, closely followed by **10 to 19** year olds. In males, the 10 year age bracket with the most cases was 20 to 29 year olds, whereas for females it was 10 to 19 year olds.

Over the last 4-week period the number of cases amongst people aged 60+ has plateaued.

- Please refer to the gov.uk coronavirus dashboard [heat map](#) for more information on cases in specific age groups.

Hospital Beds Occupied by Confirmed COVID-19 Patients



This chart shows the trend in numbers of beds at Northampton and Kettering General Hospitals occupied by COVID-19 patients since 1st August 2020.

It shows that the number of beds occupied due to COVID-19 remained relatively steady over the late summer through to mid-October, at which point numbers of patients in hospital began to increase sharply.

The number of patients in hospital due to COVID-19 has plateaued in the last couple of months following a decreasing trend since mid-January.

The latest data shows a total of **3** COVID-19 patients occupied hospital beds in Northamptonshire on 29th June 2021, which represents no change when compared to the previous week.

Deaths Within 28 Days of Positive Test



Area	Total deaths to 27 Jun 2021	Deaths in week 21 Jun to 27 Jun 2021	Change from previous week
Northamptonshire	1,405	0	Decrease
North Northamptonshire	660	0	Decrease
Corby	126	0	Decrease
East Northamptonshire	191	0	No change
Kettering	195	0	No change
Wellingborough	148	0	No change
West Northamptonshire	745	0	No change
Daventry	139	0	No change
Northampton	486	0	No change
South Northamptonshire	120	0	No change

This table shows total number of deaths of people who had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test, reported up to 27th June 2021 for Northamptonshire by area.

In the most recent week, there were **no deaths** recorded in Northamptonshire. East Northamptonshire and South Northamptonshire areas have seen no deaths since mid-March, Daventry, Kettering and Wellingborough areas have seen no deaths since mid-April, and Northampton has no record of deaths since 24th April.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 vaccination in the elderly and most vulnerable people together with the positive impact lockdown has had on community transmission, reduced deaths have been recorded in Northamptonshire in the last nine weeks.

PHE research shows that both doses of vaccinations are effective against the Indian (Delta) variant of concern in reducing infection complications and deaths.

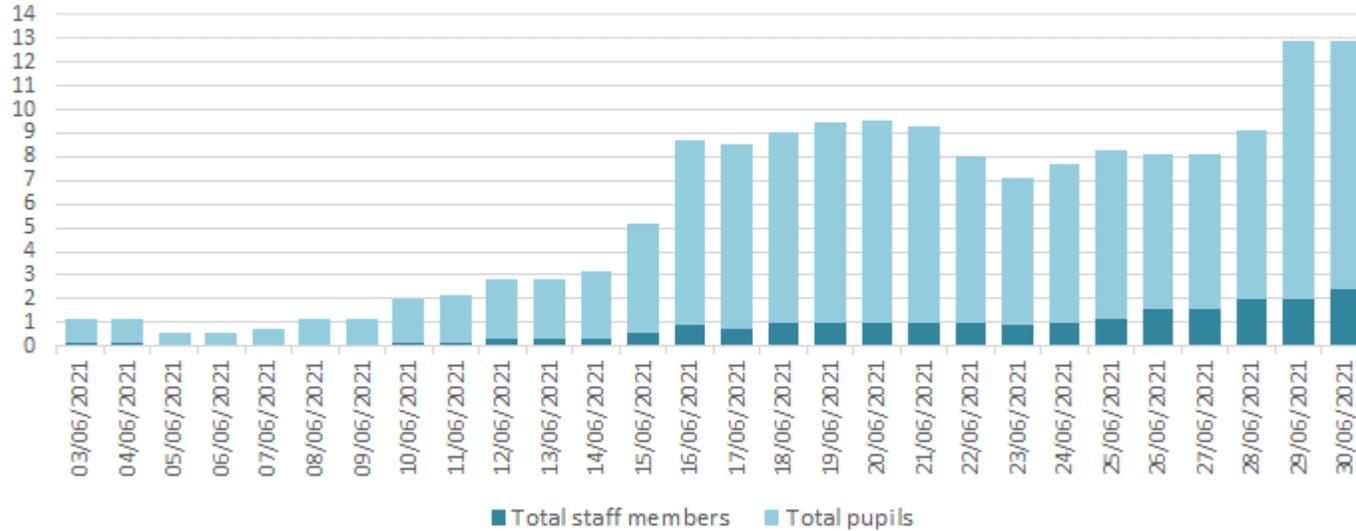
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- People who died more than 28 days after their first positive test are not included, whether or not COVID-19 was the cause of death.
- Compared to previous reports, the change in the cumulative total is due to PHE using a new methodology to calculate total deaths within 28 days being allocated to the Local Authority
- The latest week's figures are likely to increase further as data for the most recent days are subject to reporting delays.



Education Status

Northamptonshire 7 day average cases in education settings



This chart shows the trend in seven-day average cases recorded in education settings in the last 28 days for both staff and pupils.

In early June, weekly average cases were low, which was likely a result of school half term. However, in mid-June there was a rapid increase in the average case volume mostly among pupils, dropping off slightly at the beginning of week. In recent days, we see a further increase in case volumes amongst pupils and staff members.

These figures may increase further due to reporting delays.

The table shows the proportion of education settings having recorded at least one case over a four-week period. The proportion of schools with recent cases has increased since mid-May.

On 30th June 2021, 1 education setting was closed.

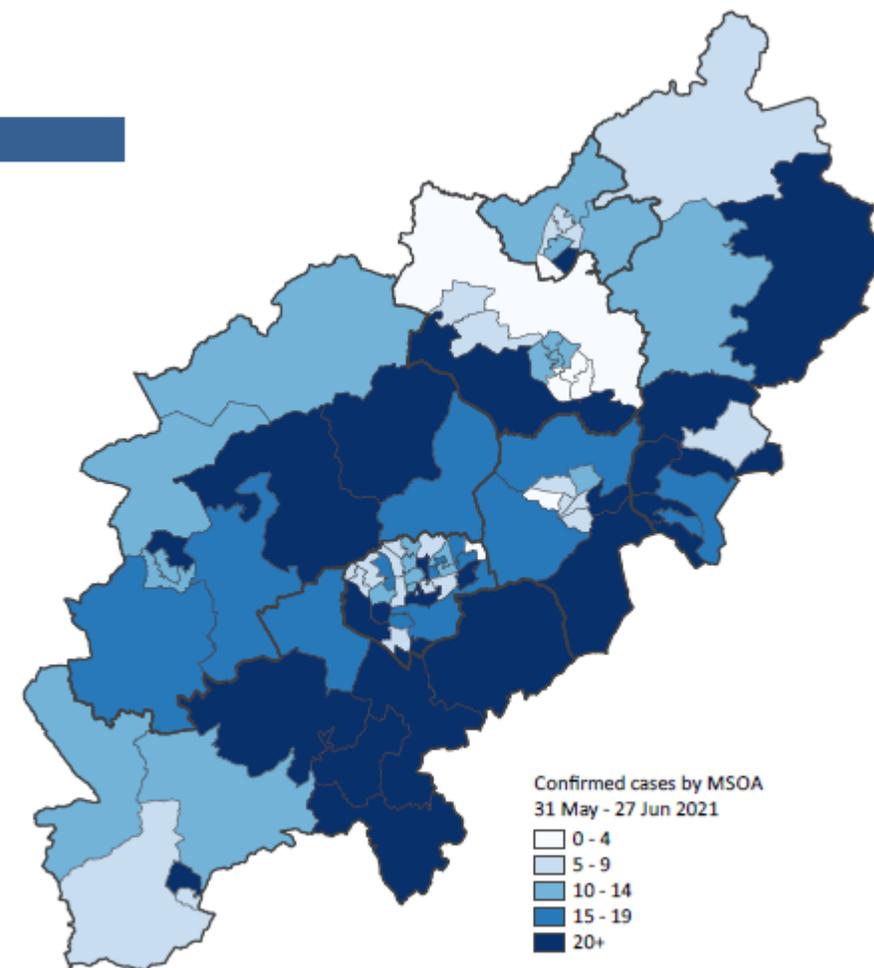
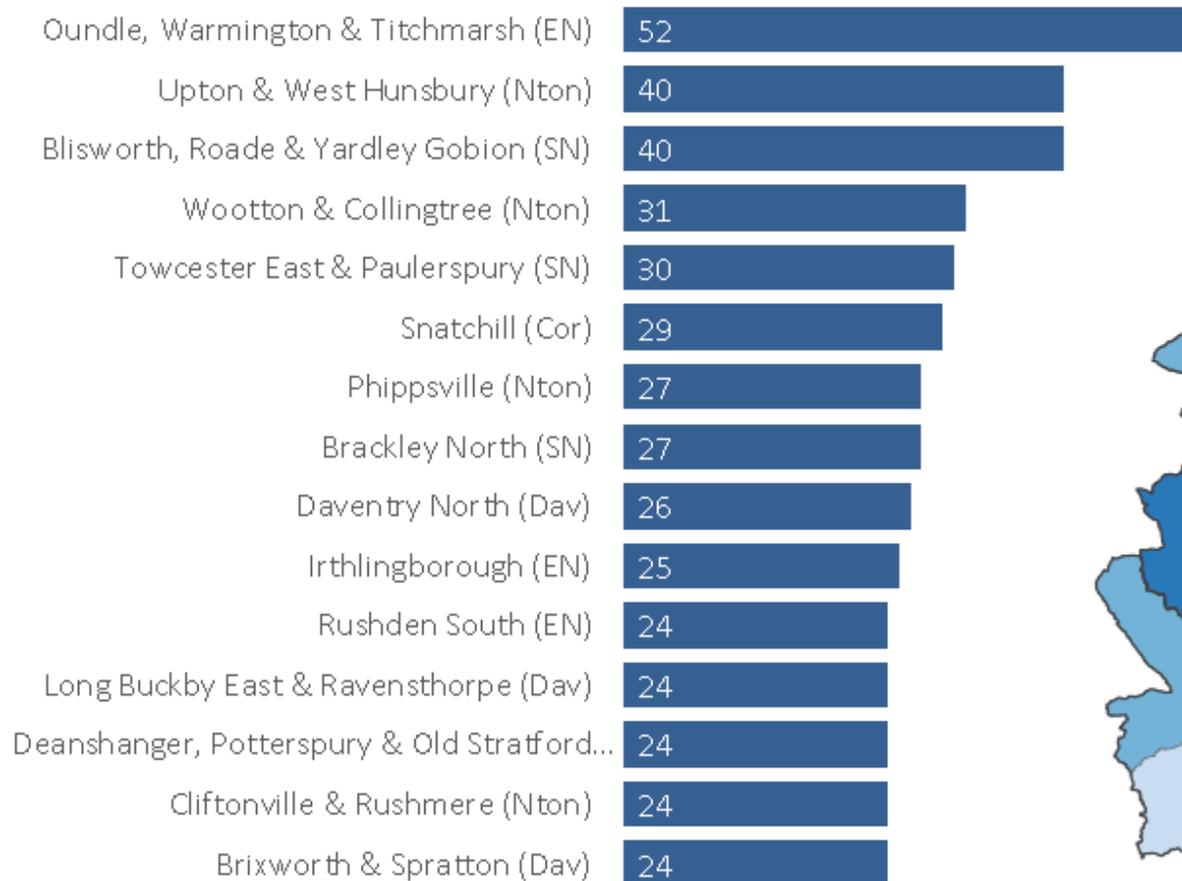
Date range	% of Education settings recorded at least 1 case in the 4 week period	% of Education settings recorded no cases in the 4 week period
2 Jun to 30 Jun 2021	13%	87%
26 May to 23 Jun 2021	10%	90%
19 May to 16 Jun 2021	9%	91%
12 May to 9 Jun 2021	7%	93%

- The latest week's figures are likely to increase further as data for the most recent days are subject to reporting delays.

Cases by Community – Last 28 Days

The chart shows the local communities within Northamptonshire where COVID-19 infections over the last 28 days are highest.

Knowing the areas with the highest case numbers in the last 28 days help us to prioritise and focus our support locally.



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Case Rates by Community – Last 28 Days

per 100,000 population



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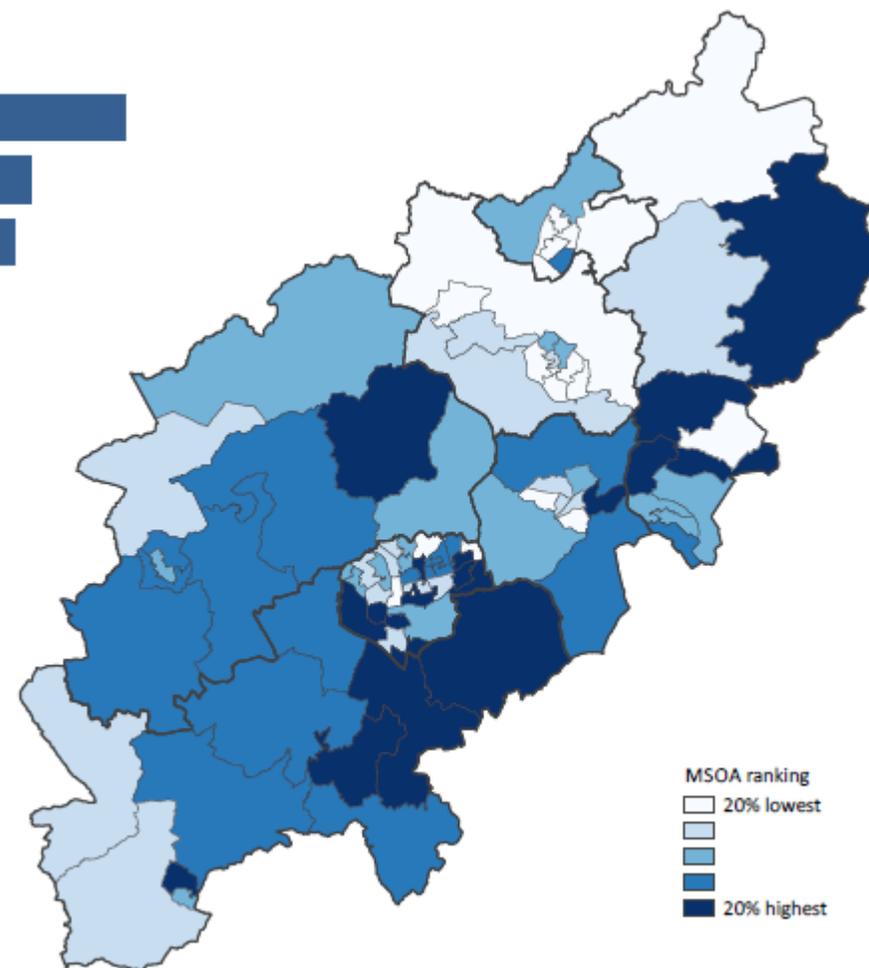


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These graphics show what positive COVID-19 case numbers over the last 28 days would look like if each local community had the exact same size population (100,000).

The map illustrates the 28-day infection rate per 100,000 population across Northamptonshire.

Oundle, Warmington & Titchmarsh (EN)	489.0
Phippsville (Nton)	412.3
Briar Hill & Hunsbury Hill (Nton)	400.1
Wootton & Collingtree (Nton)	371.9
Towcester East & Paulerspury (SN)	334.9
Cogenhoe, Hackleton & Denton (SN)	329.7
Ringstead, Woodford & Stanwick (EN)	316.6
Blackthorn & Lings (Nton)	299.0
Upton & West Hunsbury (Nton)	297.4
Brackley North (SN)	279.6
Billing & Riverside (Nton)	274.6
Blisworth, Roade & Yardley Gobion (SN)	270.7
Brixworth & Spratton (Dav)	267.9
Irthlingborough (EN)	267.7
Delapre (Nton)	266.9



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Change in Case Rates by Community – Fortnightly per 100,000 population

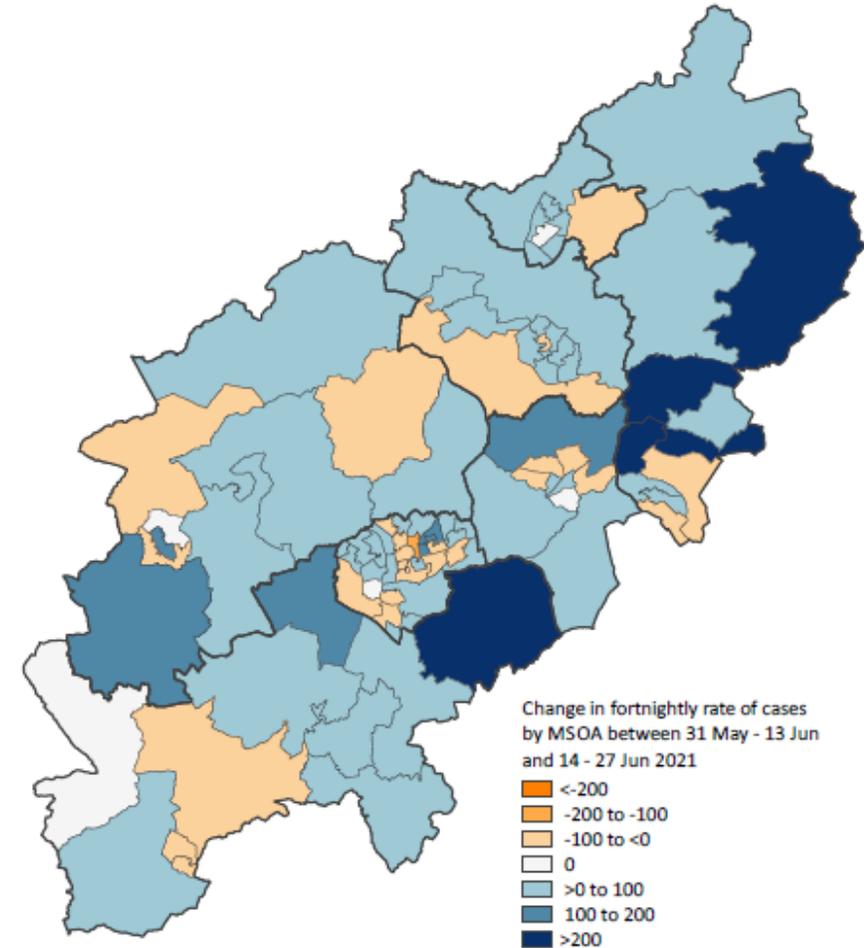
If each community had the exact same size population (100,000) in Northamptonshire, this graphic shows how COVID-19 case numbers in the last 14 days would have changed in each community compared to the previous 14 days.

We have seen increases in case rates in all of our areas in Northamptonshire.

The 15 areas with the greatest increases in case rates are listed next to the map.

Areas with increases in rates of infection show us where we need to prioritise and focus our support locally.

Rank	Name
1	Ringstead, Woodford & Stanwick (EN)
2	Oundle, Warmington & Titchmarsh (EN)
3	Cogenhoe, Hackleton & Denton (SN)
4	Irthlingborough (EN)
5	Finedon, Isham & Harrowden (Wboro)
6	Harpole, Kislingbury & Bugbrooke (SN)
7	Eastfield (Nton)
8	Boothville & Spinney Hill (Nton)
9	Daventry Central (Dav)
10	Woodforth Halse, Byfield & Staverton (Dav)
11	Kettering Avondale Grange (Kett)
12	King's Cliffe, Woodnewton & Easton (EN)
13	Towcester East & Paulerspury (SN)
14	Rothwell (Kett)
15	Stornton & Sixfields (Nton)



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Summary of Outbreaks to 28/06/2021

Two or more cases linked by place and time to that setting. Totals are 28 day counts for care homes and hospitals, and 14 day counts for all other locations.

In the last 28 days	Corby	Daventry	East Northants	Kettering	Northampton	South Northants	Wellingborough	Northants total	Case total
Outbreaks	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	5	82
Care home/service	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Childcare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workplace	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Education	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	72
Hospital/healthcare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: PHE, Test & Trace, School Cell, Line lists from EHO's & Community IPC care home Cell

- Please note that this summary covers all situations classified as 'active'. An active situation has had at least 1 positive case within the **previous 28 days**.
- Outbreaks in Care home and Hospital/Healthcare settings will remain active for 14 days, if no activity noticed there are pended for next 14 days before closure.
- Outbreaks in Workplace, Education, Childcare & other settings will remain active for 7 days, if no activity noticed there are pended for next 7 days before closure.
- **Compared to the previous week there has been an increase in the number of outbreaks linked to particular settings but it is important to note that the majority of cases are due to community transmission.**

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A handy guide to help you decide...

When, where and whether to mix with others

Lower risk	Higher risk
Outdoor meeting	Indoor meeting
One to one meetings	Meeting in groups
Both vaccinated	Neither vaccinated
Both doing regular testing	Not regularly testing
Neither of you are vulnerable	Some of you are vulnerable
In an area of lower cases	Where case rates are high or variants exist

Remember to wash your hands, stay 2 metres from others and wear face coverings indoors and in enclosed spaces



In a muddle about who to cuddle?

Cuddling Considerations

- Are either of you vulnerable or at risk?
- Have either of you been vaccinated?
- Are either of you mixing with lots of other people?
- Are either of you doing regular tests?
- Are you indoors or outdoors?

Cuddle with caution! #NorthantsTogether



Heading Out Out?

Heading Out Checklist:

Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative Lateral Flow device test
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No symptoms of COVID-19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitiser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Face coverings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contactless payment methods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dress to impress

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