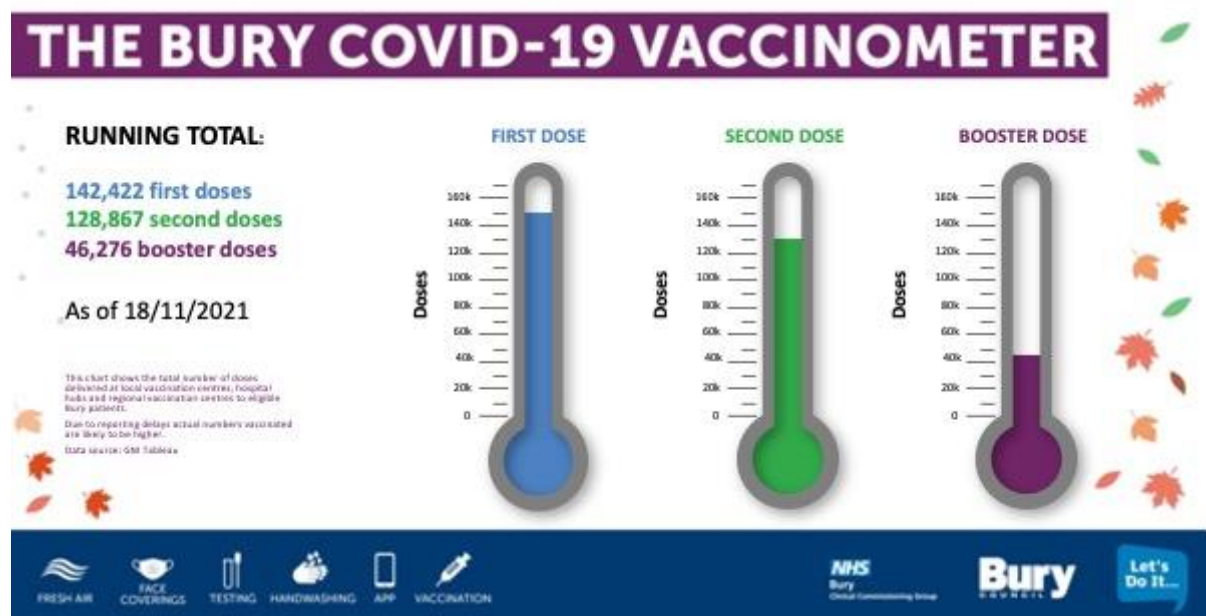


Public health briefing for the borough of Bury – 19 November, 2021

Bury's immunity boost as Covid and flu jab rollout at full steam

Latest figures show that 46,276 people in Bury have now received a Covid-19 booster vaccination, with the majority of those also receiving a flu jab at the same time.

A total of 142,422 people in Bury have now received a first Covid vaccination, and 128,867 have had their second jab. Bury's clinics continue to administer thousands of Covid-19 and flu vaccinations every week.



Bury's excellent take up of vaccinations has been a key part of our fight against Covid-19, flu and other winter bugs. At present we are seeing flattening numbers of Covid-19 cases, and although flu and other illnesses are in circulation, they haven't yet got any kind of grip.

However, Covid-19 rates may well increase again through winter, and flu usually becomes more widespread from December onwards. So the earlier everyone who is eligible receives their



vaccinations the better. Continued social distancing, wearing of masks, greater ventilation and hand-washing will also help in limiting the spread of all sorts of winter illnesses.

Thank you for continuing to do your bit. Let's look after each other and enjoy the winter season safely.

Cases fall – but picture remains uncertain

The number of new cases of Covid-19 fell in the week to 13 November, when Bury had the 5th highest rate in Greater Manchester with 350.3 cases per 100,000. Case numbers continue to be highest among school-aged children and working age adults. This fall may still reflect reduced mixing among school-aged children over the half-term, and there are early signs that case numbers may be rising again. The number of people in local hospitals fell, a likely reflection of falling case numbers in older people from around one week earlier. We continue to see deaths from Covid-19 in Bury, with three in the week to 6 November.

7-day case figures:

Week ending 13 November: infection rate per 100,000 – 350.3 (668 new cases).

Week ending 6 November: infection rate per 100,000 – 358.7 (684 new cases).

Week ending 30 October: infection rate per 100,000 – 443.6 (846 new cases).

Week ending 23 October: infection rate per 100,000 – 414.8 (791 new cases).

How to get your vaccination in Bury

This week it was announced that people aged 16 and 17 can get a second Covid-19 vaccination, and people aged 40+ are eligible for a booster dose (from Monday 22 November).

To get your vaccinations sorted in Bury, here's what to do:

Covid-19 first and second doses

If you're aged 18+ (including within 3 months of turning 18) you can go to any walk-in clinic or bookable clinic to get a first or second vaccination. Your second dose will be given at 8+ weeks since the first.

If you're aged 16 or 17 you can get your first vaccination at a walk-in clinic or a bookable clinic. Second vaccinations for 16 and 17-year-olds are not currently available at walk-ins – for a second jab you will need to book ahead, and it should be 12 weeks since your first vaccination.

Covid-19 booster and flu vaccinations

People eligible for the Covid booster and flu vaccines will be contacted to book an appointment in priority order. The Covid-19 booster vaccine will be offered at least 6 months (182 days) after your second dose of the vaccine. You can now make a booking for your booster jab online if it's been five months since your second jab.

12 to 15-year-old vaccination programme

Vaccinations for 12 to 15-year-olds can now be booked at external vaccination clinics via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.

Note: Vaccinations for 12 to 15-year-olds are not currently available at Bury's four vaccination clinics.

How to book

- Local Covid-19 vaccination clinics can be booked [here](#)
- Appointments also available via the [National Booking Service](#) (our Ramsbottom and Elizabethan Suite sites plus other sites outside of Bury can be booked via this route) or by calling 119.
- If you need support to book please contact your GP practice.

Walk-ins

Bury offers multiple options for walk-ins for first vaccinations (aged 16+) and second vaccinations (aged 18+). For coming days, these are:

Date	Venue	Time
Tuesday 23 November	Elizabethan Suite Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 0SW	8.30am – 5.30pm
Tuesday 23 November	Prestwich Vaccination Clinic Prestwich Walk-in Centre building Fairfax Road, Prestwich, M25 1BT	1.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 24 November	Prestwich Vaccination Clinic Prestwich Walk-in Centre building Fairfax Road, Prestwich, M25 1BT	9am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 25 November	Elizabethan Suite Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 0SW	8.30am – 5.30pm
Thursday 25 November	Radcliffe Reformed Church Blackburn Street, Radcliffe, M26 3WQ	9am – 3.30pm
Friday 26 November	Ramsbottom Civic Hall Market Place, Ramsbottom, BL0 9AJ	8.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday 27 November	Elizabethan Suite Town Hall, Knowsley Street, Bury, BL9 0SW	8.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday 27 November	Ramsbottom Civic Hall Market Place, Ramsbottom, BL0 9AJ	8.30am – 5.30pm
Sunday 28 November	Prestwich Vaccination Clinic Prestwich Walk-in Centre building Fairfax Road, Prestwich, M25 1BT	9am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 28 November	Ramsbottom Civic Hall Market Place, Ramsbottom, BL0 9AJ	8.30am – 5.30pm

It's best to test!

Testing for Covid-19, even if you don't have symptoms, remains one of our best defences against the spread of the virus. It's estimated that 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 don't know that they do, so they could unknowingly pass it on.

Using quick LFT tests on a regular basis helps to pick up cases that might otherwise be missed. Testing helps us to break the chain of transmission and protect people around us.

In Bury, we have multiple options available for people to continue to test.

LFT (Lateral Flow Testing)

Self-testing with LFT test kits is easy to do at home or at work. There are several ways to get LFT kits:

- Collect them from a community pharmacy – find a participating outlet [here](#). You'll need a collect code which you can request [here](#).
- Collect them from the Mosses Centre in Bury - just [book](#) a Click and Collect slot.
- Order online [here](#) and they'll be sent to your home.

If you do an LFT test, you need to register your results online or by phoning 119 within 24 hours of taking the test. Anyone who has a positive LFT test result should self-isolate and take a follow-up PCR test within two days, even if they don't have symptoms.

Getting a PCR test

If you have any of the three most common symptoms of Covid-19 (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change of sense of taste or smell) get a PCR test as soon as possible to protect yourself and those around you.

The PCR test you take will be analysed at a laboratory and you will receive the results by text message, email or telephone.

A range of PCR testing options are available in Bury:

- No appointment required - Chesham Fold, Chesham Fold Road, Bury BL9 6JZ (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday) *new earlier opening time*.
- Appointment only - Mosses Centre, Cecil Street, Bury BL9 0SB. [Book online](#).
- Appointment only – Department of Health sites located in Prestwich, Radcliffe, Ramsbottom and Whitefield. [Book online](#).
- [Order](#) a home testing kit (delivered by post).

Call 0161 253 5515 to speak to someone about testing, how to book and availability or find more information [here](#).

Please note: The walk-through testing centre at Chesham Fold will be closed for maintenance on Monday 22 November. Anyone requiring a test is advised to attend Mosses Testing Centre as an alternative (no need to book in advance). Chesham Fold will re-open on Tues 23 November at 9am.

Self-isolate to help stop the spread of Covid-19

People who have had both jabs, or are aged under 18, are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. Instead, they are advised to get a free PCR test as soon as possible.

It is important that if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and await your result. And if you do test positive, you should stay at home for a full 10 days, not leaving home for any reason during this time.

By isolating in a timely and correct way you will be helping to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Bury's Community Hubs are still there for anyone who needs support, including those who are self-isolating. To access essential help, call 0161 253 5353 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) or text 07860 022876 (messages responded to by the next working day).

Further information is [on the community hubs webpage](#).

Helping people through difficult times

Life has changed for all of us through the pandemic, and it's natural that this may cause you to feel worried or anxious, lonely or frustrated. If you feel you need some extra support, Bury's Getting Help Line is a confidential telephone service run by the voluntary sector for people of all ages who are experiencing difficulties with their mental wellbeing.

You can access advice, guidance and signposting to local services by calling the Getting Help Line on 0161 464 3679. [Find out more](#) about other mental wellbeing support.

Next update due Friday 26 November, 2021.

For up-to-date information about Covid-19 visit bury.gov.uk/coronavirus