

Coronavirus Update

To 16/10/2022 there have been 23,798,797 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the UK with 207,528 registered deaths.

93.6% of the population has now had a first dose vaccine with 88.4% having had a second and 69.6% having had a third dose.

As at 15 October 2022 – 54,914 cases were reported over the previous 7 days.

As at 21 October Covid-19 infections are again on the rise.

Mortality rates for deaths due to COVID-19 in England decreased to 16.7 deaths per 100,000 people in September 2022, from 30.5 deaths per 100,000 people in August 2022. That said deaths in the 7 days to 15 October 2022 were up to 786 (+3.8% on the previous 7 days).

The number of patients being admitted to hospital in the 7 day up to 17 October had reduced to 7,809 (-4.7% on the preceding 7 days).

The Government has a planned booster programme in place for the autumn/winter of 2022 aimed at increasing immunity in those at higher risk of severe Covid-19 during these months. The programme intends to offer further vaccinations to:

- residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- frontline health and social care workers
- all adults aged 50 years and over
- persons aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group
- persons aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- persons aged 16 to 49 years who are carers

People in these categories should be offered their booster between September and December 2022.

The Government is still advising for everyone to get their vaccinations and particularly their boosters as soon as it is offered to ensure that resilience can be built up against severe illness in the winter.

There are currently no specific coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions in the UK.

If you have COVID-19 you should try to stay at home, avoiding others for at least 5 days or 10 days if they are at higher risk from Covid.

Most people cannot get free COVID-19 tests. Rapid Lateral Flow Tests can be bought in shops but results cannot be reported to the NHS.

If you are travelling you should [check the travel advice for the country you are going to](#).