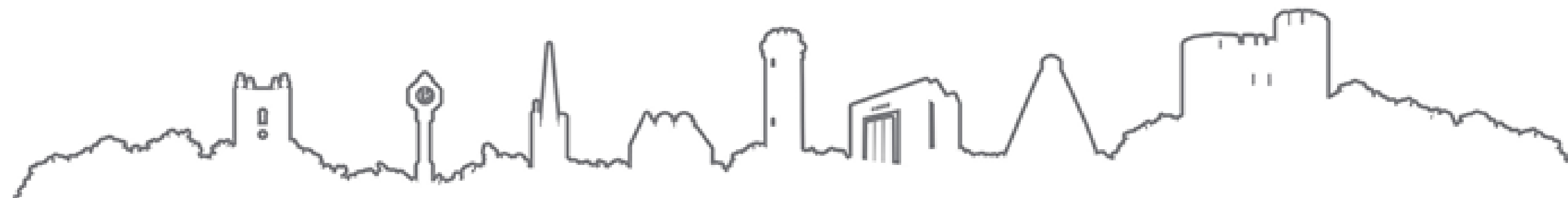


Current COVID-19 Situation in Dudley

24 May 2022



Overview of total cases to date: There have been a total of 109,386 cases recorded in Dudley residents, 1,329 during the first wave (between 10/03/2020 and 03/07/2020) a further 26,151 in the second wave to 01/05/2021 and 81,906 more since. It should be noted, however, that the approach to testing has changed from predominantly only NHS and care home staff being tested to widespread community testing, testing capacity has also increased significantly since the first wave.

Weekly picture: Based on nationally reported data up to the 20/05/2022, Dudley's 7-day incident rate is 61.9 per 100,000, equivalent to 199 cases. This is lower than the previous week's rate. The 7-day incident rate for ages 60+ is 73.1, which is lower than the previous week.

Testing: Dudley is ranked number 2 out of 5 local authorities for Pillar 2 PCR testing in Birmingham and the Black Country, 1,528 tests per 100,000 residents over the most recent 7 day period (week ending 29/03/2022). The latest positivity rate is 23.6%, compared to 21.6% in the previous 7 day period.

Testing rates have increased by 3.1% and the positivity rate has increased by 2.0% since the previous 7 day period.

Vaccinations: 245,261 (75%) Dudley residents aged 12+ have received their first vaccination dose and 231,264 (71%) have also received their second dose. 181,330 (56%) have received a booster.

Hospital activity: Over the last 7 days there have been 20 COVID related admissions and 25 COVID positive patients discharged to the community (week ending the 23/05/2022). There are now 17 confirmed COVID positive inpatients; 0 in ITU, 1 in CPAP/NIV beds and 16 in general beds.

Total occupied beds are as follows:-

- Of 40 ITU/HDU ventilated beds – 58% occupied (23 total, 0 COVID related, 23 other)
- Of 12 CPAP/NIV beds – 100% occupied (12 total, 1 COVID related, 11 other)
- Of 602 General beds – 94% occupied (564 total, 16 COVID related, 548 other)

There have been 2 deaths at the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in the last 7 days, compared to 2 in the previous week.

Deaths: Based on data reported by the Office for National Statistics, there have been 1097 deaths of Dudley residents involving COVID-19, 310 during the first wave (between 10/03/2020 and 03/07/2020), a further 554 in the second wave to 01/05/2021 and 233 more since (deaths occurring up to week ending the 08/05/2022).

Outbreaks: As at 24/05/2022, there are:-

- 1 current outbreaks at care homes where 2 or more residents or staff have tested positive.
- 0 outbreaks in workplaces
- 1 outbreaks in educational establishments

Demographics:

Age profile: Comparing the most recent 7 day period with the previous one, age specific incident rates have decreased in all age groups except for the 16-29 group, where there has been an 8% increase.

Ethnic Group profile: There has been a decrease of 25.9 % over the last 7 days in the White British group, compared to a increase of 10 % in BAME groups. The overall rates for BAME groups are lower than the White British group (53.4 and 53.1 respectively).

Deprivation profile: The rates in the most recent week have increased in deprivation quintiles 2 and 4, but decreased in all other groups.

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