

## Covid update

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### **Key Messages from Bradford Public Health Team:**

- The regional R value for the North East and Yorkshire has risen to 1.00 (ranging between 0.79 and 1.26) and is now the second highest of the regional values recorded after the South West of England
- To date there have been a total of 5,945 confirmed cases and 542 deaths relating to COVID-19 in Bradford District
- Between the August 12 and August 18 incidence was 46.5 cases per 100,000 (previous value 57.5 cases per 100,000). Source: PHE Regional Situational Awareness Report
- Positivity rate: Between August 12 and August 18 positivity of cases was 5.2% (previous value 6.2%). Source: PHE Regional Situational Awareness Report
- All cases: 7 day rolling average shows confirmed cases started to rise from July 5 but have begun to level off

### **Adult Social Care specific update**

- Deaths in care homes are 27.3% of the total covid related deaths in Bradford. There have been no deaths in care homes as a result of covid for a number of weeks
- There are currently seven care homes and one home support provider with an on-going covid outbreak
- In all cases the outbreaks have been small and contained
- In all the care home outbreaks the positive cases have been picked up through proactive whole home testing and are largely asymptomatic
- Providers that experience an outbreak will remain on the report for 28 days post outbreak/no new cases
- Providers with an outbreak will get regular support and contact from the IPC team
- Notifications of single cases (not an outbreak until 2 or more confirmed cases) from the public health health protection team (HPT) will come through to the commissioning in box and the care sector liaison officer will make contact with the provider to offer support as early as possible in these cases.
- Whilst the additional restrictions in place in Bradford are starting to show signs of a levelling off of rate of infections, the risks are still high, particularly to our frail elderly residents and service users and for people with other vulnerabilities in receipt of social care services. It remains very important that care workers maintain high standards of compliance with the IPC guidance outside of work as well as within work.