

# Covid-19 Update

Executive

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# Local & National Epidemiology

	Three River	Watford	Welwyn Hatfield	Dacorum	North Hertfordshire	East Hertfordshire	St Albans	Stevenage	Hertsmere	Broxbourne	Hertfordshire	London	Essex	Luton	Bedford	Central Bedfordshire	England
* provisional																	
*week change	22	-41	27	22	15	10	11	-8	-3	-1	54	1,477	86	25	-34	47	9,056
29/05 - 04/06	60.0	41.4	33.3	28.4	25.5	24.7	24.3	22.8	21.9	13.4	28.9	45.7	13.2	83.5	142.0	57.2	47.1
Rate & Cases	56	40	41	44	34	37	36	20	23	13	344	4,093	197	178	246	165	26,517
*week change	14	48	-7	1	9	16	2	18	6	-3	104	680	19	51	-56	14	4,445
*22/05 - 28/05	36.4	83.9	11.4	14.2	14.2	18.0	16.8	31.9	24.8	14.4	24.4	29.2	7.5	71.8	161.6	40.9	31.0
Rate & Cases	34	81	14	22	19	27	25	28	26	14	290	2,616	111	153	280	118	17,461
*week change	3	-4	12	2	0	2	2	-1	2	7	25	187	-67	34	115	12	1,192
*15/05 - 21/05	21.4	34.2	17.1	13.6	7.5	7.3	15.5	11.4	19.1	17.5	15.6	21.6	6.2	47.9	193.9	36.0	23.1
Rate & Cases	20	33	21	21	10	11	23	10	20	17	186	1,936	92	102	336	104	13,016
week change	-4	3	-8	1	-1	-2	5	0	0	5	-1	122	1	2	109	46	384
08/05 - 14/05	18.2	38.3	7.3	12.3	7.5	6.0	14.1	12.5	17.2	10.3	13.5	19.5	10.7	31.9	127.5	31.9	21.0
Rate & Cases	17	37	9	19	10	9	21	11	18	10	161	1,749	159	68	221	92	11,824
week change	1	11	-1	-15	-10	-4	5	-8	7	-10	-24	-122	19	-31	55	-19	-500
01/05 - 07/05	22.5	35.2	13.8	11.6	8.2	7.3	10.8	12.5	17.2	5.1	13.6	18.2	10.6	31.0	64.6	15.9	20.3
Rate & Cases	21	34	17	18	11	11	16	11	18	5	162	1,627	158	66	112	46	11,440
week change	-3	-1	-2	-11	4	3	-2	2	-7	12	-5	-396	-51	-17	19	28	-1,132
24/04 - 30/04	21.4	23.8	14.6	21.3	15.7	10.0	7.4	21.6	10.5	15.4	15.6	19.5	9.3	45.5	32.9	22.5	21.2
Rate & Cases	20	23	18	33	21	15	11	19	11	15	186	1,749	139	97	57	65	11,940
*week change	0	-14	-6	20	3	-10	-9	-10	-1	-9	-36	114	14	-73	6	-20	-389
17/04 - 23/04	24.6	24.9	16.3	28.4	12.7	8.0	8.8	19.4	17.2	3.1	16.1	23.9	12.8	53.5	21.9	12.8	23.2
Rate & Cases	23	24	20	44	17	12	13	17	18	3	191	2,145	190	114	38	37	13,072
week change	-1	8	10	1	-7	4	-1	8	3	-6	19	12	-5	-7	-8	-11	-2,600
10/04 - 16/04	24.6	39.3	21.1	15.5	10.5	14.7	14.8	30.7	18.1	12.3	19.1	22.7	11.8	87.8	18.5	19.7	23.9
Rate & Cases	23	38	26	24	14	22	22	27	19	12	227	2,031	176	187	32	57	13,461
week change	-15	-13	-17	-24	-9	1	2	-22	-1	3	-95	-631	-81	-43	-10	-42	-7,277
03/04 - 09/04	25.7	31.1	13.0	14.9	15.7	12.0	15.5	21.6	15.2	18.5	17.5	22.5	12.2	91.1	23.1	23.6	28.5
Rate & Cases	24	30	16	23	21	18	23	19	16	18	208	2,019	181	194	40	68	16,061

Whilst case numbers across Hertfordshire have shown an upward trend in the last few weeks, rates remain relatively low.

There was some increase in Stevenage two weeks ago, but this came down a bit again in last week.

Its also good to see case rate coming down in both Watford and Bedford, though Luton & Central Beds, with London & Essex show some increase.

# Case rate by Ward/MSOAs

support anonymity ** Due to anonymity total case rates are only an estimate	St Nicholas	Manor	Symonds Green	Roebuck	Shephall	Chells	Bedwell	Woodfield + Old Town	Pin Green + Old Town	Bandle Hill	Martins Wood	Longmeadow	Stevenage estimate
27/05 - 2/06 Rate & Cases	26.2 2	81.3 5	33.2 2	28.9 2	31.4 2	29.3 2	25.1 2	16.3 2	56.8 5	30.0 2	31.5 2	34.1 2	34.2 30
20/05 - 26/05 Rate & Cases	26.2 2	48.8 3	33.2 2	57.8 4	31.4 2	29.3 2	25.1 2	16.3 2	56.8 5	45.0 3	31.5 2	34.1 2	35.3 31
21/01 - 28/04 (11 weeks) <b>Average Rate &amp; Total Cases</b>	163.0 137	116.8 79	114.7 76	114.2 87	111.2 78	109.4 82	102.9 90	99.9 135	98.2 95	98.1 72	91.8 64	68.2 44	107.5 1,039

The top rows show the latest two weeks of data by ward (MSOA). The majority of wards have 0-2 cases. Only Manor (8) and Pin Green & Old Town (10) MSOA have more than 2 cases in both week.

At the bottom of the table we show the average case rate across 11 weeks from 21 Jan - 28 April 2021. This shows the cases in the town has been reasonably evenly spread across the wards.

# Covid-19 related deaths in Hertfordshire

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

Week	Hertsmere	Three Rivers	Watford	St Albans	Broxbourne	North Hertfordshire	Dacorum	Welwyn Hatfield	Stevenage	East Hertfordshire	Total
Total 22 weeks	150	164	127	214	151	219	232	159	107	158	1681
15/05 - 22/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08/05 - 14/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
01/05 - 07/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
24/04 - 30/04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17/04 - 23/04	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	5
10/04 - 16/04	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
03/04 - 09/04	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	5
27/03 - 02/04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
20/03 - 26/03	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	8
13/03 - 19/03	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	10
06/03 - 12/03	1	0	0	2	1	4	2	2	4	3	19
27/02 - 05/03	1	1	2	5	4	7	6	3	2	5	36
20/02 - 26/02	8	3	3	3	1	4	8	3	7	4	44
13/02 - 19/02	10	8	7	9	4	13	11	8	4	4	78
06/02 - 12/02	9	8	6	13	6	18	9	11	7	3	90
30/01 - 05/02	16	10	12	21	6	27	22	15	14	20	163
23/01 - 29/01	16	20	18	24	14	32	17	29	13	18	201
16/01 - 22/01	11	27	16	24	23	35	33	30	17	21	237
09/01 - 15/01	18	21	15	22	21	28	33	19	9	21	207
02/01 - 08/01	26	21	17	22	19	20	31	17	7	14	194
26/12 - 01/01	7	11	9	15	16	6	22	5	6	5	102
19/12 - 25/12	8	7	6	18	10	7	10	6	3	14	89
12/12 - 18/12	3	4	3	3	2	2	7	2	4	4	34
05/12 - 11/12	1	5	2	5	3	2	3	0	4	1	26
28/11 - 04/12	2	2	2	6	6	3	5	0	2	6	34
21/11 - 27/11	3	5	1	6	2	2	1	5	1	6	32
14/11 - 20/11	3	7	3	7	1	1	4	1	1	3	31
07/11 - 13/11	4	1	2	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	18
31/10 - 6/11	3	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	12
26/09 - 02/10	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
19/09 - 25/09	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
12/09 - 18/09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
05/09 - 11/09	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
29/08 - 04/09	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Rate per 100,000	326.9	277.5	272.3	243.2	241.6	238.8	238.4	221.9	191.2	174.3	239.7
Total	343	259	263	361	235	319	369	273	168	261	2,851

In the second wave of Covid-19 related deaths, the peak of deaths was from the start of November until the end of March when 1,659 Hertfordshire residents died, (58.2% of the total pandemic deaths) including 106 (63.1%) Stevenage residents

Since mid-March there has only been one Covid-19 related death of a Stevenage resident, and 35 Hertfordshire resident deaths.

# Vaccines by Age & District- 27<sup>th</sup> May

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations>

North East First & Second Dose		Under 40	40-44	45-59	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	Total		South West First & Second Dose		Under 40	40-44	45-59	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	Total	
North East Hertfordshire	First Dose #and %	53,042	32,490	34,871	38,972	38,594	31,889	25,731	26,191	19,239	28,807	329,826		South West Hertfordshire	First Dose #and %	61,579	37,802	39,307	40,455	38,646	31,417	25,611	25,520	18,891	28,473	347,701	
		16.9%	74.0%	81.4%	87.2%	89.0%	90.5%	92.9%	94.7%	95.5%	95.8%	52.4%				18.8%	73.5%	80.2%	85.2%	87.2%	88.1%	90.6%	93.2%	94.2%	94.4%	52.6%	
	Second Dose #and %	22,028	8,029	9,895	15,807	17,212	21,450	24,041	25,616	18,882	28,133	191,093			Second Dose #and %	24,197	9,857	11,756	18,724	21,228	22,345	24,410	24,908	18,480	27,532	203,437	
		7.0%	18.3%	23.1%	35.4%	39.7%	60.9%	86.8%	92.7%	93.7%	93.6%	30.4%				7.4%	19.2%	24.0%	39.4%	47.9%	62.7%	86.4%	90.9%	92.2%	91.3%	30.8%	
	Population	313,516	43,913	42,848	44,696	43,371	35,237	27,696	27,644	20,141	30,071	629,133			Population	327,451	51,455	48,987	47,501	44,302	35,642	28,260	27,390	20,045	30,153	661,186	
Stevenage	First Dose #and %	9,530	4,869	4,840	5,712	5,818	4,717	3,560	3,352	2,443	3,683	48,524		Dacorum	First Dose #and %	13,865	9,123	9,479	10,124	10,151	8,608	7,060	6,837	4,926	7,349	87,522	
		19.0%	73.5%	80.4%	85.6%	87.0%	88.6%	90.8%	94.2%	94.2%	95.3%	50.9%				17.1%	75.2%	81.3%	87.3%	88.7%	89.4%	92.3%	94.3%	95.3%	95.2%	52.9%	
	Second Dose #and %	4,222	1,220	1,572	2,377	2,546	3,297	3,306	3,276	2,405	3,590	27,811			Second Dose #and %	6,424	2,457	2,806	4,471	4,927	5,509	6,736	6,661	4,810	7,053	51,854	
		8.4%	18.4%	26.1%	35.6%	38.1%	62.0%	84.3%	92.0%	92.7%	92.9%	29.2%				7.9%	20.3%	24.1%	38.6%	43.0%	57.2%	88.1%	91.8%	93.1%	91.4%	31.4%	
	Population	50,111	6,621	6,022	6,671	6,688	5,321	3,922	3,560	2,594	3,866	95,376			Population	81,084	12,124	11,660	11,592	11,447	9,633	7,647	7,254	5,167	7,718	165,326	
North Hertfordshire	First Dose #and %	10,559	7,868	8,534	8,970	8,990	7,375	6,320	6,596	4,898	7,385	77,495		Three Rivers	First Dose #and %	9,866	5,866	6,311	6,630	6,489	5,168	4,232	4,352	3,206	4,741	56,861	
		16.1%	78.3%	84.3%	89.4%	90.4%	91.0%	94.2%	95.5%	95.9%	97.0%	55.3%				20.6%	75.7%	82.2%	86.3%	88.4%	88.9%	90.3%	93.3%	94.2%	94.0%	55.8%	
	Second Dose #and %	5,125	1,959	2,407	4,081	4,263	5,033	5,900	6,466	4,805	7,191	47,230			Second Dose #and %	3,766	1,634	1,925	2,893	3,396	3,859	4,055	4,255	3,136	4,635	33,554	
		7.8%	19.5%	23.8%	40.7%	42.9%	62.1%	88.0%	93.6%	94.1%	94.4%	33.7%				7.9%	21.1%	25.1%	37.6%	46.3%	66.4%	86.5%	91.2%	92.1%	91.9%	32.9%	
	Population	65,493	10,050	10,119	10,037	9,945	8,104	6,708	6,906	5,105	7,617	140,084			Population	47,917	7,752	7,678	7,686	7,341	5,813	4,686	4,664	3,405	5,045	101,987	
East Hertfordshire	First Dose #and %	15,006	8,738	9,978	10,869	10,579	8,630	7,002	7,342	5,135	7,363	90,642		St Albans	First Dose #and %	13,893	10,096	10,790	10,714	9,642	7,663	6,273	6,411	4,796	7,412	87,690	
		19.8%	79.2%	85.3%	89.9%	91.7%	92.4%	93.9%	95.3%	96.1%	96.3%	56.7%				17.7%	77.3%	82.4%	86.6%	88.7%	89.2%	92.1%	94.2%	95.0%	95.4%	53.9%	
	Second Dose #and %	5,246	1,935	2,518	4,440	4,477	5,646	6,686	7,195	5,033	7,222	50,398			Second Dose #and %	4,097	1,761	2,384	4,672	5,942	5,385	5,997	6,281	4,709	7,235	48,463	
		6.9%	17.5%	21.5%	36.7%	38.8%	60.5%	89.7%	93.4%	94.2%	94.5%	31.5%				5.2%	13.5%	18.2%	37.8%	54.6%	62.7%	88.1%	92.3%	93.3%	93.1%	29.8%	
	Population	75,922	11,030	11,696	12,096	11,531	9,336	7,456	7,701	5,341	7,643	159,752			Population	78,289	13,064	13,097	12,367	10,876	8,591	6,808	6,806	5,048	7,769	162,715	
Welwyn Hatfield	First Dose #and %	9,767	6,102	6,110	6,947	6,989	6,005	4,705	4,535	3,428	5,479	60,067		Watford	First Dose #and %	12,197	6,466	6,192	6,114	5,375	4,273	3,374	3,111	2,347	3,443	52,892	
		14.0%	68.0%	76.2%	84.1%	86.6%	90.4%	91.8%	94.5%	95.2%	94.8%	46.5%				19.7%	66.8%	75.0%	80.9%	83.0%	83.9%	86.9%	90.1%	91.8%	92.8%	46.9%	
	Second Dose #and %	4,306	1,662	1,778	2,542	3,165	4,040	4,306	4,405	3,377	5,363	34,944			Second Dose #and %	4,865	1,836	2,125	3,129	2,832	3,089	3,158	3,013	2,278	3,235	29,560	
		6.2%	18.5%	22.2%	30.8%	39.2%	60.8%	84.0%	91.8%	93.8%	92.8%	27.0%				7.8%	19.0%	25.7%	41.4%	43.7%	60.6%	81.3%	87.3%	89.1%	87.2%	26.2%	
	Population	69,942	8,972	8,015	8,262	8,069	6,646	5,125	4,797	3,600	5,777	129,205			Population	62,040	9,684	8,261	7,561	6,476	5,095	3,882	3,451	2,558	3,709	112,717	
Broxbourne	First Dose #and %	8,180	4,913	5,409	6,474	6,218	5,162	4,144	4,366	3,335	4,897	53,098		Hertsmere	First Dose #and %	11,758	6,251	6,535	6,873	6,989	5,705	4,672	4,809	3,616	5,528	62,736	
		15.7%	67.9%	77.3%	84.8%	87.1%	88.5%	92.4%	93.3%	95.3%	94.8%	50.7%				20.2%	70.8%	78.8%	82.9%	85.6%	87.6%	89.2%	92.2%	93.5%	93.5%	53.0%	
	Second Dose #and %	3,129	1,253	1,620	2,367	2,761	3,434	3,843	4,274	3,262	4,767	30,710			Second Dose #and %	5,045	2,169	2,516	3,559	4,131	4,503	4,464	4,698	3,547	5,374	40,006	
		6.0%	17.3%	23.2%	31.0%	38.7%	58.9%	85.7%	91.3%	93.2%	92.2%	29.3%				8.7%	24.6%	30.3%	42.9%	50.6%	69.2%	85.2%	90.1%	91.7%	90.9%	33.8%	
	Population	52,048	7,240	6,996	7,630	7,138	5,830	4,485	4,680	3,501	5,168	104,716			Population	58,121	8,831	8,291	8,295	8,162	6,510	5,237	5,215	3,867	5,912	118,441	

# Vaccination rate by ward to 03 June

% Vaccinated	Manor	Woodfield & OT	Long-meadow	Bandley Hill	Symonds Green	Martins Wood	Pin Green and OT	Chells	Roebuck	Shephall	St Nicolas	Bedwell	Stevenage
1st dose	60.0%	56.4%	56.6%	55.5%	55.2%	53.8%	53.3%	52.3%	52.7%	50.7%	47.4%	46.0%	53.2%
2nd dose	38.2%	36.6%	35.5%	35.5%	36.1%	34.3%	34.3%	33.7%	31.3%	30.5%	29.3%	27.7%	33.6%

## Adjusted for age profile

% Vaccinated	Woodfield & OT	Manor	Bandley Hill	Long-meadow	Symonds Green	Pin Green and OT	Chells	Martins Wood	Roebuck	Shephall	St Nicolas	Bedwell	Stevenage
1st dose	56.4%	60.0%	55.5%	56.6%	55.2%	53.3%	52.3%	53.8%	52.7%	50.7%	47.4%	46.0%	53.2%
1st dose adj	55.5%	55.4%	54.5%	54.3%	53.4%	53.3%	53.2%	52.9%	53.0%	52.3%	52.1%	49.4%	53.2%
1st adj diff	2.2%	2.2%	1.3%	1.1%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.9%	-1.2%	-3.8%	0.0%

# Vaccine hesitance in the UK (31 March to 25 April 2021)

- 93% adults reported positive sentiment towards the vaccine, while 7% of adults reported vaccine hesitancy
- vaccine hesitancy has decrease from 9% (13 Jan to 7 Feb 2021); with this trend observed across most groups
- around 1 in 8 (13%) adults aged 16 to 29 years reported vaccine hesitancy, the highest of all age groups
- around 1 in 3 (30%) Black or Black British adults reported vaccine hesitancy, highest compared with all ethnic groups
- around 1 in 8 (12%) adults in most deprived areas (IMD) reported higher vaccine hesitancy, compared with 4% in the least deprived
- "long-term effects on health", "side effects" & "how well the vaccine works" were the top 3 reasons for reporting negative sentiment

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/healthandwellbeing/bulletins/coronavirusandvaccinehesitancygreatbritain/31marchto25april>

# Step 4 – Easing of Lockdown – 21<sup>st</sup> June

With appropriate mitigations in place, by Step 4, the Government's aim is to:

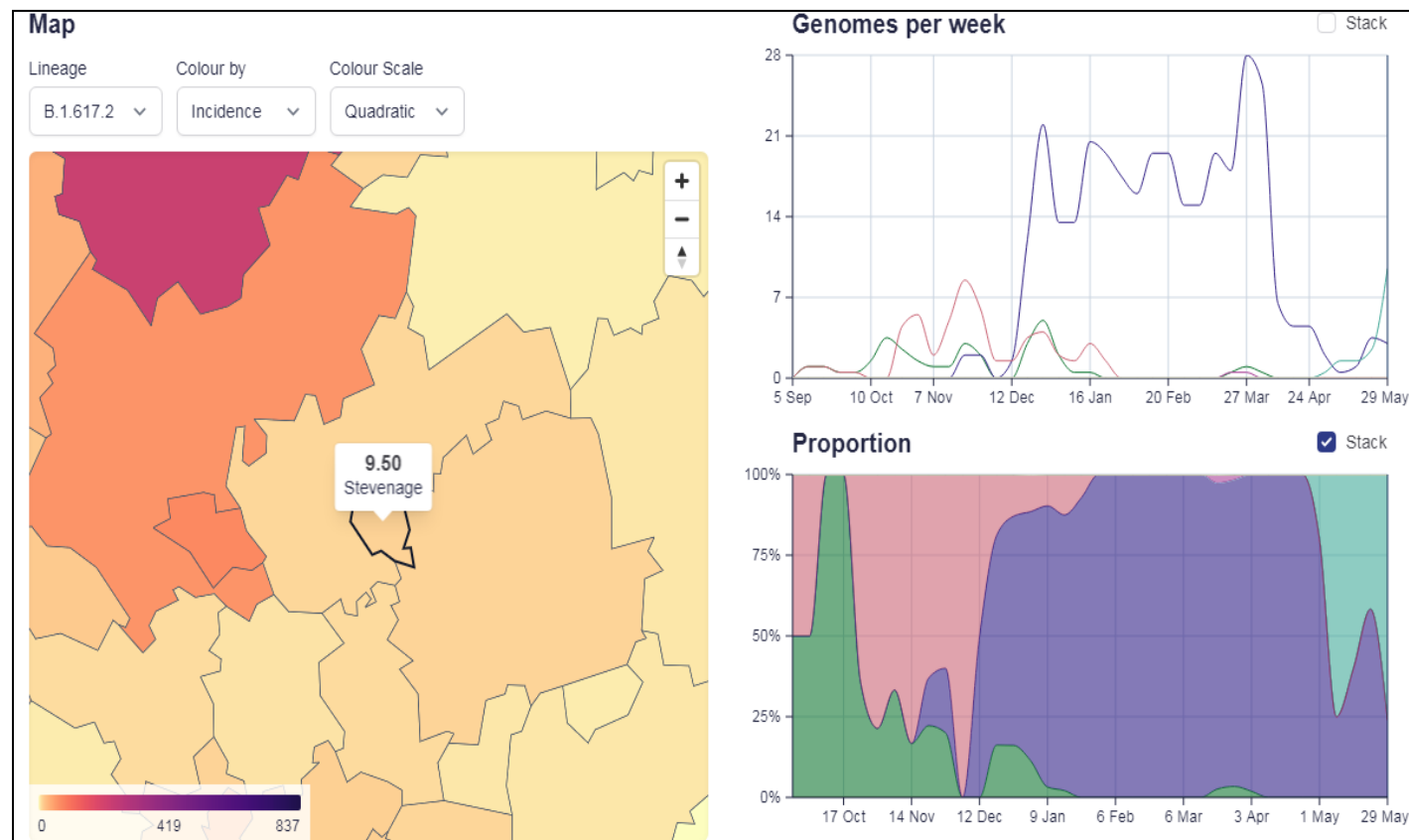
- Remove all legal limits on social contact.
- Reopen the remaining closed settings, including nightclubs and enable large events, including theatre performances, above the Step 3 capacity restrictions, subject to the outcome of the scientific Events Research Programme and potentially using testing to reduce the risk of infection, subject to further evaluation; and
- Remove all limits on weddings and other life events subject to the outcome of the Scientific Research Programme



The announcement regarding the 21st June easing as per the government's Roadmap has been delayed until 14th June due to concerns about the rise in reported cases and the impact of the Delta variant



# Variant of concern first identified in India



To the left is the Wellcome-Sagar Covid-19 genomic surveillance data dashboard to 29 May for Stevenage.

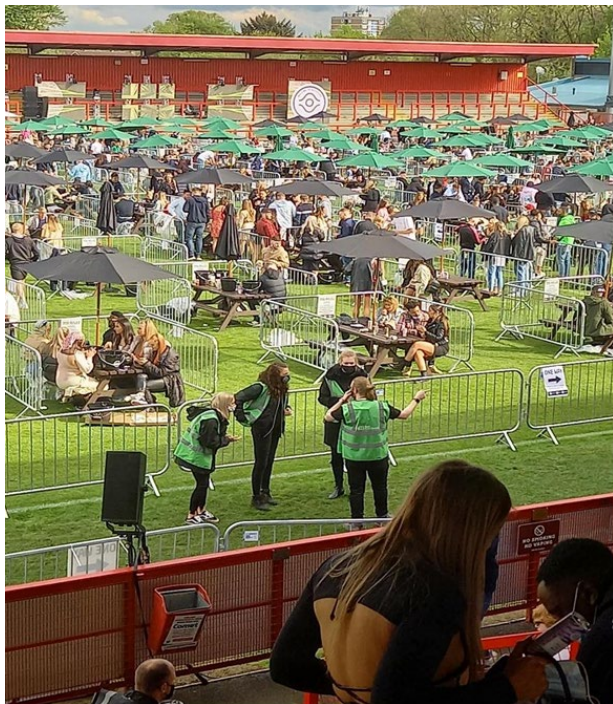
We see that over May, the Delta variety first identified in India accounted for half the new cases, and given what we know of its increased transmissibility, it will likely continue as the dominant strain in the town.

# Outbreak management

- 'Local 0' contact tracing performing well and set to be further enhanced (contacts and cases)
- Delta variant of concern assumed to be dominant
- Small increases in Incident Rate seen associated with a care facility and several schools and workplaces but community transmission predominant



# Compliance and Enforcement



- Stadium Series - first event closure
- Few issues of concern from checks at businesses during stage 3 - generally good levels of compliance
- Small number of complaints about absent Covid measures

# Covid Action Plan

- Business case approved by HP Board on 13/04/21; secured funding to implement the action plan
- Execution of plan objectives now in-train
- Some workstreams are new, others existing and extended



# Community and Housing

- The Play Service has delivered 85 packs over the May half-term.
- Active patrols continue across the town with a team of 6 Covid Marshalls/ Neighbourhood Wardens and further temporary posts due to start shortly.
- SLL- Gordon Craig Theatre- Planning to re-open in late June as restrictions ease.
- £100k secured in a bid to the Health Protection Board to support Stevenage VCS organisations mitigate additional expenditure/ loss of income as a consequence of managing the pandemic.
- Funding secured through Herts Community Foundation to train suicide prevention champions to provide front-line support.
- 179 households in Emergency, Temporary and B&B accommodation as at 28 May 2021



# Business Support & Grants

- SBC is apply to MHCLG for £78k funding to support our High Street reopening, covering the Old Town ,Town Centre, and Neighbourhood Centres and for it to be split roughly:
  - £35k for public real improvements
  - £30k for events and high street improvements ( there can be an overlap with the above)
  - £13k for continued business support / mentoring
- Much the public realm improvements with be consulting upon later in the year.
- People on furlough have decreased from 5800 in Jan to 5000 in March 2021
- CTS scheme numbers remain fairly stable (5768 in April compared to 5754 in Jan 2021)

# Business Continuity & Workforce

- Service reopening has continued in line with government guidelines
- Some service pressures have arisen as a result of reopening including an increase in calls to the customer service centre
- An SLT and senior manager workshop took place at the end of May on post-covid ways of working, with an all staff session planned on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June



# Communications update

- #StaySafeStevenage Campaign ongoing  
- digital/online/print
- Messaging to residents to remain vigilant and continue to help suppress the spread of the virus
- Vaccination programme messages
- Variant reassurance messages
- Digital screens/boards sharing Covid messages
- Frequently Asked Questions updated and shared on the council's website


Eligible for the vaccine?



## Walk-in AstraZeneca COVID vaccination clinics

No appointment needed

Walk-in sessions may change at short notice due to vaccine supply. Please visit our website before you travel to check the session is still going ahead and that AstraZeneca is suitable for you.  
<https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk>




“ Since these numbers are very low, they are not an imminent or serious cause for concern. We have arrangements in place for managing cases and outbreaks of variants, and were prepared for this.

The most important thing for people who test positive to do remains to self-isolate. This will stop the spread of any variant in its tracks.

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**Jim McManus**  
Director of Public Health



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