

COVID-19 in Ealing

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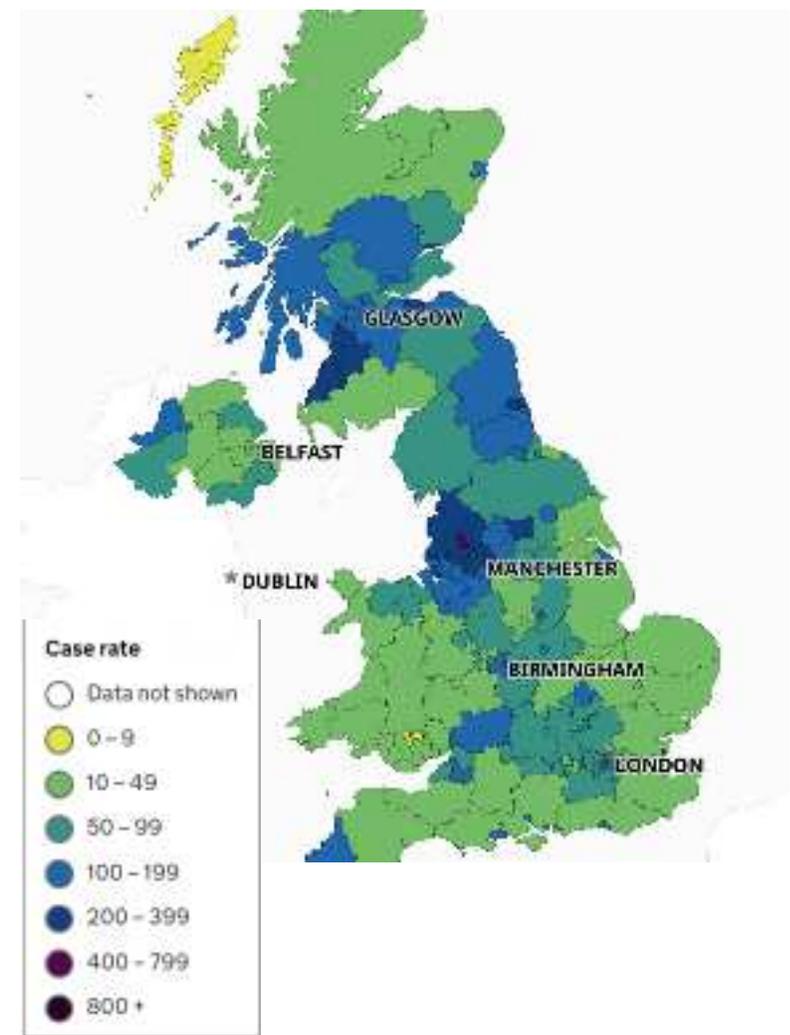
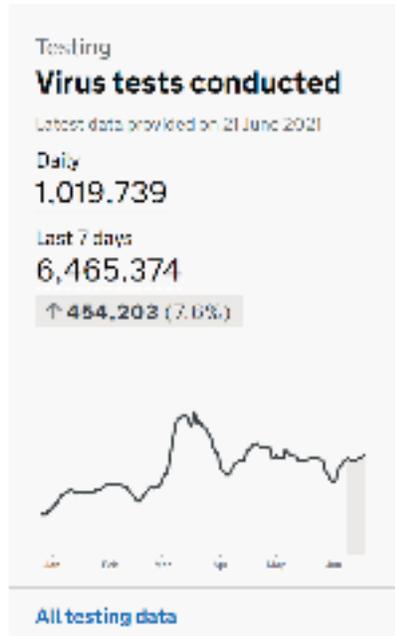
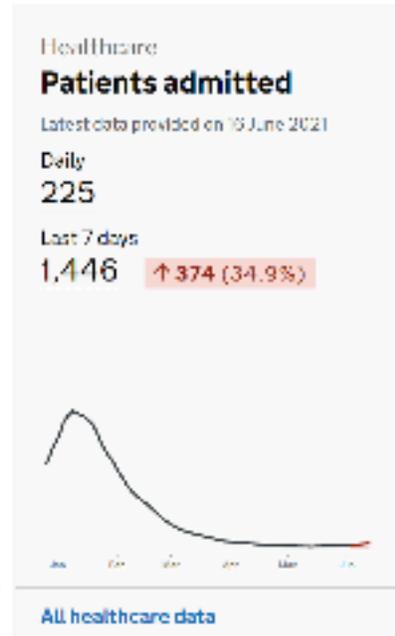
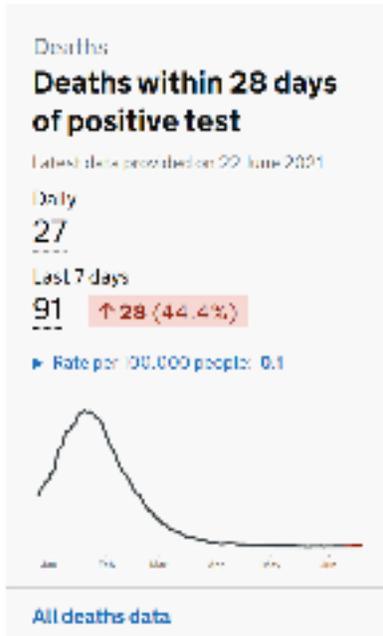
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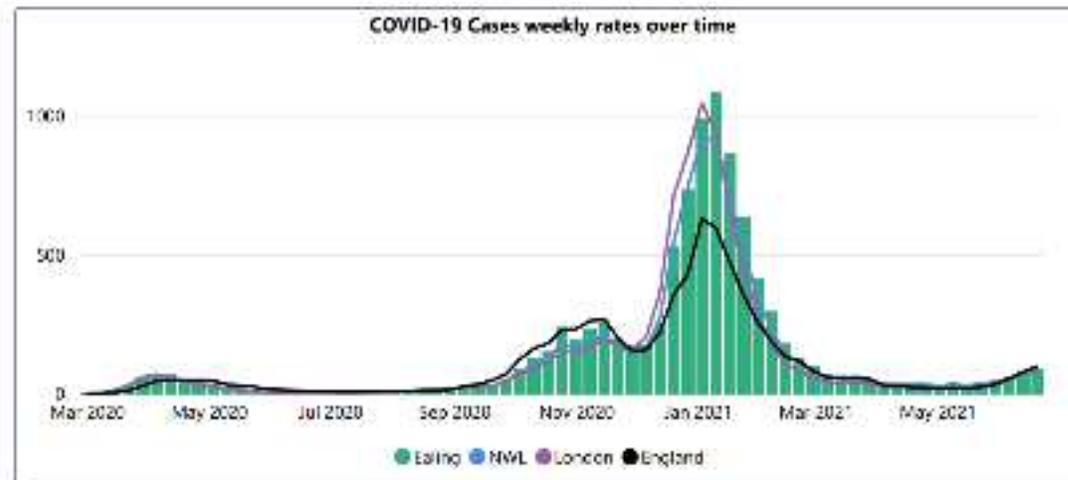
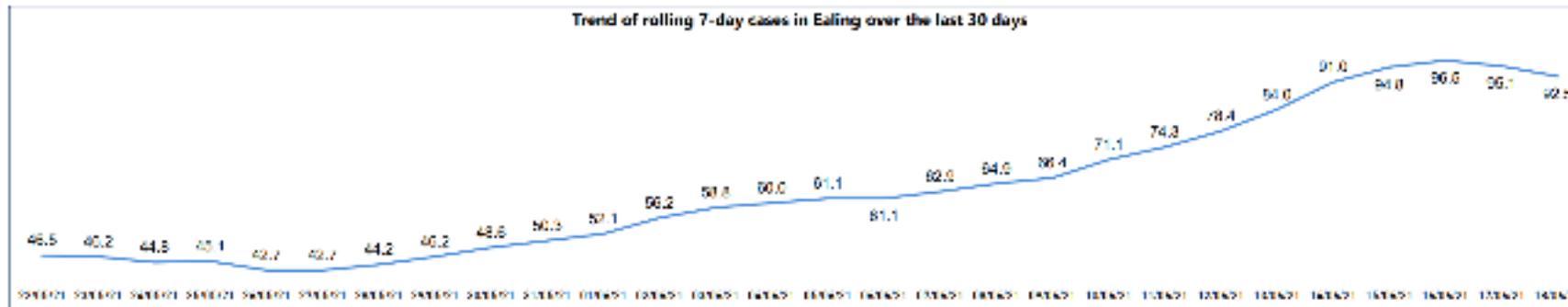


What is the current situation nationally?

- As of 21st June, England remains in Step 3 of the Roadmap out of lockdown. It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19th July.
- The government will continue to monitor the data closely before we move to Step 4
- The rules on [weddings and civil partnership ceremonies](#) changed on 21st June, as well as [commemorative events](#) following a death such as a wake, stone setting or ash scattering.
- The rules on [care home visits](#) and domestic residential visits for [children](#) have also changed
- A limited number of pilot events will take place to produce additional evidence on reopening large events safely. This will include some UEFA EURO 2020 matches at Wembley.
- In areas where the new COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading, additional preventative measures and restrictions are in place. This is primarily in the North West of England.

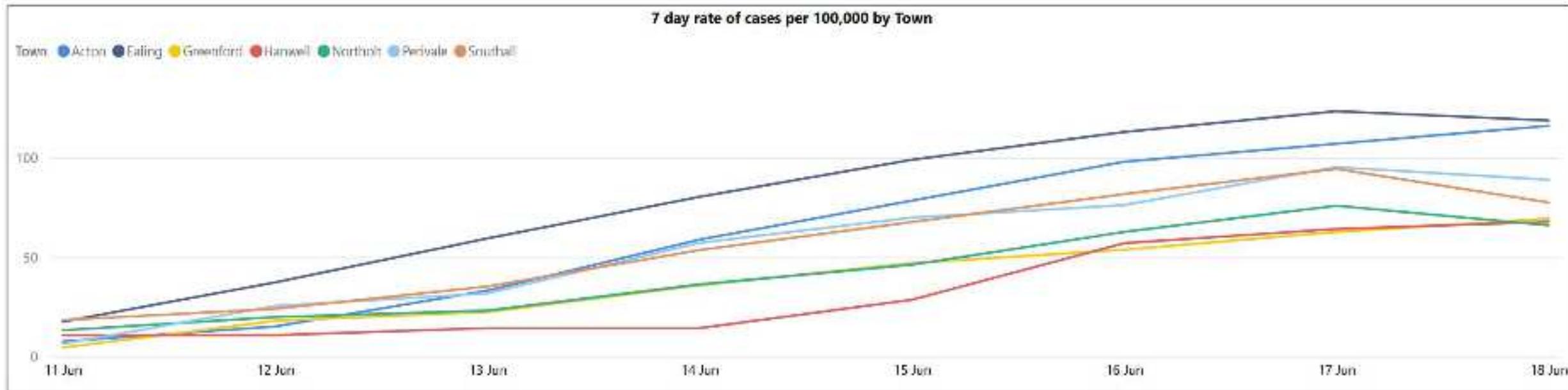
What is the current situation in Ealing?

- 316 residents reported with COVID-19 during the week up to 18/06/2021
- Weekly infection rate is 92.5 per 100,000 people in Ealing - statistically similar to London (81.2) and England (98.2)



What is the current situation for Ealing? – Inequalities

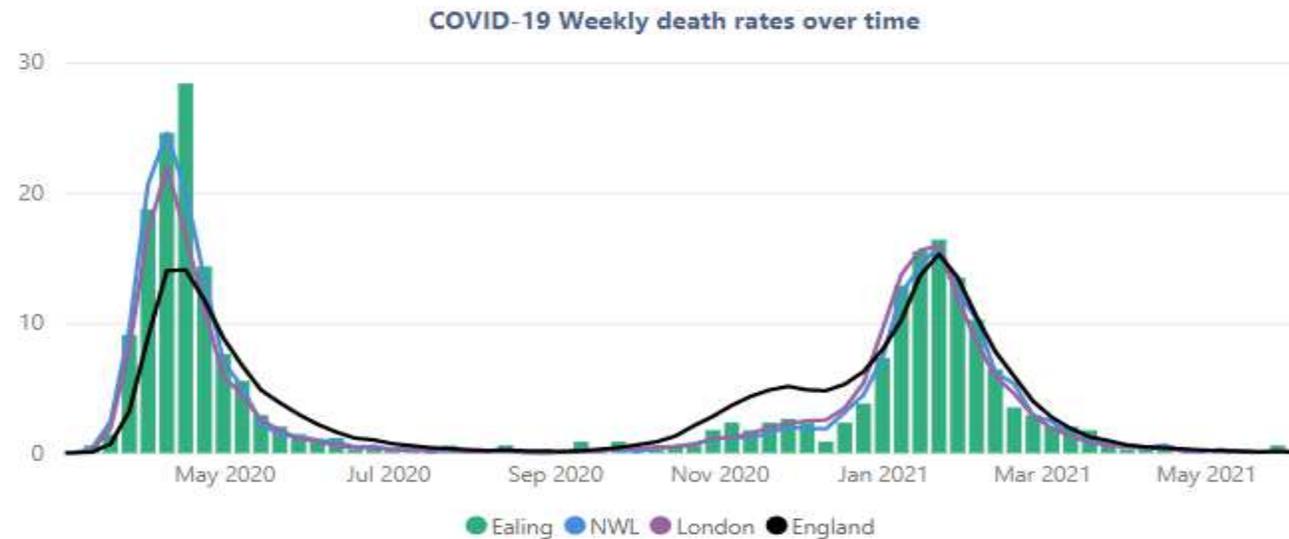
COVID-19 weekly cases by town (up to 18 June 2021)



- Where the lines are broken indicates no data present

What is the current situation for Ealing? – Deaths

- The total number of Covid-19 deaths in the borough registered up to 12/06/2021 is 829.
- During the week 29/05/2021 – 04/06/2021, the weekly Covid-19 death rate was 0.0 per 100,000, which is statistically similar to England (0.1) and London (0.1)
- There were no excess deaths during the week 29/05/2021 – 04/06/2021



What is the current situation for Ealing? – Outbreaks

Date of reporting: 23/06/2021	Number of confirmed outbreaks	Number of these facilities closed (partially or fully) due to COVID outbreaks
Care Homes (* - see NB below)	5	1 (due to reopen 24/06/2021)
Early Years	1	1
Shared Accommodation Settings	0	0
Schools	6	0
Universities	0	0
Workplaces (* - see NB below)	0	0

- *Care Home outbreaks continue to be monitored through the Care Coordination Cell and its sub cell. Care homes are experiencing much smaller and less complex COVID situations now compared to the beginning of the year.*
- *All workplace outbreaks have been of minimal concern, involve small numbers of cases (small proportions of overall workforce) with little workplace transmission detected from intelligence provided.*

Delta variant

Background

- Variant originally identified in India & now the dominant variant in UK
- Now thought to be 60% more transmissible
- Early data indicates a higher risk of being admitted to hospital
- Vaccines are effective, but receiving both doses is particularly important
- Widespread community transmission across London
- Not currently seeing a significant impact on local hospital admissions, and very low cases and deaths in local care homes

Surge testing & vaccinations

- Additional testing opportunities were introduced recently for a 4-week period
- A borough wide approach, with additional resources into Southall and Northolt as priority areas
- In parallel with surge vaccination activities (1st doses & earlier 2nd doses)

Vaccinations

- Approximately 212,500 first doses and 133,500 second doses have been delivered
- Vaccination rates are lower in Acton, Northolt and parts of Southall
- Uptake lowest in more deprived communities, among men (especially at younger ages) and among those from White & Black Caribbean, Caribbean and Other Black ethnic groups
- Main sites are CP House and 9 pharmacies around the borough. 2 additional pharmacies starting soon in Acton (Wellcare Pharmacy, High Street and Marcus Jones Pharmacy, Common Lane)
- Both Ealing Town Hall and Dominion Centre have now stopped delivering vaccines routinely
- Anyone age **18+** can now book at www.nhs.uk or walk-in to a local centre for a first dose
- 2nd doses being brought forward to 8 weeks (rather than 12 weeks)
- Surge vaccinations targeting areas of low uptake of vaccination and high incidence of the Delta variant
 - CP House working with extended hours, and additional vaccine supply at pharmacies when possible
 - Ongoing 'pop-ups', e.g. at Dominion Centre on the 18th and 19th of June (1,800 vaccinations in total)
 - Further events planned for Acton, Northolt and Southall in July
 - Additional targeted outreach to vaccinate homeless and unregistered people

Testing

For people with symptoms

- 3 local testing sites (walk-through or drive-through) and opportunity in other boroughs
- Home testing kits

For people without symptoms

- Opportunities to get tested twice a week
- Aim to find people with covid infection and interrupt the spread through self-isolation
- On-site: 6 testing sites & 12 pharmacies
- Home testing kits: pick up from one of the testing sites, most pharmacies or order online
- www.nhs.uk/get-tested
- Repeat testing available at workplaces, health and social care settings and schools
- Change of national strategic direction towards a more targeted provision of testing
- Proposal is to maintain on-site testing at local pharmacies, ensure communities are aware of availability of home test kits and to explore testing opportunities with community and faith settings
- Importance of communicating the need for ongoing covid-safe behaviour, testing and isolation with symptoms, and vaccination in addition to testing without symptoms

Contact Tracing - LECT

- Request to self-isolate, asked about contacts and signposted to local support available
- A local Ealing team now carries out all Contact Tracing for anyone testing positive (since April).
- The team has met all targets for inclusion in this programme, reduced the average contact time for over 1,200 cases and is returning success rates of 90% and over.
- Door knocking – added mid-May to the contact tracing service as a last attempt to reach people (will have received 6 calls over 2 days, a text, an email and a letter) - 14 visits so far
- Unvaccinated calls – During May, LECT made several thousand calls to residents to ask about reasons for not vaccinating and to offer help to book a jab if wanted.
- Vaccine data - From end of May, cases are asked vaccine questions to ascertain how many positive Covid cases have already received a vaccine, which type, and if it is the 1st or 2nd jab.
- Integrated Tracing System (ITS) - The NHS contact tracing portal will be replaced by a new system with greater functionality. Ealing has volunteered to be a super user to ensure local expert knowledge and to help other boroughs.

Care Homes in Ealing

- Ealing has the 5th highest number of CQC registered care home beds in London and the highest number in North West London with 1,596 registered beds.
- The Council and its partners have met throughout the pandemic via a Care Home Tactical Cell to provide oversight of Ealing's care homes and monitor infection rates. The function of the group is to provide advice to care homes, and recommend if a home should close or partially close due to an outbreak; along with having oversight of wider system issues. It should be noted that the group holds no powers to direct a care home to close.
- The Council continues to hold formal monthly meetings with care home managers to support promulgation of key information and guidance; and cover off day to day 'business as usual' issues.
- It should be noted that the sector continues to have significant voids (circa 20%+). London DASS (with the LSE) has set up a Market Insight Working Group to provide a view of market viability and mitigate any risks, where possible, of home closures.
- As of Monday 14th June, there was ONE care home closed to new admissions following an outbreak of the Delta variant. Sadly, the outbreak has led to a further two reported resident deaths at the home.
- 93% of residents have had their first dose of the vaccine and 88% their second dose. Whereas, 79% of care home staff have had their first dose and 60% their second dose. It is widely indicated (following consultation with the sector) that the Government will make it mandatory for all older adults frontline care home staff to have the vaccine

Key messages

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM COVID-19

As restrictions ease, keep safe by

1

Remembering

- Hands
- Face
- Space
- Ventilate



2

Taking a free
rapid test
twice a week

For people
without
symptoms



3

Getting the
vaccine when
it's your turn



Scan here to book your rapid test.
Or pick up free tests from a local
pharmacy or order a home kit, here:

nhs.uk/get-tested

Key messages

- **Follow national restrictions** – ([COVID-19 Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do](#)) You can currently meet indoors in groups of up to 6 and outside gatherings must not exceed 30 people unless covered by legal exception. Step 3 restrictions remain in place and it is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19 July.
- If you or someone in your household has **Covid symptoms** (high temp, new cough or loss of taste/smell) you all need to **isolate at home** ([Test and Trace | Test and Trace | Ealing Council](#)) and the person with symptoms should **get a PCR test at a testing site for people with symptoms soon as possible** ([Test and Trace | Test and Trace | Ealing Council](#))
- We are encouraging all residents to **get tested** at the local testing sites ([Test and Trace | Test and Trace | Ealing Council](#)) (full list of sites available on council website)
- **Support is available**, financial and health/wellbeing – there are a number of options for financial support, check your eligibility before applying to speed up the process ([Help for residents | Ealing Council](#))
- **Vaccination** – Those aged 18 and over, clinically extremely vulnerable and other health conditions, front line health and care workers, and carers are all **eligible** to have a vaccine
- The council is working with the NHS to organise pop-up walk-in vaccinations sites, keep up to date on the council's website.
- **Don't have to wait** to be contacted – just go online to the national booking system and book your first vaccine and confirm a date for your second www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination
- There's a chance you still may get or spread the virus, **even if you've had your vaccine**, so important to continue to follow the covid safety guidelines of **hands, face, space and fresh air** – and to **get tested twice a week**, even if you don't have symptoms.

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