

We are now at a critical time in respect of the Covid-19 virus with a rapid rise in infections, hospital admissions and case rates across the country and more locally here in Bradford. This significant increase in cases has been attributed to the **new variant of COVID-19**, which scientists have now confirmed is between **50 and 70 per cent more transmissible**. This is a real cause for concern for our care services

We ask that you continue to remind staff to work safely and adhere to all the IPC guidance and control measures to help stop the virus spreading.

Sarah Muckle (Director for Public Health in Bradford) has recorded an important message which has now gone live on our YouTube channel. Please find it via the following link: <https://youtu.be/cLnj1mKExyU>

We will continue to support you and your service to keep as safe as possible given we are at such a critical time in terms of the vaccine roll out and in a matter of weeks both residents and staff will have received their first vaccine, helping to halt the spread of the virus.

SUPPORTING STAFF USING LATERAL FLOW DEVICES

The Covid-19 Support Team has produced a local Lateral Flow Test Protocol for Care Home Staff to self-test as well as a a template for you to use to record those staff who have undertaken the training and short test. These documents have been sent out by flash email and are also available on the Provider Zone along with a Staff Competency Checklist

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR SOCIAL CARE – PROVIDER ZONE

Please click on the below link and save as bookmark for future reference. All updates regarding vaccinations will be added here.

<https://bradford.connecttosupport.org/provider-zone/covid-19-vaccinations-for-social-care/>

URGENT: BRI VACCINATIONS CLOSED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

The vaccine centre was closed at 16:00 today and will reopen at 12:00 tomorrow. Everyone affected should have been contacted. **There is still lots of availability on Saturday and next week to book a vaccine!!**

FLU VACCINE OPPORTUNITY FOR CARE HOME STAFF

For any care home staff that still require the Flu vaccine please see the details below about an opportunity to be vaccinated by a pharmacist.

When?

11:30am – 12:00 on Saturday, 16th January 2021.

Where?

St Wilfrid's, St Wilfrid's Road, Lidget Green, Bradford, BD7 2LU.

Adult Social Infection Control Fund – Round 2 – Please complete the survey return

In order to continue to receive the fund you must continue to complete and return the survey in line with the reporting requirements. A number of providers have not completed the return for November. In order to receive the full funding you are entitled to you must continue to complete the return.

If your organisation has received a grant payment from the Adult Social Care Infection Control fund, the Deadline to complete your returns for reporting period 3 is 22 January 2021.

If you have not received a link to the survey please email mary.surr@bradford.gov.uk with the name of your Care Home or Care Provider and the email address you wish the link to be sent to.

PPE REMINDER

Eligible health and social care providers can order PPE through the portal to meet the increased need that has arisen as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The distribution of free PPE from the portal has been extended until the end of June 2021

Use this [LINK](#) for more information from the government website

HELPFUL LINKS FOR SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES

Below are two links to the government website that will be helpful for Supported Living services.

This first [LINK](#) refers to testing services

And this second [LINK](#) refers to more general Covid-19 guidance



Hands



Face



Space

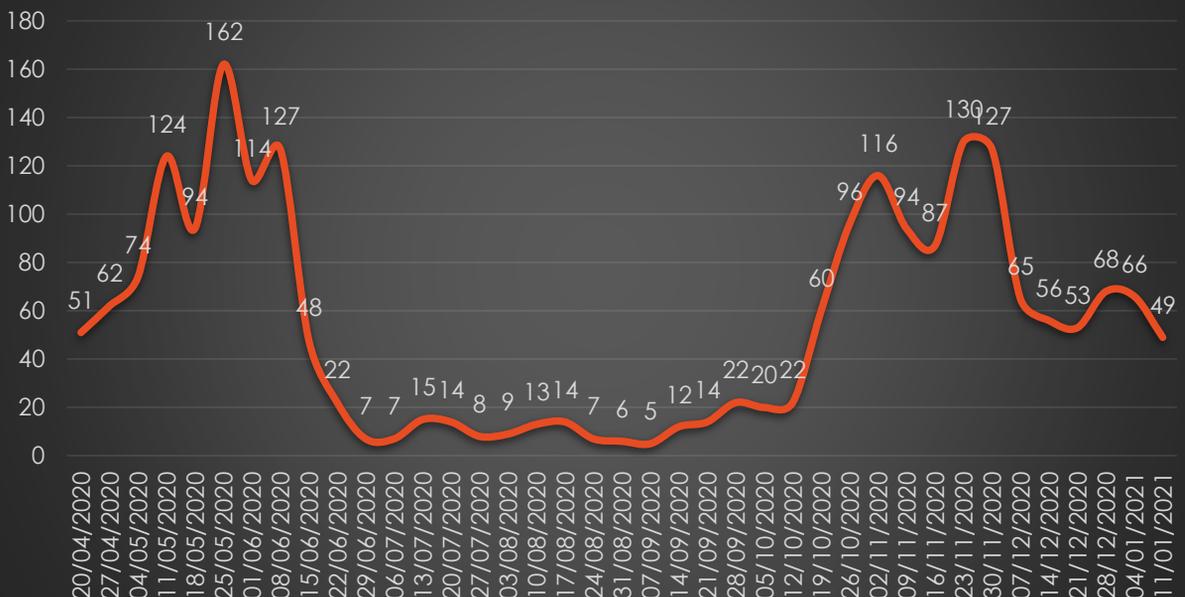
BRADFORD CARE HOMES COVID-19 TRACKER

These and other graphs are available in the Provider Zone. The Covid-19 Support Team are currently working with our intelligence data colleagues to develop a clear, concise, yet informative weekly presentation of the current situation in respect of several areas relating to the current pandemic. We will be liaising with BCA colleagues to ensure this data is useful and accurately reflects the situation here in Bradford. We are aware that some of this data is extremely sensitive and we are working to develop a more secure route for provider access only. More information to follow next week.

Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Number of Covid-19 Infections



BCA JANUARY MEETINGS

The next BCA Provider Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 January at 10:30-11:30am and the first Registered Manager's Reference Meeting of the new year is taking place on Wednesday 20th January at 15:30-16:30.

Zoom Information:
Meeting ID: 993 772 1608
Passcode: Bradford20

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ON CALL COVER FOR THIS WEEKEND (10AM-1PM)

**Saturday: Jacqui Elliott –
07813 394841**

**Sunday: Darren Fletcher -
07582 102163**

USEFUL TIPS ON THE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

The COVID-19 vaccination is being offered as a priority to individuals who are at highest risk of catching the infection and of suffering serious complications. This includes people living with dementia and those who have certain conditions that increase their risk of becoming seriously ill.

The vaccine is not compulsory but is highly recommended. If someone you care for has been offered the vaccine and they or their family are unsure about having it, recommend they seek advice from their GP or nearest health care professional and look at trusted sources as found [HERE](#).

Dementia UK has also compiled some useful information and guidance for family and friends including frequently asked questions which can be found [HERE](#)

In addition to this there is also another document on the Provider Zone

SUPER ROTA

The Super Rota ensures additional virtual GP support is available to residential homes when a resident is unwell. It allows Care Staff to report observations and seek support, This must be completed before 10:30 to access same day assessment and support. This was added to the Telemeds service at the start of Covid 19 Outbreaks.

This support is accessed using an iPad device and accessing the Telemeds team or by emailing the Digital Hub team. The email address is digital.carehub@nhs.net

THIS WEEK'S POSTER

Please see this week's poster below. If you would like to print off a copy you can find it on the Provider Zone

REMEMBER...

YOU ARE TAKING A BREAK BUT COVID **ISN'T!**

Please
maintain a
distance of

2 Metres

