

Public Health COVID-19 update

Children's Scrutiny: 1st February 2021

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Key messages for today

Where we are now?

1. Rates continue to be very fragile; high in working age group
2. The new variant spreads more easily, and is now the dominant strain in PCR positive cases
3. Ability to stay at home varies & is more difficult for those in more deprived areas, low wage or insecure jobs
4. Non-compliance with measures is a risk to control of spread. Particular concerns about failure to isolate if test positive
5. Vaccination programme initially focuses on preventing deaths and, protecting the health & social care system
6. Treatments for seriously ill people have improved but COVID is still much more deadly than flu

What we need to do?

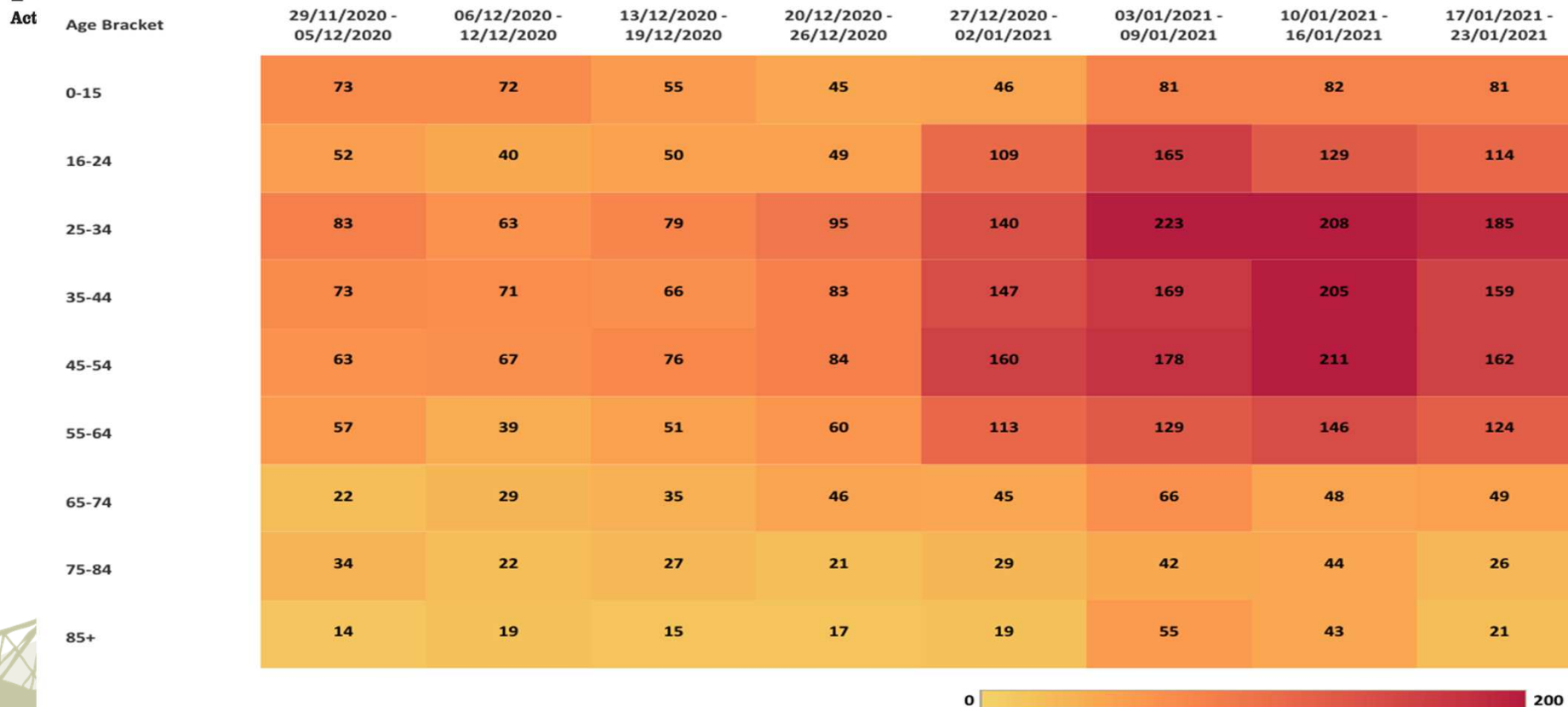
1. Reduce the number of contacts between people
2. 'Act like you have it' even after vaccination
3. Achieving high uptake of vaccination is crucial
4. Hands - Face - Space - Ventilate



Bolton cases by age - heatmap



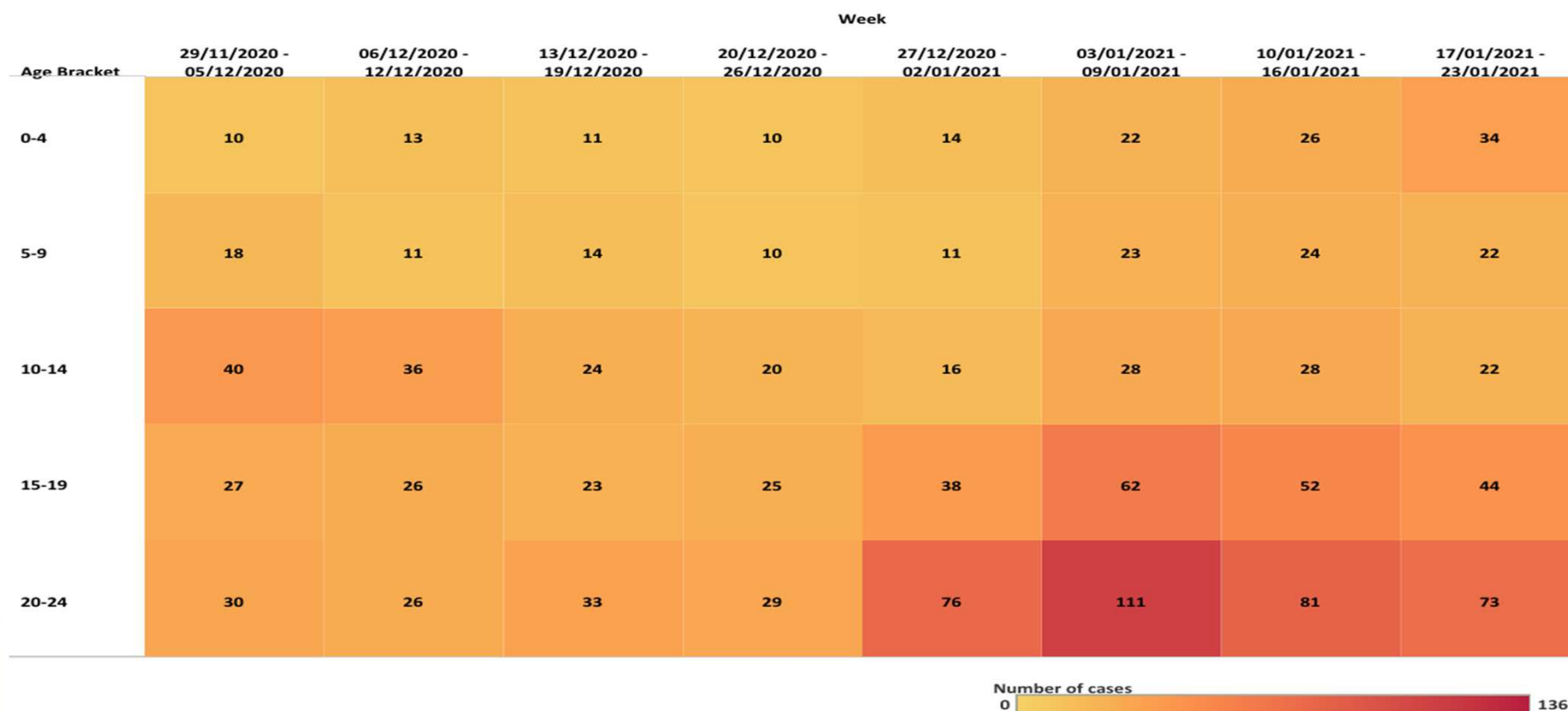
Number of new weekly COVID-19 cases by age for Bolton





New cases among Children & Young people

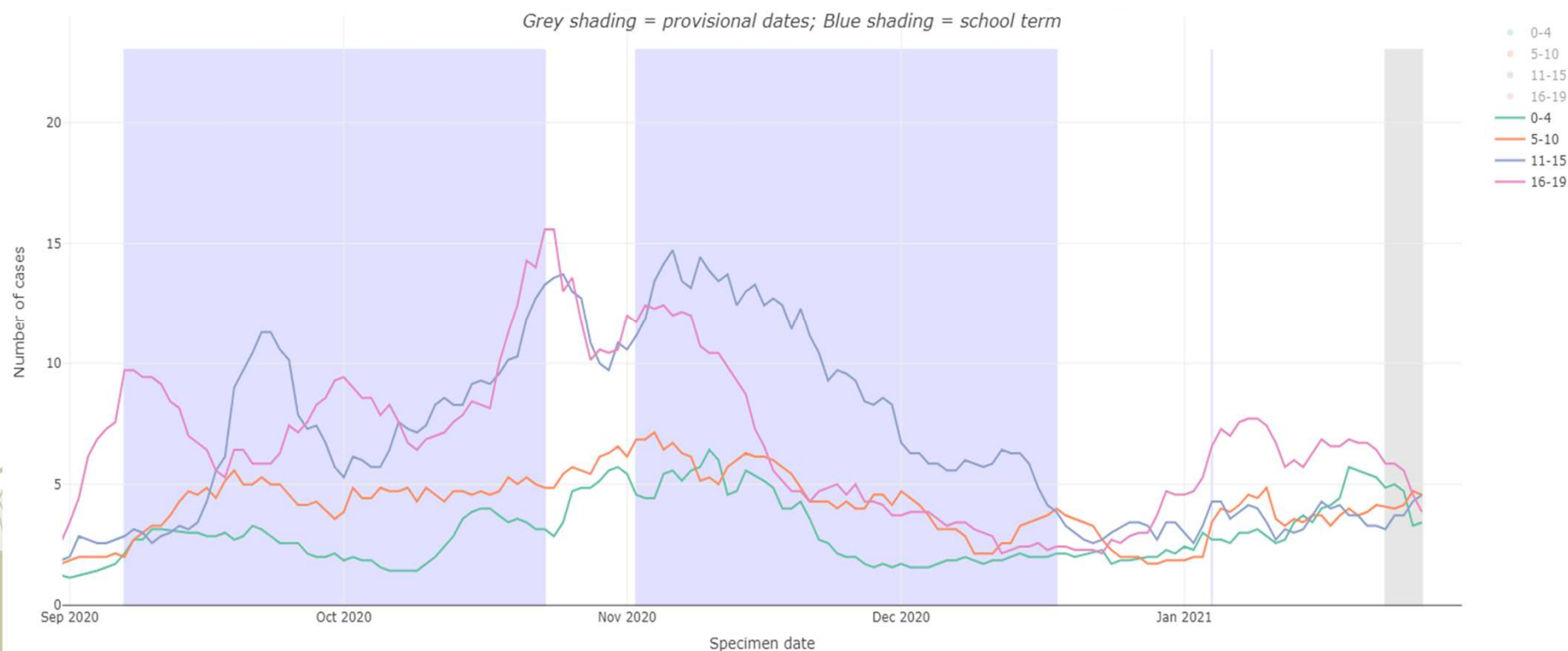
Bolton CYP Heatmap





New cases among Children & Young People

- Case numbers began to rise for all younger age brackets, at the beginning of each term
- In the most recent term (Nov-Dec) children aged 11-15 saw the largest number of cases, this gradually reduced over the 2 months
- In the most recent weeks, there has been a rise in cases in children aged 0-4, with the majority of recent cases being found in young people aged 16-19



Targeted Testing at Scale (TTaS) - Community Testing – our locations

Site	Testing Slots Available TIMES ARE LIKELY TO CHANGE	Testing Groups	Resources
Castle Hill	Mon – Fri: 9am – 3:30pm Sat: 9am – 12:30pm	Social care staff (priority) Other Council staff	12 Council staff (total pool) 5 Military (from 30 Jan)
Bolton Arena	Mon, Wed & Thurs: 9am – 3:30pm Tues & Fri (from 8 Feb): 8:10am – 2:40pm (until 5 Feb): 9am – 3:30pm Sat: 9am – 12:30pm	All critical workers, i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Bolton at Home • Early Years workers • VCS • Businesses 	9 Council staff 6 Military (from 30 Jan)
Deane Road Hindu Temple	Mon – Tues: 9am – 3:30pm Wed – Fri: 12pm – 6:30pm Sat: 9am – 12:30pm	All critical workers, i.e. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Bolton at Home • Early Years workers • VCS • Businesses 	7 Council staff 6 Military (from 30 Jan)

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: Phase 1 – direct prevention of mortality and supporting the NHS and social care system, 30th Dec 2020

- Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises that the first priorities should be:
 1. the **prevention of COVID-19 mortality**, and
 2. the **protection of health and social care staff and systems**
- **Population level protection will not be achievable immediately**
- **Government advice on non-pharmaceutical interventions should continue to be followed**
- In the context of the epidemiology of COVID-19 in the UK in late 2020, the JCVI places a high priority on promoting rapid, high levels of vaccine uptake among vulnerable persons.
- advises that delivery of the first dose to as many eligible individuals as possible should be initially prioritised over delivery of a second vaccine dose. This should maximise the short-term impact of the programme.
- The next phase will be determined as data on the roll out of Phase 1 becomes available. JCVI indicate the current view that next phase likely focus on further reduction in hospitalisation and targeted vaccination of those at high risk of exposure and/or those delivering key public services

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme: Vaccine Priority Groups

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

It is estimated that taken together, these groups represent around 99% of preventable mortality from COVID-19.

The order of priority for each group in the population corresponds with data on the number of individuals who would need to be vaccinated to prevent one death, estimated from UK data obtained from March to June 2020

Covid-19 Education Settings

- Approximately 15% Children attending schools on site
 - Other children receiving online learning
 - 3,500 devices provided by the DfE via maintained schools
- Assessments 2021
 - Consultation completed on GCSE, AS and A Level Grades should be awarded
 - Primary Schools will have Teacher Assessments
- Lateral Flow Device Testing now in place for secondary and primary schools
- Impact of funding and demand on Early Years Providers and wrap around care being monitored closely

Covid-19 Children's Services

- Increased demand on children's social care services
 - Child Protection Plans up to 423 – 35% increase since 31/3
- Increased pressure on LAC System
 - 628 Looked After Children (down from 631 @ 31/3)
 - 22 awaiting adoption orders
 - 12 awaiting discharge
- COVID will impact on all children in Bolton for several years



Thank you

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