

Birmingham Weekly COVID-19 Statistics

Weekly report: 20th – 26th February 2021

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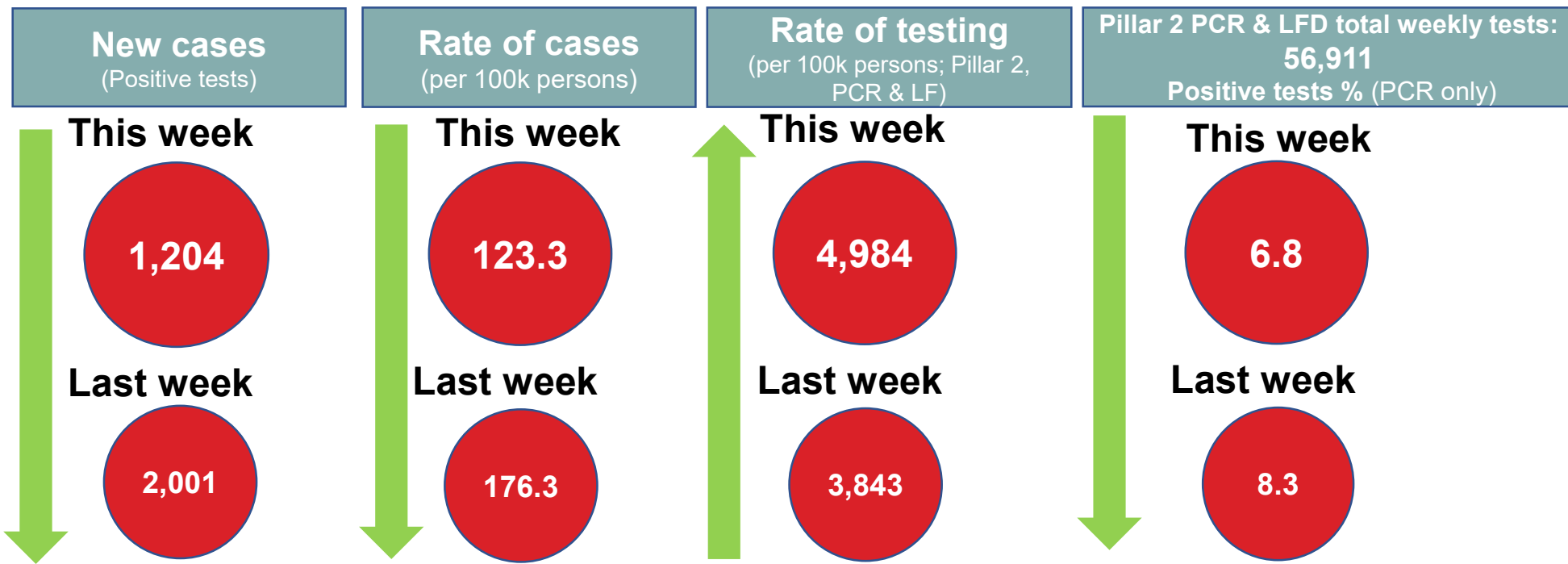
Source: SGSS, NHS Digital

The impact of the national lockdown continues to reduce case numbers. Whilst the number of tests has fallen the % of tests that were positive also fell which is promising.

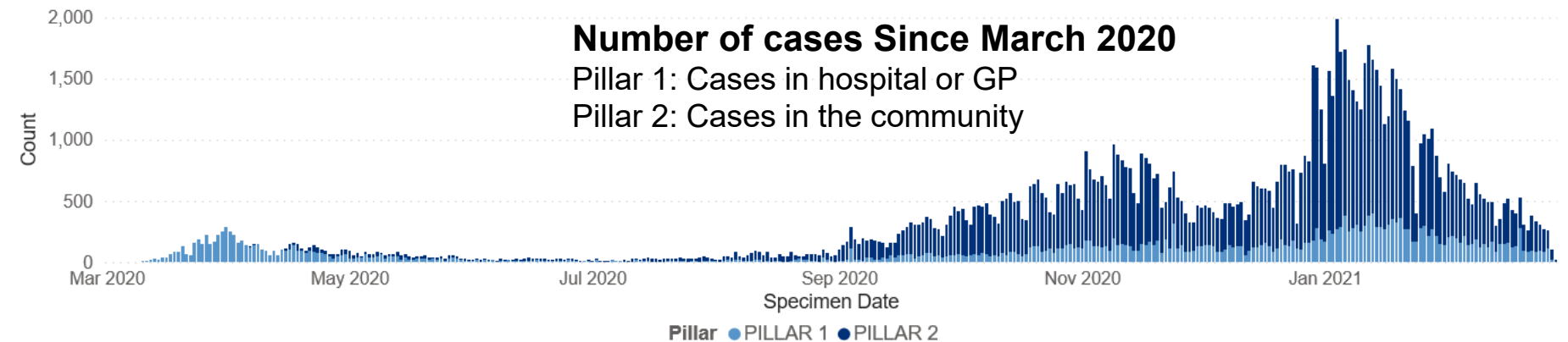
Most of the identified contacts of cases that are in the same household or household visitors. Spread often happens in the household but it isn't inevitable, and www.germdefence.org can help.

We also continue to see clusters in workplaces and it is important that all employers take action to protect staff, including regular testing. **Anyone who is unable to work from home, or in a care or support bubble, should be testing every 3 days with lateral flow test which can help identify people who are infectious but don't have symptoms.** Testing for asymptomatic individuals is now available [across the city](#) including a facility at the Hippodrome along with fixed sites in Shard End, Sheldon, Kingstanding, Handsworth, Kings Norton and Maypole. There are 3 mobile sites as well as over 80 community pharmacies offering testing.

The average daily Covid admissions has fallen to around 61 new cases a day across the hospitals in the city. Pressure on the NHS remains very high, although there are positive signs of case rate improving and this should hopefully fall soon.



Positive Tests by Specimen Date & Pillar



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12 wards showed an increase in case numbers over the last week, however the actual number of cases these wards increased by is fairly small (Between 1 and 13 cases, 13 being Hall Green North)

Case rates take account of the different population sizes across wards so is a more useful way of looking at differences between areas than just looking at case numbers.

The wards with the highest case rates (cases per 100,000 residents) in the last week are:

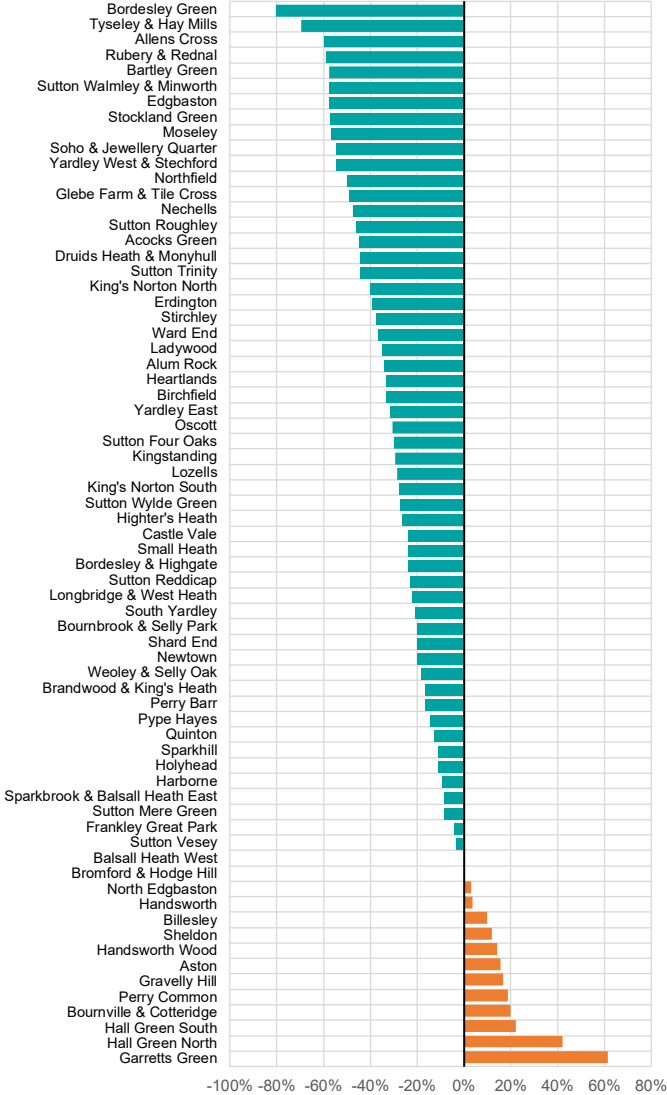
- Soho & Jewellery Quarter (236)
- Handsworth (228)
- Bromford & Hodge Hill (203)
- Garretts Green (196)
- Handsworth Wood (194)
- Gravelly Hill (194)
- Castle Vale (194)
- Hall Green North (193)
- Holyhead (193)
- Sheldon (191)

The increased case rate in Soho & Jewellery Quarter is linked to two specific outbreaks in specific settings which are being managed in partnership with Public Health England.

Case rates are highest in the 30 to 49 age group and are highest in our Asian communities, although positive test rates have fallen in many of our Asian communities.

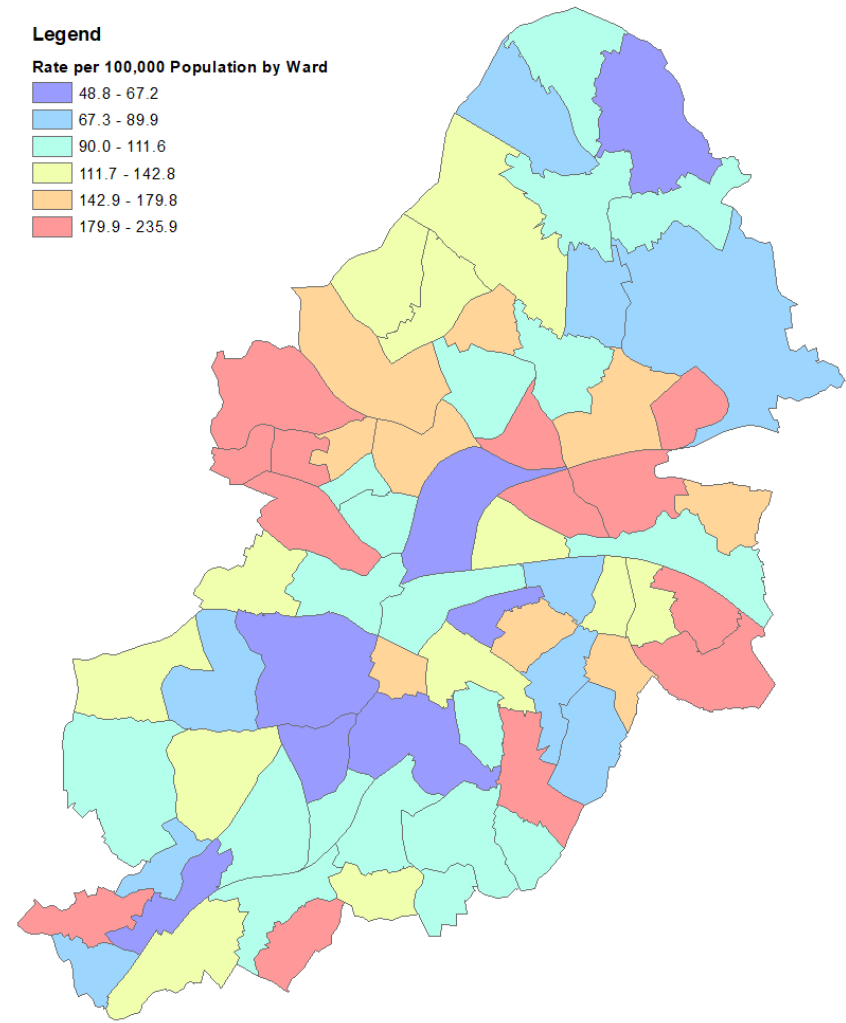
Case number change in Birmingham (ward level)

Change in weekly cases compared to the previous week



Comparison of seven-day total cases from 19 Feb to 26 Feb by wards level covering Birmingham.

Confirmed Cases by Ward 20th to 26th February 2021 (Pillar 1 & Pillar 2 Tests)



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer (weekly line listing) produced 1st March 2021. Produced by Birmingham Public Health Division (2021). © Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100021326.

Cases by Ward 20th February to 26th February 2021

Electoral Ward Name	No. Positive cases per 100,000	Difference from previous fortnight	Electoral Ward Name	No. Positive cases per 100,000	Difference from previous fortnight	Electoral Ward Name	No. Positive cases per 100,000	Difference from previous fortnight
Garretts Green	196	62%	Perry Barr	170	-17%	Ladywood	99	-34%
Hall Green North	193	42%	Brandwood & King's Heath	105	-17%	Ward End	191	-37%
Hall Green South	105	22%	Weoley & Selly Oak	129	-18%	Stirchley	99	-37%
Bournville & Cotteridge	101	20%	Bournbrook & Selly Park	49	-20%	Erdington	97	-39%
Perry Common	163	19%	Shard End	162	-20%	King's Norton North	102	-40%
Gravelly Hill	194	17%	Newtown	109	-20%	Sutton Trinity	108	-44%
Aston	153	15%	South Yardley	177	-21%	Druids Heath & Monyhull	128	-44%
Handsworth Wood	194	14%	Longbridge & West Heath	123	-22%	Acocks Green	86	-45%
Sheldon	191	12%	Sutton Reddicap	100	-23%	Sutton Roughley	60	-46%
Billesley	111	10%	Bordesley & Highgate	102	-23%	Nechells	59	-48%
Handsworth	228	4%	Small Heath	152	-24%	Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	104	-49%
North Edgbaston	142	3%	Castle Vale	194	-24%	Northfield	67	-50%
Bromford & Hodge Hill	203	0%	Highter's Heath	98	-26%	Soho & Jewellery Quarter	236	-55%
Balsall Heath West	180	0%	King's Norton South	186	-27%	Yardley West & Stechford	118	-55%
Sutton Vesey	142	-4%	Sutton Wylde Green	90	-27%	Moseley	60	-57%
Frankley Great Park	186	-4%	Lozells	102	-29%	Stockland Green	108	-57%
Sutton Mere Green	112	-8%	Kingstanding	138	-29%	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	88	-57%
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	126	-9%	Sutton Four Oaks	76	-30%	Edgbaston	63	-58%
Harborne	79	-9%	Oscott	124	-31%	Bartley Green	109	-58%
Holyhead	193	-11%	Yardley East	125	-32%	Rubery & Rednal	83	-59%
Sparkhill	110	-11%	Heartlands	90	-33%	Allens Cross	74	-60%
Quinton	132	-13%	Birchfield	159	-33%	Tyseley & Hay Mills	81	-70%
Pype Hayes	166	-14%	Alum Rock	143	-34%	Bordesley Green	63	-80%