



ISLINGTON

# COVID-19 update

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# Key messages

## Cases

- The reduction in case rates in Islington has been steady over the last fortnight, with around 40 confirmed cases per week. This follows three months of declines. Rates are similar to September 2020 levels.
- For the latest week, the rates are slightly lower than London (18.6 per 100, 000 In Islington compared to 23.3 per 100,000 in London). The number of infections have decreased or remained stable apart from those aged 19-29 where there has been a slight increase. Number of cases by ethnic groups are now small so rates are subject to fluctuations.
- There are no local signs that the first stage of the roadmap's easing of lockdown restrictions has resulted in increased cases. This data is too early to pick up any trends following the second stage of easing, beginning 12 April.
- London level estimates indicate an R value of 0.8-1.1, which indicates a steady or possibly slightly increasing trend in new infections in the capital, but infection rates remain low.

## Testing

- Rates of symptomatic (PCR) testing decreased slightly this week compared to the previous week, and the positivity rate has slightly decreased between the latest week and the previous week. Islington's most recent positivity rate from PCR testing is 0.9%, slightly lower than the London rate of 1.1%. PCR testing rates are highest amongst the most deprived areas of Islington and in the 11-18 year old population.
- Non-symptomatic LFD tests in community settings have rose significantly during March, due to LFD testing in schools. Positivity rates remain low, at 0.1% in the most recent week. Overall, community testing rates have reduced over the last 2-3 weeks, and were just under 7,400 in the most recent week compared to a peak of 19,000 in mid-March. The difference is that more tests are now available to be done at home, which are not recorded in these figures. Community LFD testing remains higher in people from Black communities than other ethnic groups.

## Key messages cont..

### **Covid-19 deaths**

The second wave of mortality due to COVID19, hopefully, appears now to have largely concluded, and there have been no new deaths reported in the last three weeks.

Islington's cumulative mortality rate due to COVID19 remains at 148.1 deaths per 100,000 which is lower than the averages for England (231.2 per 100,000) and London (212.1 deaths per 100,000)

### **Covid Vaccinations**

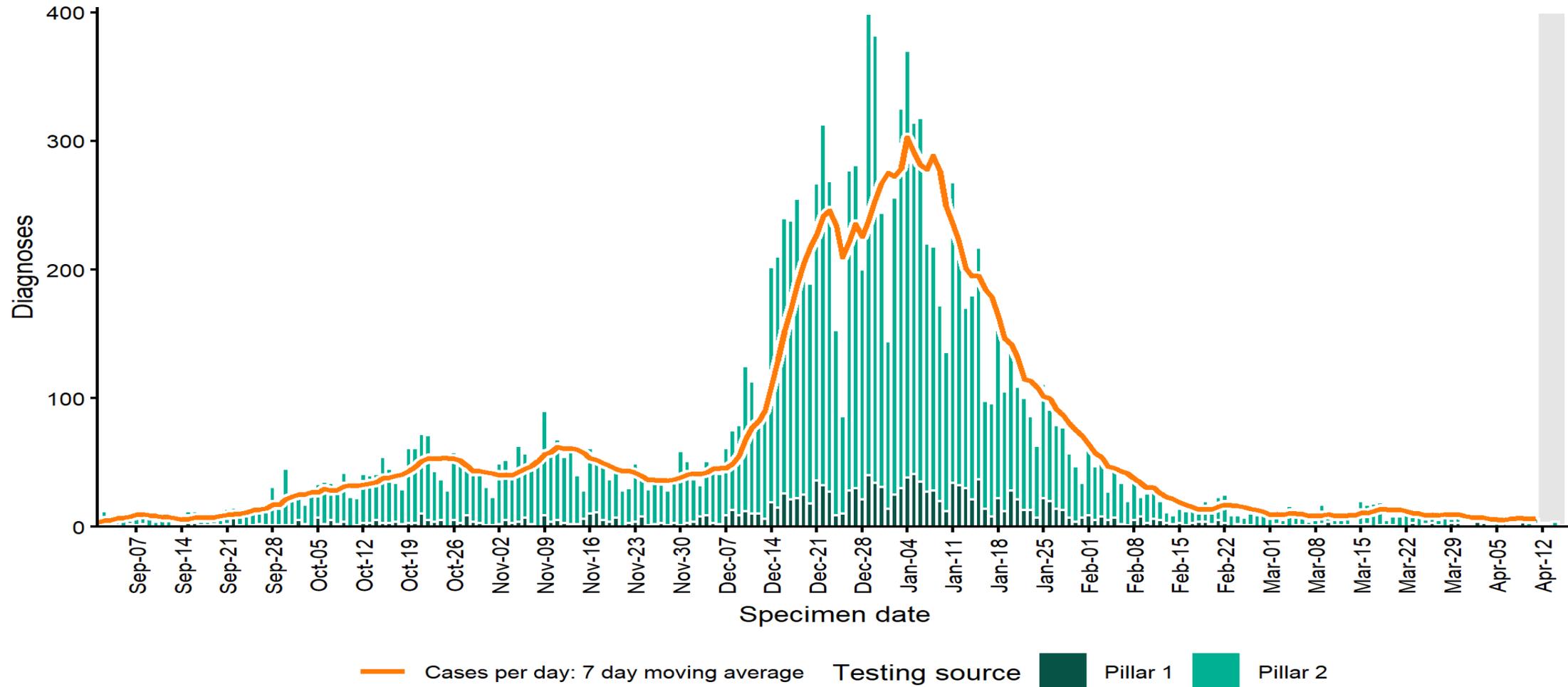
The pace of first vaccinations has slowed in the last two weeks in existing cohorts compared with previous weeks, reflecting the London and national picture also. It remains the case, as in previous reports, that those groups and cohorts with lower current vaccination uptake continue to narrow the gap with those with higher, albeit also at a slower pace.

Eligibility for vaccination has now extended to the cohort of people aged 45 and over.

Second vaccinations are rolling out to people in the first priority vaccination groups.

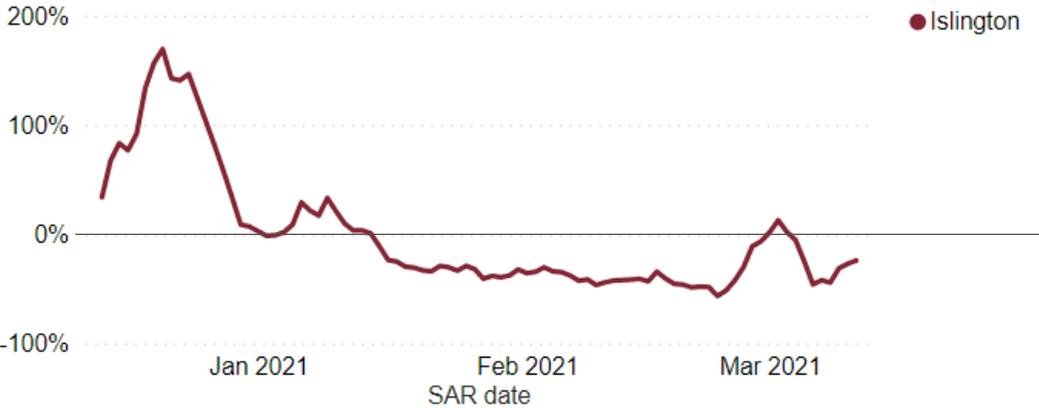
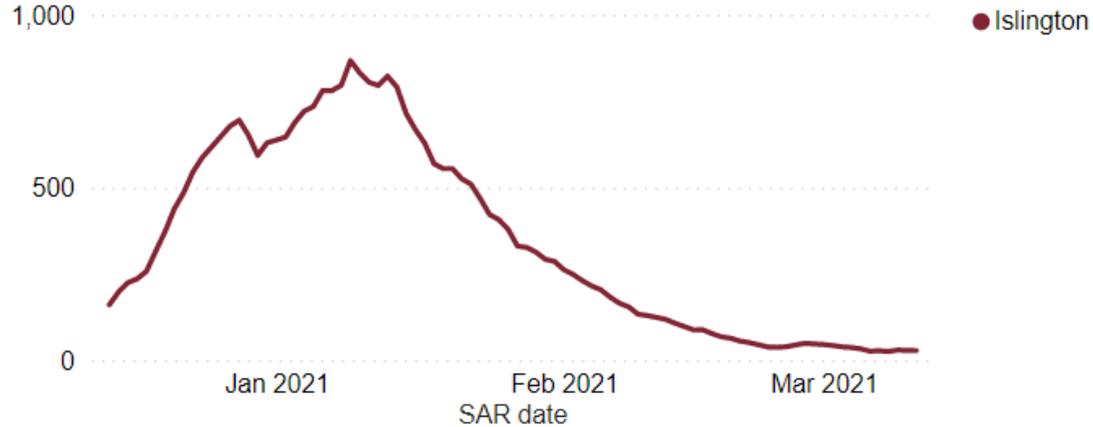
As of 14 April, at least 57,000 local people had had their first vaccination, and almost 3,000 their second.

# Islington epidemic curve: September to March



# COVID19 in Islington – New cases

Case rate: weekly case rate per 100,000 (all ages)



This week 5th April to 11<sup>th</sup> of April

Last week 29th of March to 4th of April



New cases in the latest week

45 ▲

Last week 40

Rate of weekly cases (per 100,000)

18.6 ▲

All ages

Last week 16.5

6.7 ▼

60+

Last week 16.7

Wards with highest infection rates this week **Top 3:**

St Peters (42 per 100,000)

Mildmay (34.5)

Hillrise (31.8)

**Rising:** 0/16 wards significantly increased compared to last week

Rate of cases by age (7 day rolling average per 100,000) 4<sup>th</sup> of April

0-4

8 ↔

5-10

7 ↔

11-16

16 ↓

17-18

0 ↓

19-24

30 ↑

25-29

22 ↑

60-79

8 ↓

80+

0 ↔

Direction of travel compared to 29th of March

**Case rate ethnicity** (slide 5):

- As the number of cases are now small COVID rates by most ethnic groups are now less than 5 so rates will fluctuate widely

**Positive tests (%)**

Positive tests in the latest week

0.9% ▼

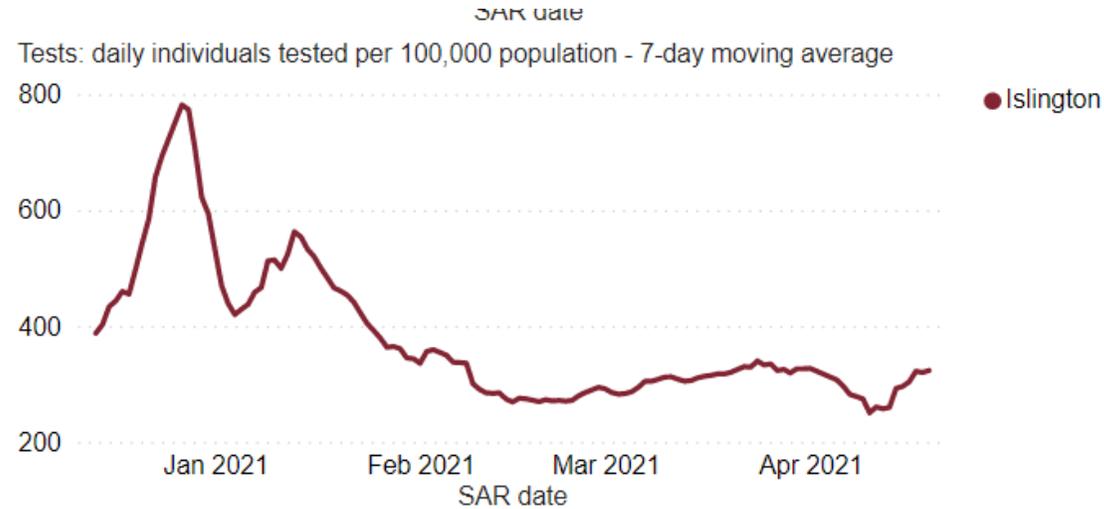
Last week 1.0%

1.1 %

London

# COVID19 testing - residents

This week 5th April to 11<sup>th</sup> of April  
Last week 29th of March to 4th of April



## PCR Tests

Tests this week

**5,570**

Last week 5,992

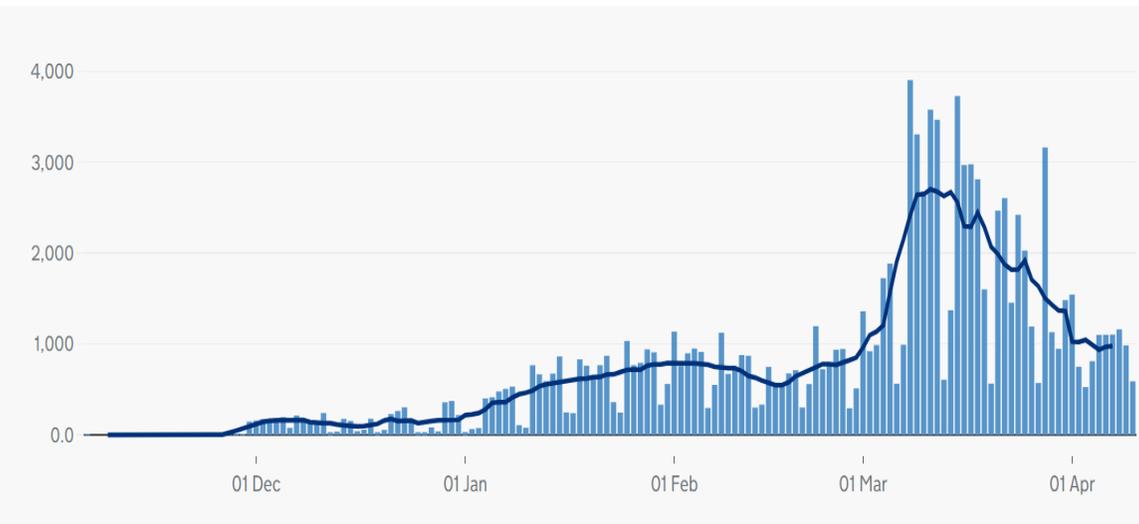
Rate of tests per day (per 100,000),  
7 day rolling average

**304.1**

Last week 274.5

Testing rate by age this week  
Highest among 11-18 year olds

Deprivation and Ethnicity  
Highest rates of testing in the most deprived decile. Rates similar across all ethnicities.



## Lateral Flow Device Tests

Tests this week

**7,399**

Last week 7,227

Rate of tests per day (per 100,000)

**426**

Last week 416

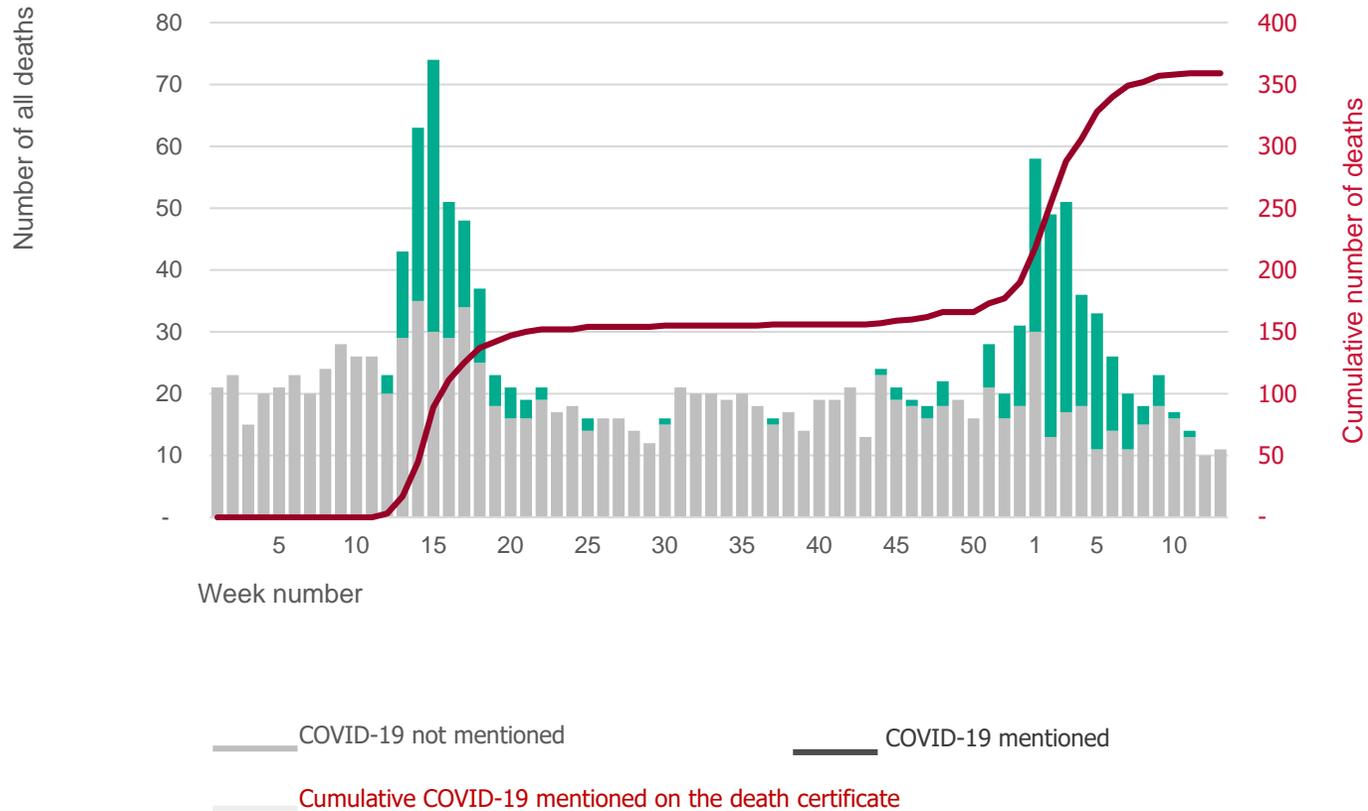
Positivity rate

**0.1%** (9 positives)

Last week **0.2%** (15 positives)

Highest LFD testing rate in Black population, followed by other and lowest in Asian and White.  
Significant rise in LFD testing rates amongst 12-18 year olds

# Deaths from COVID: deaths that occurred up to 2nd of April but were registered up to 10<sup>th</sup> of April



- Total of 359 deaths with COVID19 mentioned on death certificate
- Latest week of data shows 0 Covid related deaths.
- 8 fewer deaths overall (all causes) seen this week compared to the 2015-19 average for the week

# OFFICIAL PUBLISHED STATS

The number of people who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, split by LTLA of residence and age group. All figures are presented by date of vaccination as recorded on the National Immunisation Management Service (NIMS) database.

	<b>Number received first dose</b>	<b>Estimated Eligible population</b>	<b>% of total population</b>	<b>Rank amongst London boroughs*</b>	<b>Highest uptake in London</b>	<b>Lowest uptake in London</b>
80 and older	4,392	5357	81.99%	22/32	Bexley (94.0%)	Hackney (77.0%)
75-79	3,371	4,029	83.67%	19/32	Bromley (93.7%)	Westminster (75.8%)
70-74	5,020	6,042	83.09%	17/32	Bexley (92.9%)	Westminster (70.8%)
65-69	5,740	7,258	79.09%	17/32	Bexley (90.6%)	Westminster (67%)
60-64	7,623	10,028	76.02%	18/32	Bexley (88.17%)	K&C (62.90%)

Source: COVID19 Vaccinations – NHSE, 11<sup>th</sup> of April published on the 15th of April  
 Rank where 1 is borough with highest uptake

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## About COVID-19 information for schools data pack

We would also very much welcome your comments on these profiles and how they could better suit your individual or practice requirements, so please contact us with your ideas.

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