

## **Covid-19 stakeholder update for ONEL JOSC** **5 March 2021**

This is an update for the ONEL JOSC from the latest stakeholder update on how the NHS across north east London is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

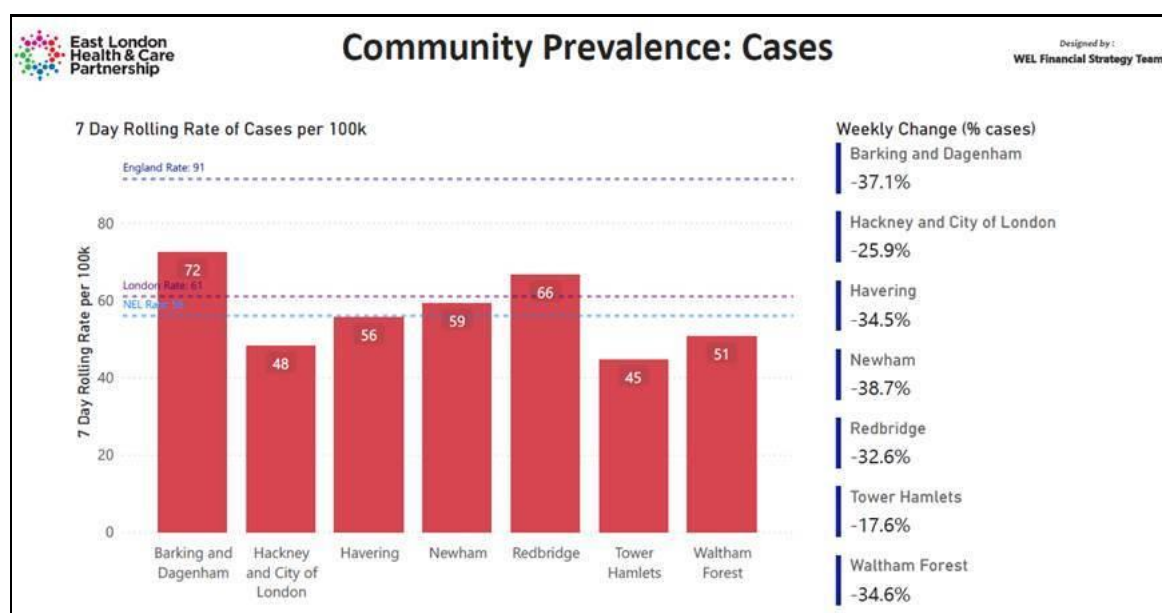
Also attached is a vaccine dashboard, which gives a detailed update on vaccination progress, broken down by borough and patient cohort. Please bear in mind when interpreting the dashboard that different cohorts started at different times with different amounts of vaccine.

### **Community prevalence in north east London**

The community prevalence of Covid-19 cases in north east London is shown below, which indicates the weekly rate of cases per 100,000 is continuing to fall in; and the rates are below the England average in all boroughs.

This is due to the fantastic efforts of all those involved with our successful vaccination programme and keeping the virus under control. This includes our communities in keeping to the guidance and everyone in the NHS and social care, along with all our partners – whatever their role in limiting the spread of Covid-19.

But our hospitals continue to be under significant pressure, particularly for patients requiring critical care. It is still important that everyone follows the [national guidance](#) to help keep infection rates as low as possible.



### **Vaccine update**

We have now given more than 420,000 people in north east London their first dose of the vaccine, including over 70% of people aged 65 to 69, more than 80% of the over-70s and over 90% of residents in care homes for older people.

Vaccine supply is set to increase significantly from 15 March and we are expecting the rate at which people are vaccinated to increase still further.

Anyone aged 60 plus is now being invited to book a vaccination via the [national booking service](#), which means everyone in the first seven priority groups has been offered the vaccine – those aged between 50 and 60 will soon be invited.

Visits to housebound people continue and everyone in cohorts 1 to 6 who is housebound will have been offered the vaccine by 15 March.

The order in which we are vaccinating people is set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#)

Individuals can visit the [ELHCP website](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) for further information and to answer any queries about the vaccination programme.

We are running **pop-up vaccination clinics** in our community spaces across north east London as part of ongoing efforts to encourage all eligible people to get their jab. These are for people with booked appointments on specific dates, so people should wait to be invited before attending or look out for our tweets and communications from our partners.

Pop-up vaccination clinics have recently been held at [City Gates Pentecostal Church](#) in Ilford and [Emmanuel Community Church in Walthamstow](#). They have also taken place in Newham, at the Sri Murugan Temple; the Minaj UI Quran; the Rangharia Centre and the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

A new Covid vaccination centre, run by NELFT, opened at [Liberty Shopping Centre in Romford](#) on 1 March. [Walthamstow Library will be available for use in the week beginning 8 March but we are awaiting confirmation of when the vaccine will be available.](#)

### **Upcoming vaccination information events**

The [ELHCP website](#) has details of Covid-19 online information sessions (run by the NHS and partner organisations) for anyone who would like to know more about Covid-19 and the vaccine.

### **Answering questions about the Covid-19 vaccine**

Our [Covid-19 vaccine chatbot for north east London](#) helps local people find answers to common questions and concerns about different Covid-19 vaccines and how we are delivering the vaccination programme. So far, our chatbot has had over 700 interactions.