



**West Lancs CVS is working alongside West Lancs Borough Council and our public sector partners to make sure that key coronavirus (COVID-19) facts and messages are available to all West Lancs residents via voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations.**

**Please join in these efforts to provide clear information to our community by cascading these messages to your networks, work colleagues, friends and families.**

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## **Local information**

### **Info from Burscough GPs re Oxford vaccine**

In response to current publicity around the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine and blood clots, GPs at the Burscough's Stanley Court practice have analysed their **local data from Burscough, Tarleton and Parbold** to check for any potential link. The results are enlightening: <https://www.facebook.com/744174542607482/posts/1343916925966571/>

### **Testing – for symptom-free frontline workers**

If you cannot work from home **or** if you have physical contact with other people as part of your job **or** you are an unpaid carer and do not have any COVID-19 symptoms, you can attend one of the **symptom free testing sites**.

1 in 3 people who have coronavirus do not show symptoms so it's important to get tested. West Lancashire Borough Council is now offering free rapid testing for people without symptoms (asymptomatic)

- **every Tuesday between 12pm & 6pm**
- **at All Saints Church Hall, Station Road, Hesketh Bank, PR4 6SQ**
- No need to book.

There are several other asymptomatic testing sites at the different times / venues full details [here](#).

## Info from West Lancs Borough Council

1. Covid-19 data from the previous week across the borough, shows that the highest cases are within age groups 25-34 followed by 45-54. The wards most affected are:
    - Tarleton
    - Skelmersdale South
    - Hesketh-with-Becconsall
  2. West Lancs CCG are starting to share messaging around being courteous and showing respect to all vaccine site staff via their social feeds, due to a rise in incidents at vaccination centres. Please see here for an example:  
<https://www.facebook.com/NHSWestLancsCCG/photos/a.1726621970937543/2993160767616984>  
If you could please keep an eye on their feeds & share/ repost information on your own channels where possible, this would be a great help.
  3. There's a new initiative now in place in which parents with school age children can collect home test kits from either the Edge Hill University or Sandy Lane permanent testing sites; typically a weeks' worth of tests can be collected at one time. Sites are open Mornings only for symptomatic testing then cleaned down and re-opened as community collection venues each afternoon.
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## Vaccinations

If any of the following apply, you can book your vaccination appointments online – **you don't need to wait for a text/letter from your GP:**

- you are aged 50 or over
- you are at [high risk from coronavirus](#) (clinically extremely vulnerable)
- you are an eligible frontline health or social care worker
- you have a condition that puts you at higher risk (clinically vulnerable)
- you have a learning disability
- you are a main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus

[Book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments here.](#)

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## Other useful information

### Covid guidance in other languages and formats

- Doctors of the World and the British Red Cross are working to translate NHS guidance on COVID-19 [into a wider range of other languages here.](#)
- Deaf health charity Sign Health are also producing [BSL videos based on national coronavirus guidance here.](#)