



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.

National situation

STEP 1: 8 March					
	Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.		Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place. Household only indoors.		Wraparound care, including sport, for all children, to enable parents to work.
	Stay at home. No domestic or international holidays.		Funerals (30 people). Weddings and Wakes (6 people).		
29 March					
	Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.		Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.		Organised outdoor sport (children and adults).
	Minimise travel. No domestic or international holidays.				
Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s).					

On 29th March, the Stay at Home rule was lifted as part of Step 1. However, many restrictions will remain in place.

Where possible, we should continue to work from home, minimise the number of journeys we make, and limit the number of people we come into contact with.

More information can be found at
<https://gov.uk/coronavirus>

Here's a useful summary of permitted activities ahead, leading up to easing of restrictions on June 21st:

Activity	Step 1 8 th March	Step 1a 29 th March	Step 2 12 th April	Step 3 17 th May	Step 4 21 st June
Support groups	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Registered childcare or supervised activities for children	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wedding ceremonies, funerals, wakes	Funerals 30 Weddings and wakes 6		Funerals 30 Weddings 15	Number of attendees 30	No legal limit on attendees
Outdoor sport and leisure facilities	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor organised sport children and adults	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outdoor parent and child group (max 15 parents)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community centres	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Indoor parent and child groups (up to 15 parents)	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Indoor organised adult sport inc. exercise classes	X	X	X	✓	✓
Indoor events 50% capacity – depends on pilot events so more guidance to follow	X	X	X	✓	✓
Outdoor gatherings	X	Rule of 6	Rule of 6	Max 30	✓
Indoor gatherings	X	X	X	Rule of 6	✓
Removal of limits on events	X	X	X	X	✓

Vaccinations

- **Update contact info:** With the vaccination programme in full swing, some local surgeries are finding the main barrier to contacting patients is contact details not being up to date. If you think you should have been contacted by now, then you may need to update your details with your surgery – eg mobile phone number.
- **New dedicated website:** This new dedicated website includes a detailed list of regularly updated frequently asked questions about the vaccination. See website: www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CovidVaccination
- **Survey about vaccine hesitancy:** Research is being undertaken to find out more about vaccine hesitancy in ethnic minority communities across Lancashire and South Cumbria. Here is the link to the survey: www.LSCICSRresearch.co.uk

Covid-19 testing

Local testing:

- If you **have symptoms** of covid-19, find a test site (including the new one at Hesketh Bank) [here](#).

- If you are a **front line worker** but don't have symptoms, you can still get a test to make sure you are not passing it on. More information [here](#).
- **NB from April 9th** Everyone in England, including those without symptoms, will be able to take a [free rapid coronavirus test twice a week](#). Further information on local test collection sites in our next bulletin

Tackling misinformation: Lancashire County Council is tackling misinformation around the lateral flow tests. Find out the real facts behind concerning posts circulating on social media [here](#)

Information from WL Borough Council

Local data: A review of the Covid-19 data from the previous week across the borough, shows that the highest cases are within age groups 12-17, followed by 18-24. The wards most affected are:

- Skelmersdale South
- Ashurst
- Derby

Funding for mental health: The Lancashire Red Rose Responding Fund, focused specifically on mental health, is now open for applications@

- Voluntary, community and faith organisations, registered charities, social businesses, churches, PTAs and parish/ town councils are all eligible to apply.
- Grants of up to £5,000 are available.
- **Applications need to be in by April 30th**, and funds awarded should be spent by December.
- For more details contact Gail Barton: [Contact Our Team - OUR Lancashire](#)

For more information and the application form go to:

<https://lancsfoundation.org.uk/funds/lancashire-red-rose-responding-fund->