



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.

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.](#)

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.](#)