

DECISION-MAKER:	Local Outbreak Engagement Board		
SUBJECT:	COVID-19 Situation Report		
DATE OF DECISION:	7 th June 2021		
REPORT OF:	Director of Public Health		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
N/A	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
A COVID-19 report is published by Southampton City Council on a daily basis. The report summarises some of the key information published by the government, Public Health England and other agencies which can be used to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic both nationally and locally in Southampton.	
Elements of the Covid-19 report along with other key intelligence will be presented to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board, providing an update on the latest situation in Southampton.	
Members of the Board will be invited to provide verbal feedback on the COVID-19 situation in their sectors to support the Local Outbreak Engagement Boards understanding of the COVID-19 risks and impacts in Southampton.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	To note the latest situation report and weekly COVID-19 update.
(ii)	To receive verbal feedback from partner members of the Board on the COVID-19 situation in key sectors.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	To ensure that the Local Outbreak Engagement Board is informed about the latest local intelligence relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19).
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	No alternative options considered.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	<u>Update on latest data and intelligence</u> The primary functions of the Southampton Local Outbreak Engagement Board are to ensure political oversight of responses to outbreaks, provide direction and leadership for community engagement, provide assurance on resource use, and be the public face of local responses in the event of an outbreak.

4.	<p>In order to fulfil these tasks, it is important that the Board has access to timely and accurate data and information on the coronavirus outbreak. An online coronavirus dashboard is published daily to help inform members of the public of the current coronavirus situation in Southampton. This dashboard can be found at:</p> <p>https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/disease-disability/covid-19/covid-19-updates/</p>
5.	<p>The report contains information on the number of coronavirus cases, the rate of cases among the resident population, coronavirus related deaths, including where people have died and the number of people reporting coronavirus symptoms through NHS Pathways (for example, 999 calls, 111 calls and 111 online).</p>
6.	<p>Comparisons in the report are made between the last 7 days of complete data and the previous 7 days of data. Weekly variations in data, in the number of cases for example, is to be expected. Therefore, any changes should be interpreted alongside the overall trend, with sustained increases or decreases being more important than daily fluctuations. It is also important to highlight that the data in these reports, especially the most recent figures, are subject to revision. Data presented in these reports are correct at the time of publishing, but may subsequently be revised as more up to date data is made available.</p>
7.	<p>At the time of writing (data up to 7th May) there have been 14,904 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Southampton. There were 89 confirmed cases in the last 7 days, which is an increase of 31 cases compared to the previous 7 days. This equates to 13 new cases per day. Therefore, although infections have fallen considerably and consistently since the peak in January, there are signs that this has now plateaued and may be starting to rise slightly. This needs to be carefully monitored over the coming weeks as restrictions are eased further.</p>
8.	<p>At the time of writing, Southampton had a weekly infection rate of 35.2 per 100,000 population, which is higher than the South East average of 14.4 per 100,000 population and the England average of 21.8 per 100,000 population. Although rates have reduced over the last few months, they remain higher than the rates in neighbouring Portsmouth (13.0 per 100,000 population), Hampshire (13.5 per 100,000 population) and the Isle of Wight (9.2 per 100,000 population).</p>
9.	<p>Infection rates remain very low in the 50-59 year old population (14.8 per 100,000 population) and in the over 60 population (6.7 per 100,000 population) in the city. This illustrates the success of the vaccination programme, with approximately 90% of the registered population aged over 70 now having received both the first and second dose of the vaccine. Infection rates are higher amongst the working age population in the city and amongst those aged 10-19 years.</p>
10.	<p>Up to 30th April there have been a total of 386 COVID-19 deaths in Southampton. Of those, 253 died in hospital and 133 in the community (102 of which were in care homes). Resident deaths peaked at the end of January due to the sharp increase in infections during December and January. However, deaths have fallen consistently since this point and in the last two weeks there have been no covid-19 related deaths recorded in the city. In</p>

	addition, overall deaths (from all causes) in the city are now lower than expected for the time of year, based on historic trends over the last five years.
11.	Data up to 11 th May 2021, shows that approximately 114,000 residents have received the first does of the vaccine and approximately 55,000 residents have received their second dose. This equates to roughly 51% of residents having had the first dose and 25% having had the second. These numbers increase each week as more people and progressively younger age groups are offered the vaccine.
12.	COVID-19 data is received and updated daily, so the local picture can change quickly. Although this paper outlines the latest available information at the time of writing, the picture may have changed by the time of the Outbreak Engagement Board meeting on 7 th June. Therefore, the latest available information will be presented at the meeting.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

13. None. This report is for information only.

Property/Other

14. None. This report is for information only.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

15. N/A. This report is for information only.

Other Legal Implications:

16. The COVID-19 framework sets out responsibilities for a Local Outbreak Engagement Board to provide public engagement and community leadership.

17. The framework notes “Local DPH teams and PHE will have good situational awareness and are best placed to monitor and identify potential issues in their area.” <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/containing-and-managing-local-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreaks/covid-19-contain-framework-a-guide-for-local-decision-makers#data>

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

18. COVID-19 risks are being managed in line with the council’s risk management framework.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. None.

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	

1.	Weekly COVID-19 updates: https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/disease-disability/covid-19/covid-19-updates/
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Documents In Members' Rooms

Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None