

# COVID-19 update

## Mitcham Community Forum

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## AIMS AND PURPOSE

- Brief overview of COVID impact on Merton's communities so far
- Brief overview of updates and developments
- Set out the spring 'road-map'
- Set out some opportunities for action

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# Summary key messages

## Cases (11<sup>th</sup> Feb – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb):

- 7 day case rate (all ages) **132.3 cases per 100,000** (down from 206.4 previous week).
- 7 day case rate (among 60+) **149.6 cases per 100,000** (down from 221.7 previous week).
- There were **284** new COVID cases in Merton.
- New COVID variant: estimated to be responsible for 100% of cases in Merton for week ending 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## Deaths:

- There were **19** new registered Merton COVID death for the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- On total Merton has seen 423 deaths due to COVID.

## Testing (9<sup>th</sup> Feb – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb / pillar 2 PCR tests only – this excludes Lateral Flow tests):

- 7 day testing rate **326.0 daily tests per 100,000** (down from 525.5 previous week)
- 7 day test positivity decreased to **5.4%.**

## Vaccinations (as of 7<sup>st</sup> February):

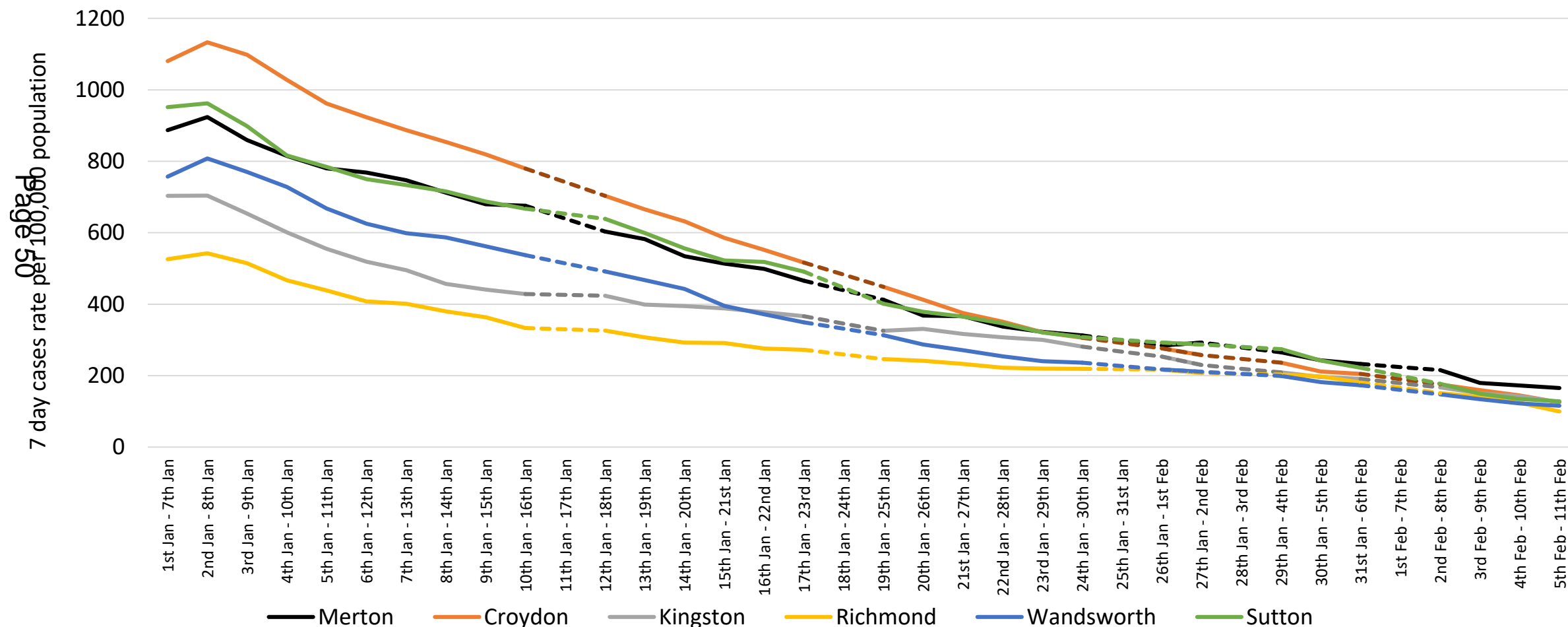
- **84.0%** of over 80s in SWL have received 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID vaccine (78.4% in London)

# Rolling 7-day rate of confirmed positive cases per 100,000 population in Merton compared to other South West London boroughs (Pillar 1 & 2)

Source: PHE/PHEC Daily Report

Reporting frequency: Daily

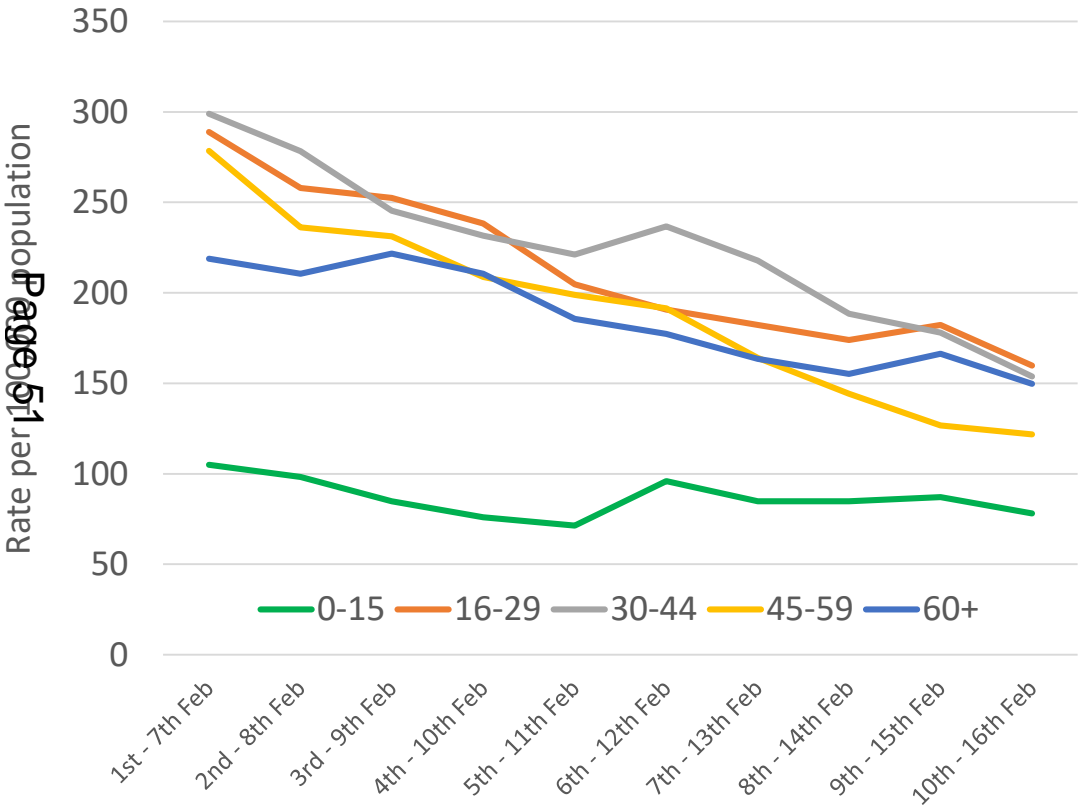
**Key message:** Merton has the highest rate of cases among SWL boroughs



Please note there were reporting gaps – the dotted lines refers to periods when data was not available.

# Merton PCR confirmed COVID-19 case rates by age & ethnicity (Pillar 2 only)

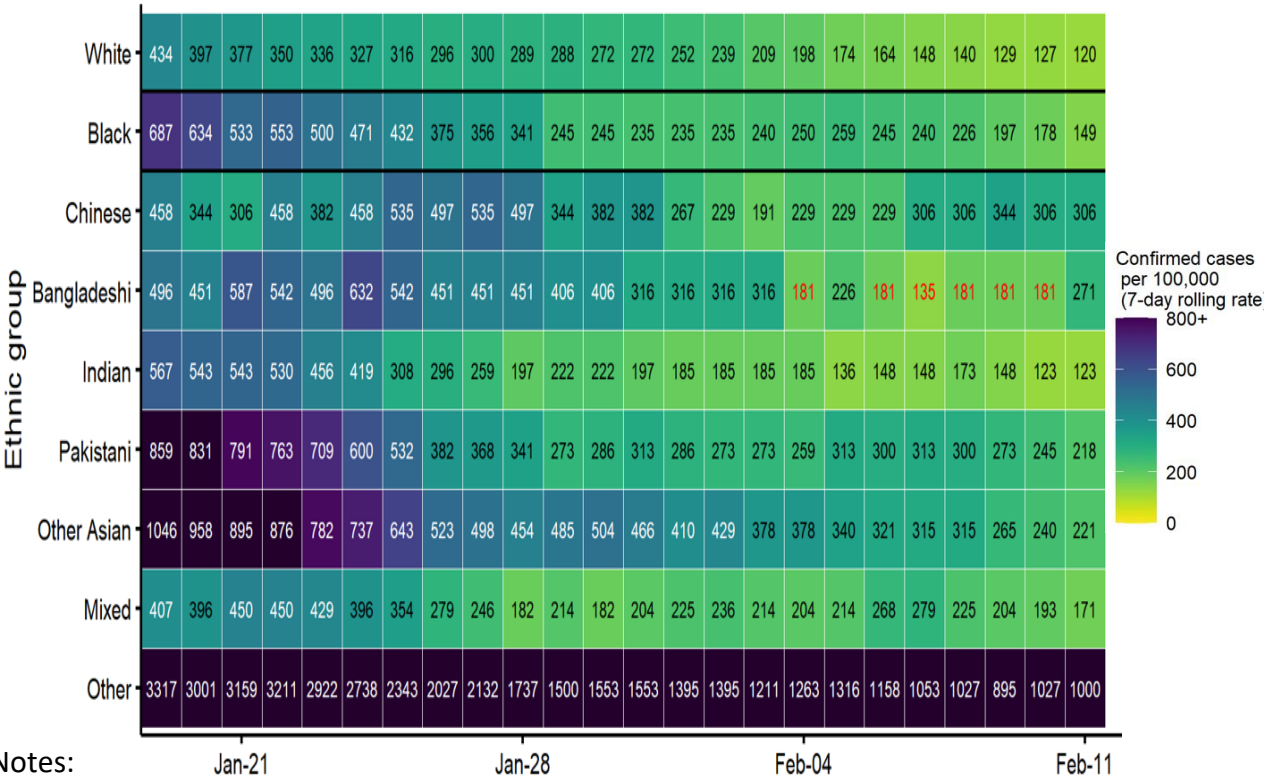
7 day rolling average Merton PCR-confirmed Pillar 2 case rates by age groups



Weekly rolling average

Source: LSAT daily line list

Heat Map showing PCR-confirmed COVID-19 Pillar 2 cases in Merton by ethnicity (19<sup>th</sup> Jan to 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021).



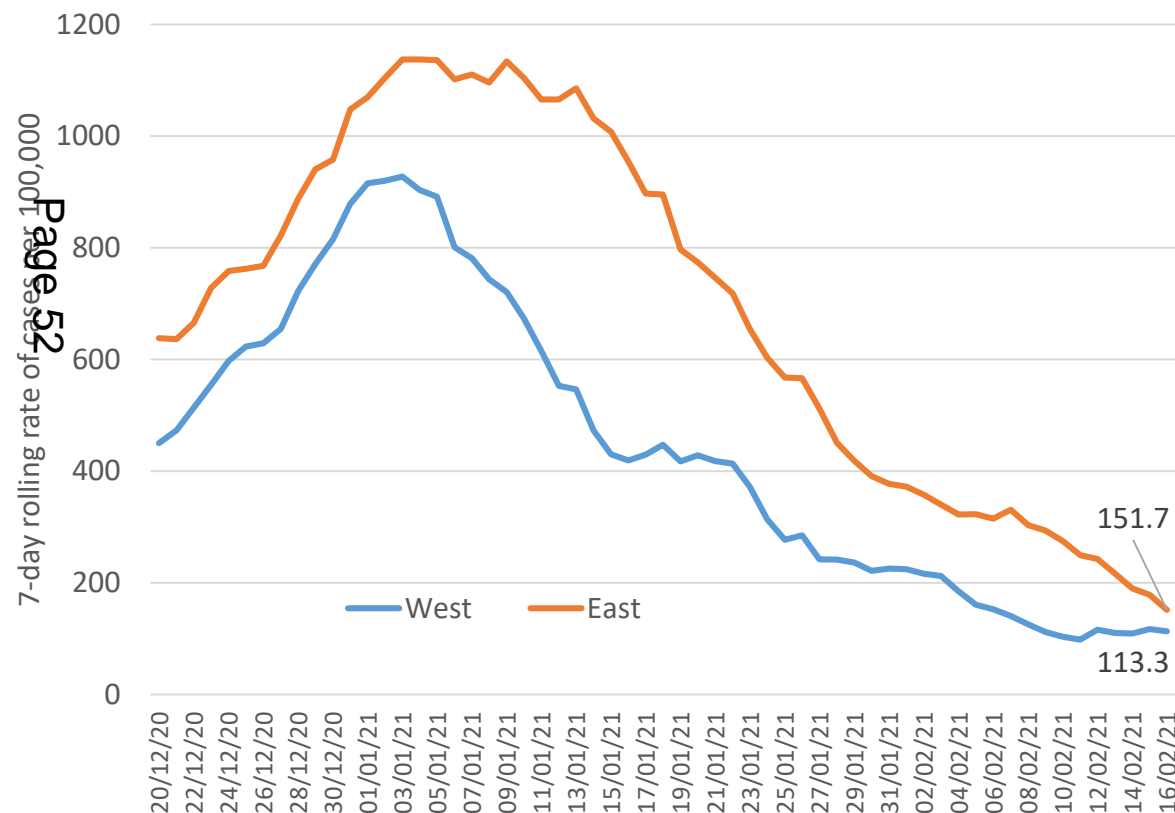
Notes:

- 4 most recent days excluded due to reporting delays.
- 6.5% are classified as Not Available or Unknown, and so have been excluded.
- Text in red rates should be interpreted with caution as underlying case numbers are <5.

Source: LA Report Merton, PHE

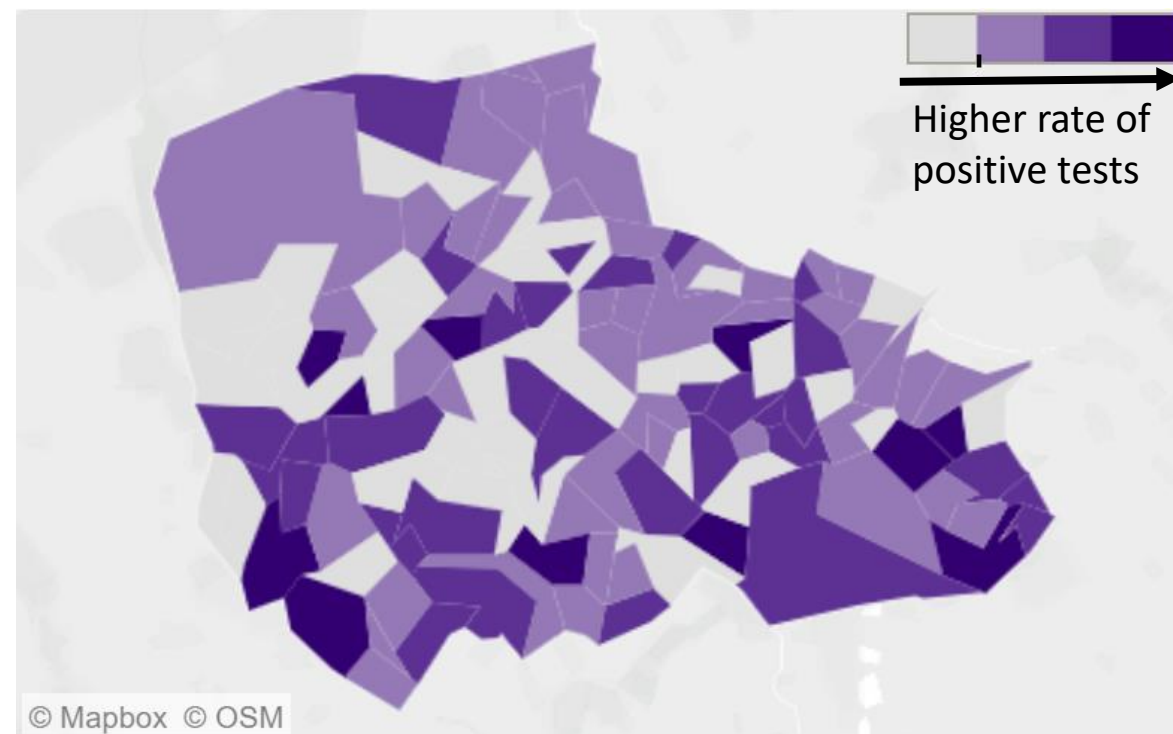
# Merton PCR confirmed COVID-19 case rates across the borough

7-day rolling Pillar 1 and 2 PCR-confirmed COVID-19 case rates per 100,000 population in East and West Merton



Source: LSAT daily line list

PCR 7-day rate of Pillar 2 positive tests per 100,000 population in Merton by LSOA \* (to 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)



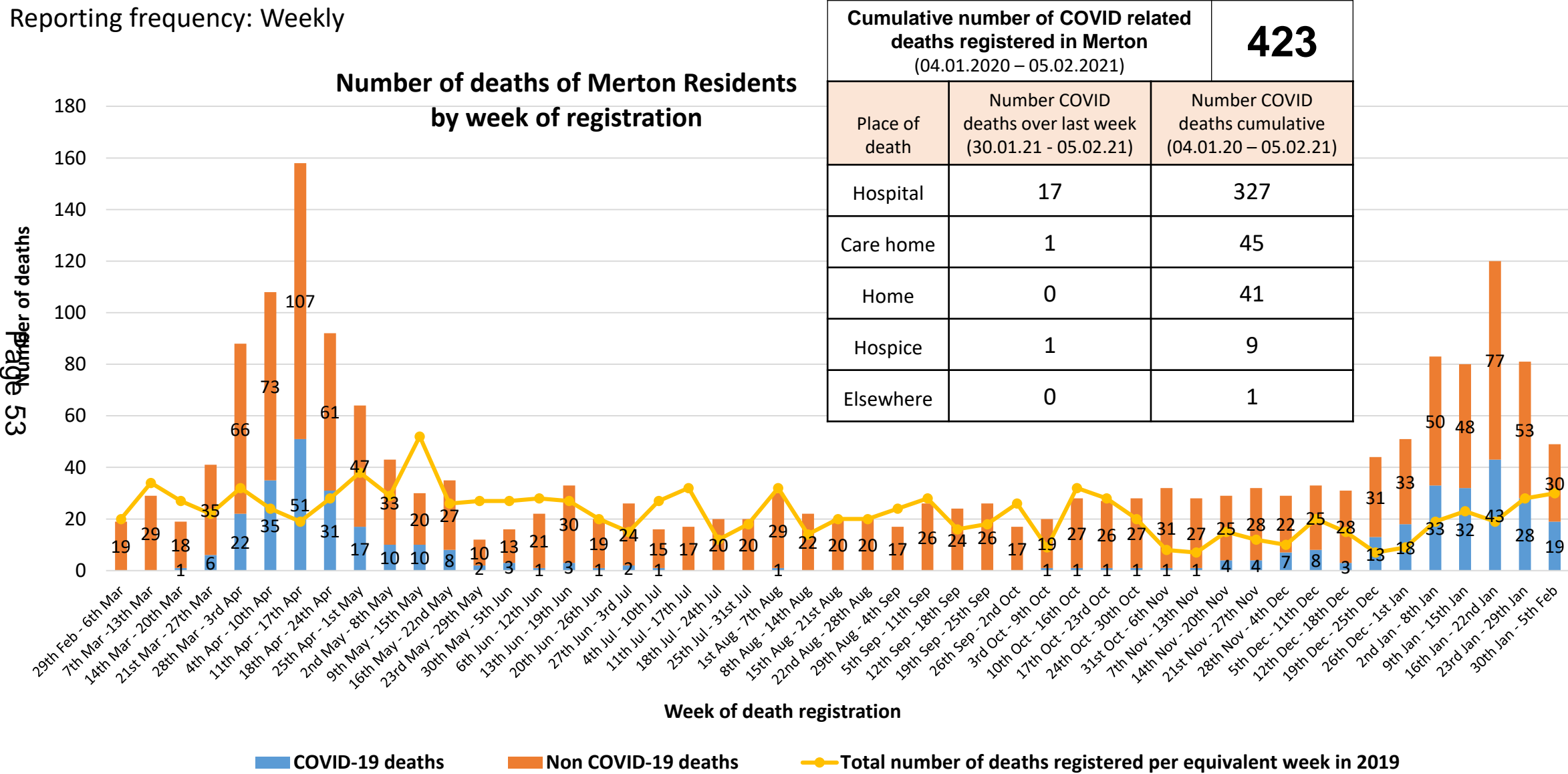
\* LSOA: Lower Super Output Area

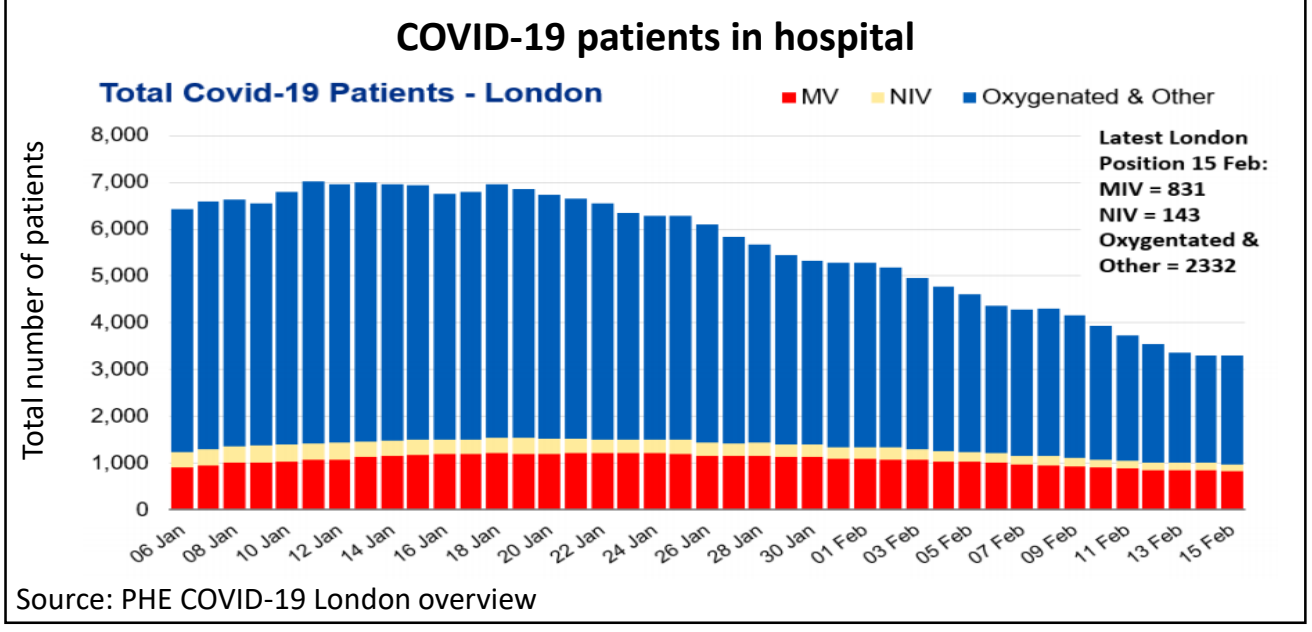
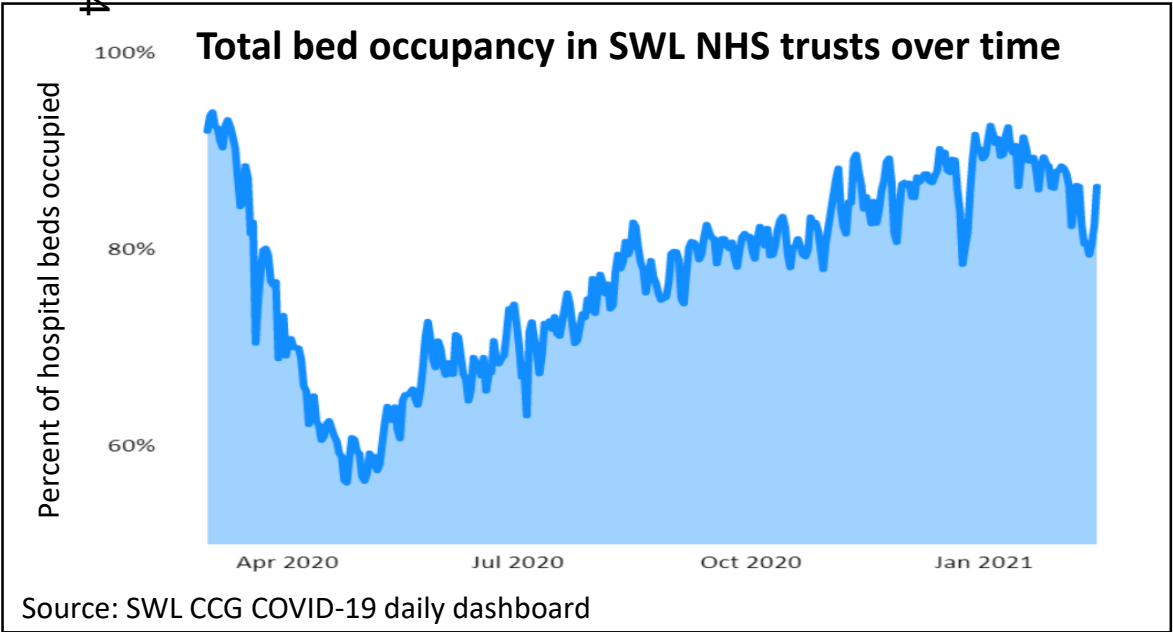
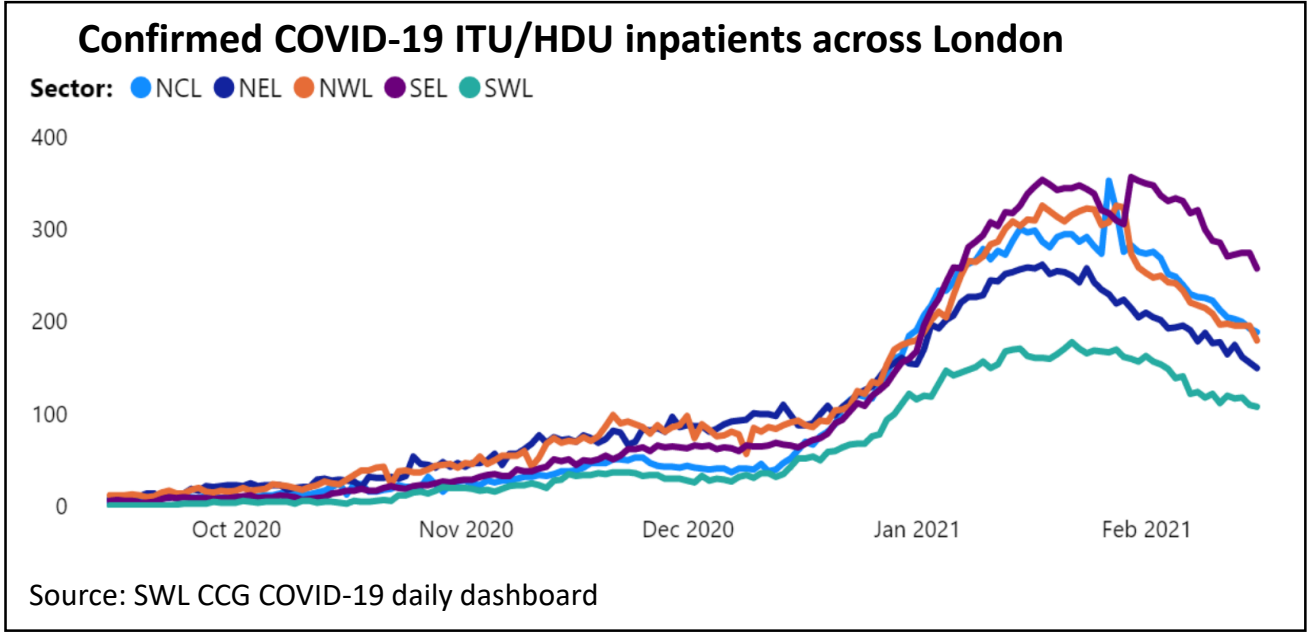
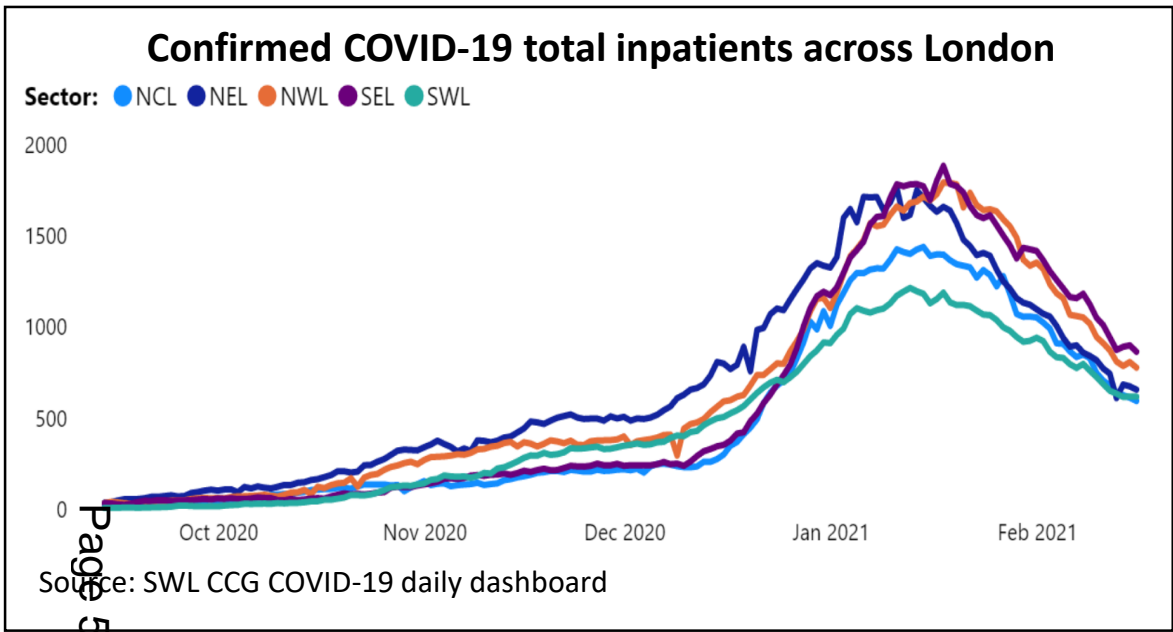
Source: NHS Containment Dashboard

# Number of deaths of Merton Residents by week of registration

Source: ONS





















Reporting frequency: Weekly







# COVID-19 Response - Spring Roadmap

<b>STEP 1</b> <b>8 March</b>	<b>STEP 2</b> <b>No earlier than 12 April</b>	<b>STEP 3</b> <b>No earlier than 17 May</b>	<b>STEP 4</b> <b>No earlier than 21 June</b>
<b>29 March</b>	<b>At least 5 weeks after Step 1</b>	<b>At least 5 weeks after Step 2</b>	<b>At least 5 weeks after Step 3</b>
<div>  <b>EDUCATION</b> </div> <div> <b>8 MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools and colleges open for all students</li> <li>Practical Higher Education courses</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>EDUCATION</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As previous step</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>EDUCATION</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As previous step</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>EDUCATION</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As previous step</li> </ul> </div>
<div>  <b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> </div> <div> <b>8 MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person</li> <li>Household only indoors</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>29 MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rule of 6 or two households outdoors</li> <li>Household only indoors</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rule of 6 or two households outdoors</li> <li>Household only indoors</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 30 people outdoors</li> <li>Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No legal limit</li> </ul> </div>
<div>  <b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> </div> <div> <b>8 MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wraparound care, including sport, for all children</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>29 MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)</li> <li>Outdoor sport and leisure facilities</li> <li>All outdoor children's activities</li> <li>Outdoor parent &amp; child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All retail</li> <li>Personal care</li> <li>Libraries &amp; community centres</li> <li>Most outdoor attractions</li> <li>Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)</li> <li>Self-contained accommodation</li> <li>All children's activities</li> <li>Outdoor hospitality</li> <li>Indoor parent &amp; child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor hospitality</li> <li>Indoor entertainment and attractions</li> <li>Organised indoor sport (adult)</li> <li>Remaining accommodation</li> <li>Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)</li> </ul> </div>	<div>  <b>BUSINESS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remaining businesses, including nightclubs</li> </ul> </div>
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# KEY UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENTS

- ✓ **Enhanced testing programme in Pollards Hill** set-up, to track any community spread and restrict any further transmission closed on 17/02. Fantastic response from residents, workplaces, schools and voluntary sector; with 10,000 test kits given out. So far no additional VOC reported in Merton. Findings and lessons learnt being collated; which will be shared with the Community.
- ✓ We are supporting 6,540 **high-risk (previously known as CEV)** residents and an extra c7,000 who have recently been added to the list. We would encourage all those residents to stay at home, until 31<sup>st</sup> March, as much as possible and follow advice in letters sent by Government and LBM.
- ✓ **Test and Trace (and Isolate)** is a critical part of controlling virus spread.
  - ✓ Anyone with symptoms, even mild, should self-isolate immediately and seek a test via [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119.
  - ✓ We strongly encourage front-line staff, carers and volunteers to continue to take part in **regular asymptomatic testing**. There is no walk-up testing, all tests must be booked at <https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/lateral-flow-test>
  - ✓ If positive result, its vital to stay at home to break chain of transmission and respond to NHS Test and Trace calls and messages.
- ✓ **Vaccination roll out** continuing by NHS. In line with JCVI priority list, residents 65 to 69 and those Clinically Vulnerable are now being invited. Further info at <https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk/your-area/merton/merton-covid-19-vaccination-programme-update/> Vaccine Equity Plan is development and a number of webinars taking place, led by Clinicians, to answer questions e.g. barriers to vaccination.

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

- Join our network of **152** COVID-19 Community Champions; a key part of our approach to preventing and managing outbreaks in Merton.
- Drop-in sessions every Wednesday (12pm-1pm and 7pm-8pm).
- Sign up for Merton COVID-19 newsletter – [www.merton.gov.uk/newsletter](http://www.merton.gov.uk/newsletter)
- For more information contact [public.health@merton.gov.uk](mailto:public.health@merton.gov.uk)
- Merton Giving grants – So far £79k and 20 orgs supported. Next deadline 10/03 <https://www.mvsc.co.uk/MertonGivingRRRFund>





## WASH HANDS

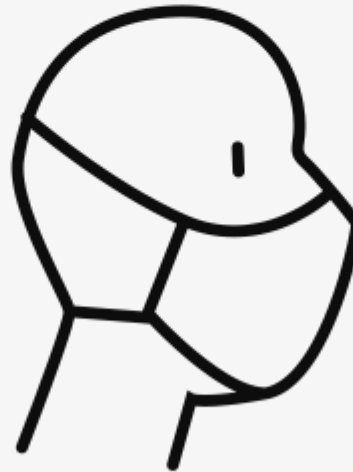
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## COVER FACE

In enclosed spaces



2.

## MAKE SPACE

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or 1 metre with  
extra precautions



3.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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