

COVID-19 update

Morden Community Forum

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Minute Item 3



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 (11th Feb – 17th 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 12th Feb.

Deaths:

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

Testing (9th Feb – 15th 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 7st February):

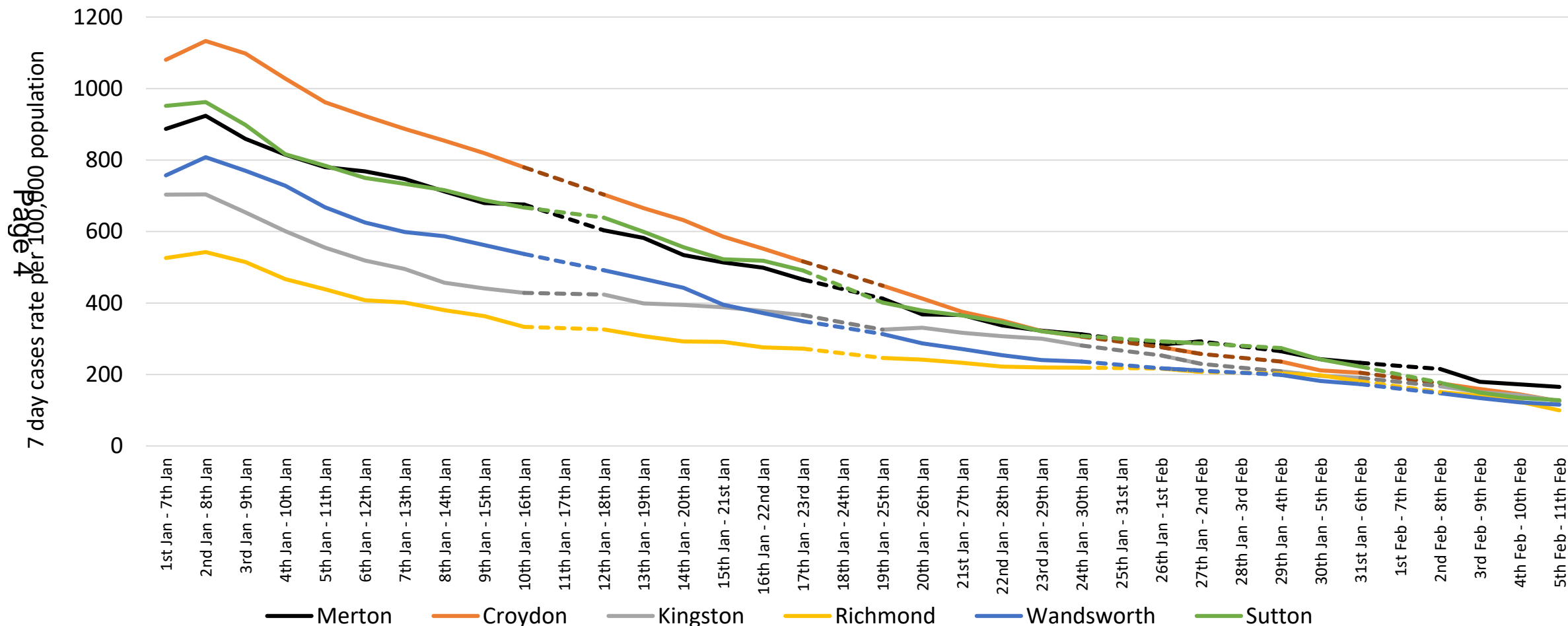
- **84.0%** of over 80s in SWL have received 1st dose of COVID vaccine (78.4% in London)

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

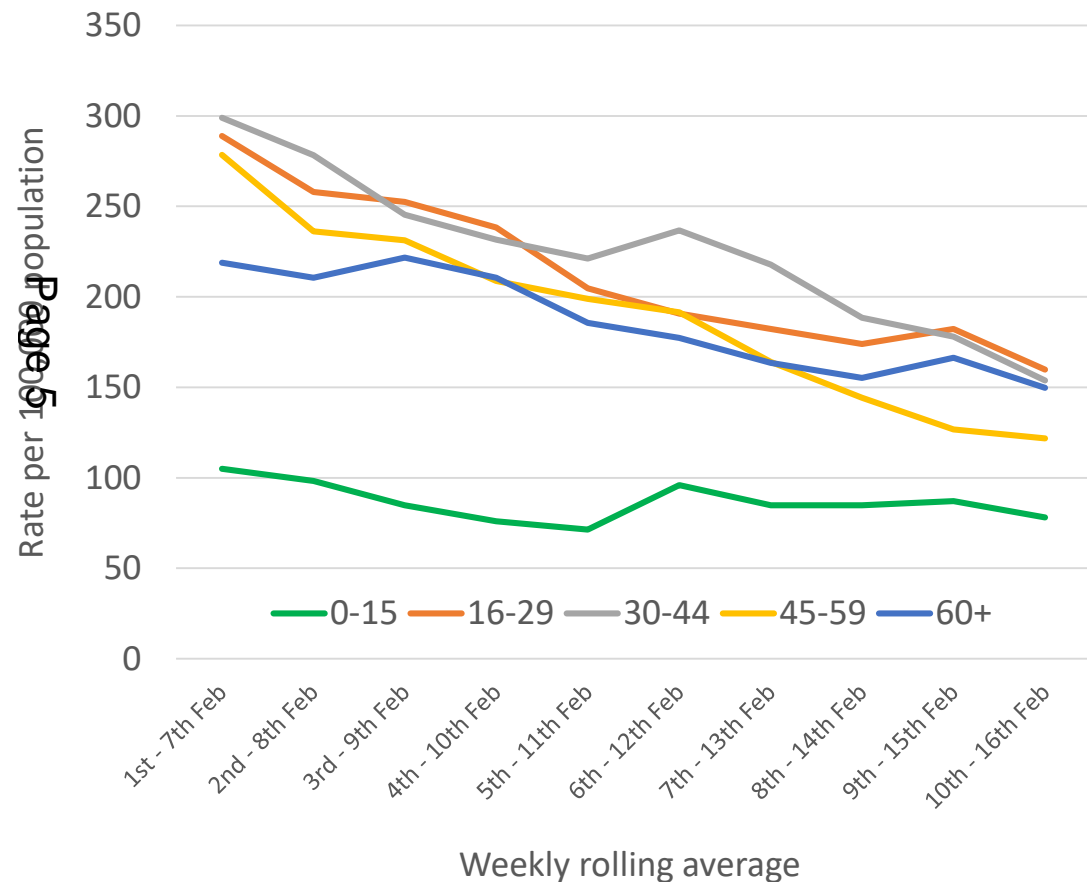
Key message: Merton has the highest rate of cases among SWL boroughs



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

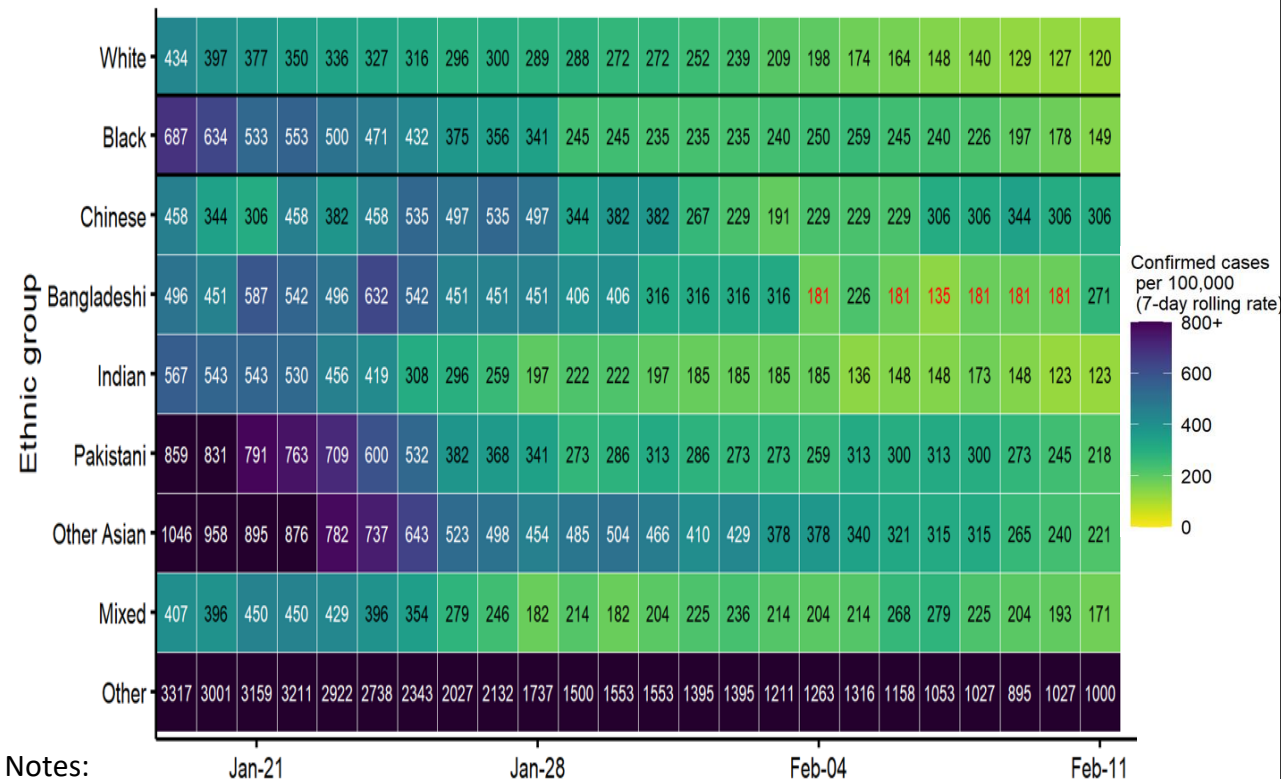
Merton PCR confirmed COVID-19 case rates by age & ethnicity (Pillar 2 only)

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



Source: LSAT daily line list

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



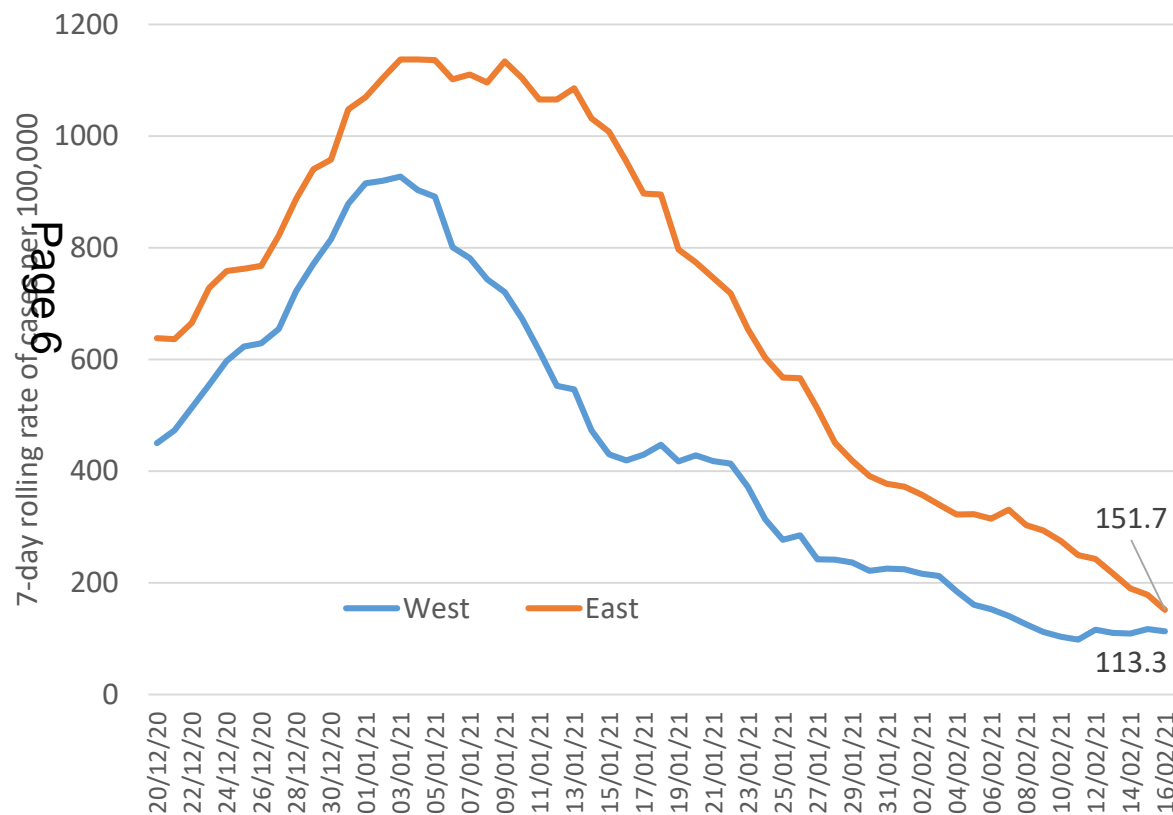
Notes:

- 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

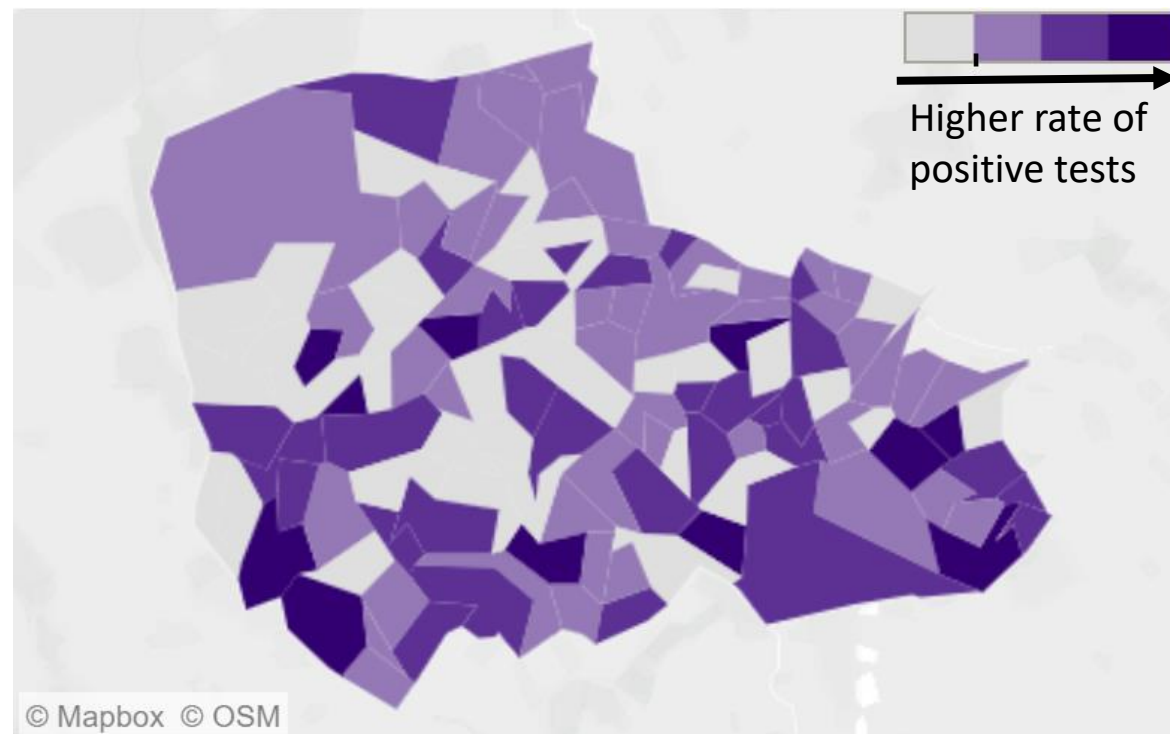
Merton PCR confirmed COVID-19 case rates across the borough

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 14th Feb)



* LSOA: Lower Super Output Area

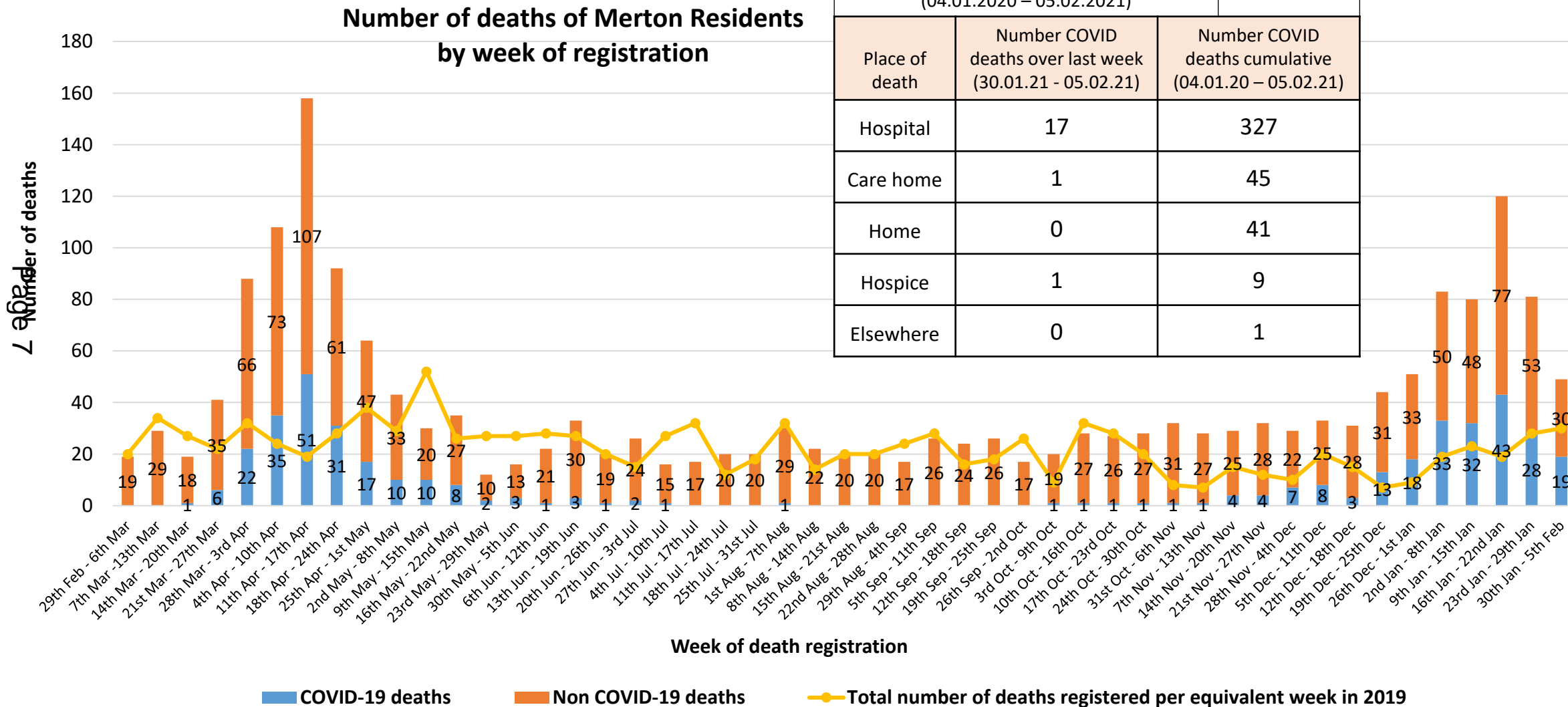
Source: NHS Containment Dashboard

Number of deaths of Merton Residents by week of registration

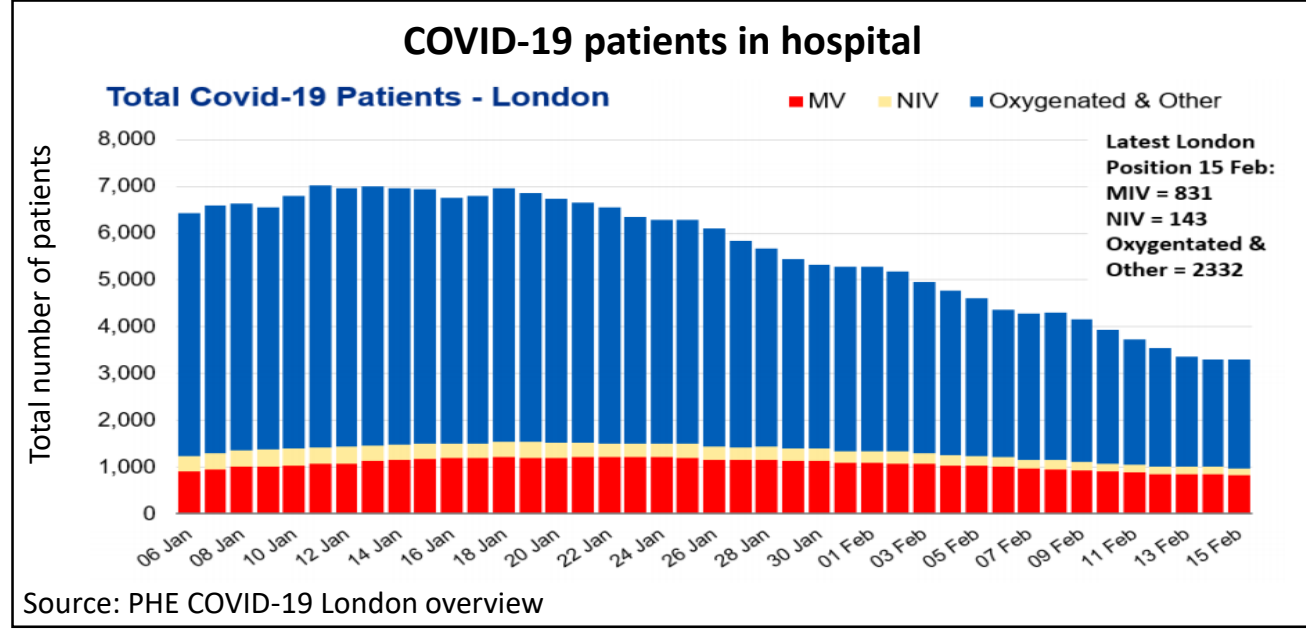
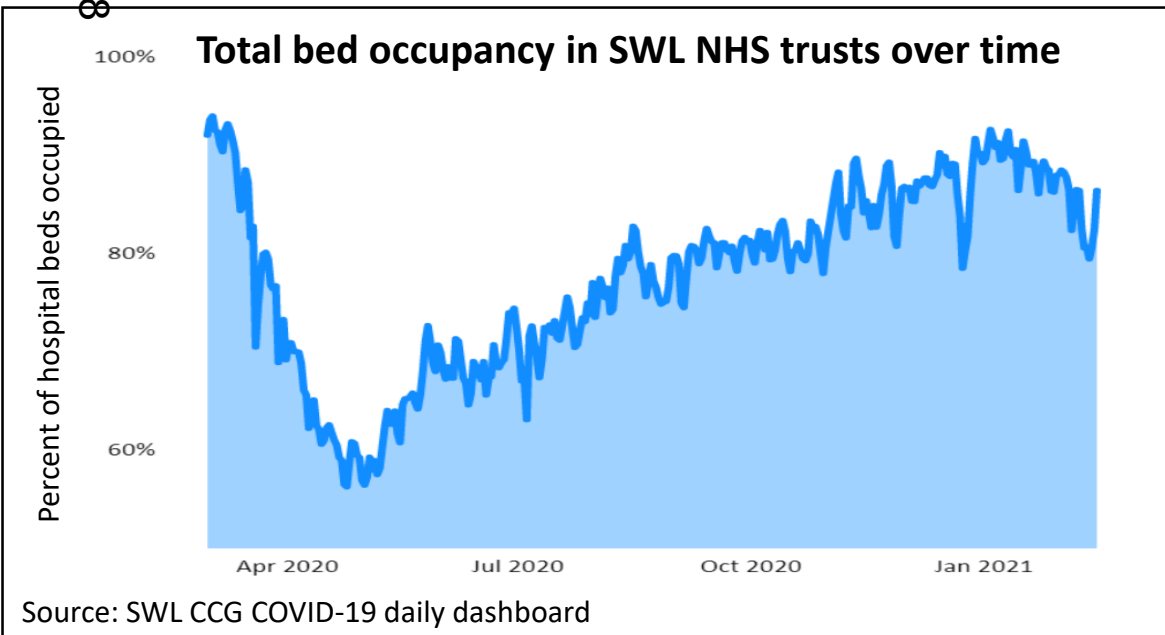
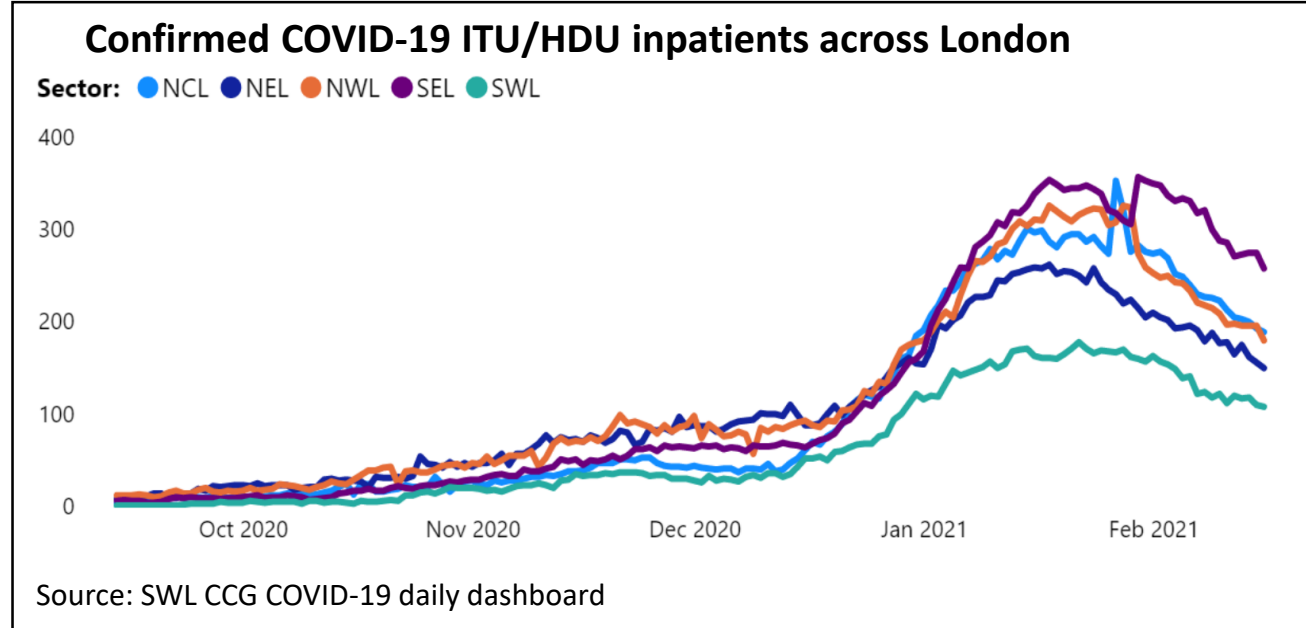
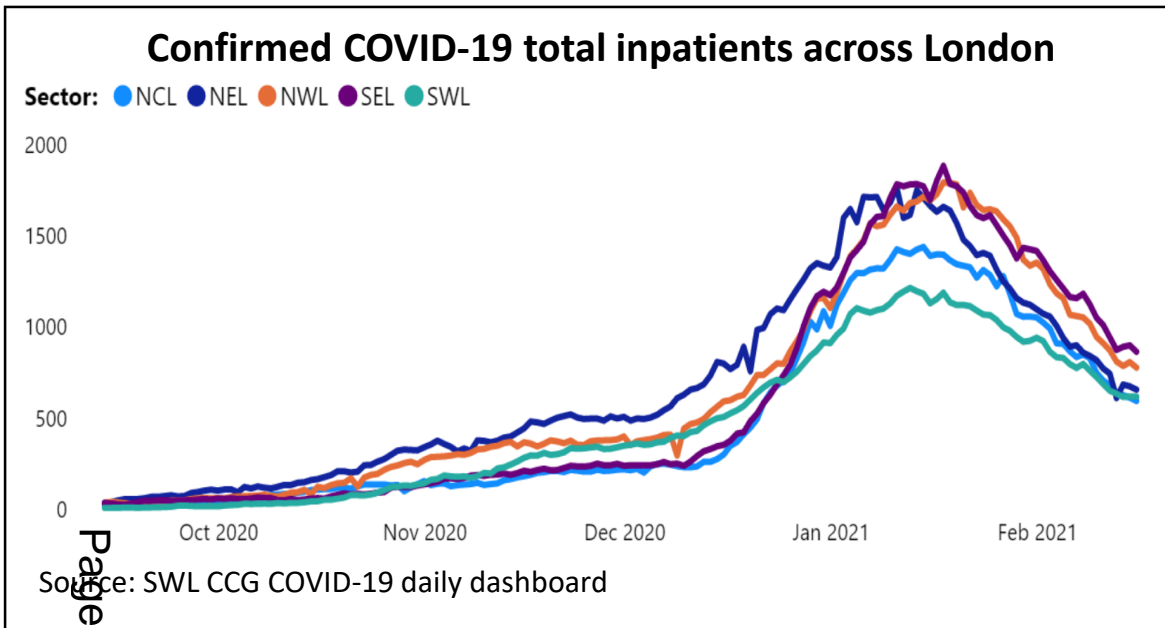
Source: ONS

Reporting frequency: Weekly

Cumulative number of COVID related deaths registered in Merton (04.01.2020 – 05.02.2021)		423
Place of death	Number COVID deaths over last week (30.01.21 - 05.02.21)	Number COVID deaths cumulative (04.01.20 – 05.02.21)
Hospital	17	327
Care home	1	45
Home	0	41
Hospice	1	9
Elsewhere	0	1



COVID-19 and NHS-related indicators for London (all figures are numbers unless stated)



COVID-19 Response - Spring Roadmap

STEP 1 8 March 29 March

EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

STEP 3 No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

EVENTS

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

STEP 4 No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- No legal limit

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

EVENTS

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events

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 31st 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 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.

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
- For more information contact public.health@merton.gov.uk
- Merton Giving grants – So far £79k and 20 orgs supported. Next deadline 10/03 <https://www.mvsc.co.uk/MertonGivingRRRF> und

Young Adults COVID-19 Community Champions (YACCC)

Are you 18-30yrs?

Martin

Lurdes

Anna

Toby

We need you!

Interested in helping your community through the COVID-19 pandemic?

YACCC is a key part of our response to COVID-19 in Merton

Run by young adults, for young adults

Become a member today

JOIN US!

The next session is about health and **WELL BEING**

Next meeting:
3rd March
6pm - 7.30pm

Join us via eventbrite:
[covidvaccineqa.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/covidvaccineqa)

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WASH HANDS

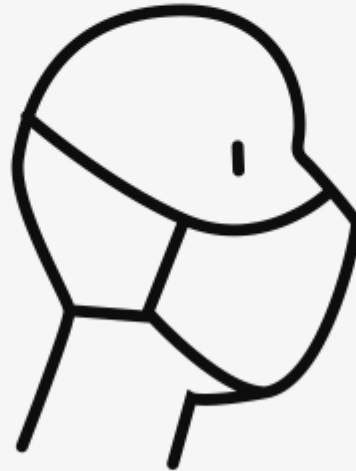
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In enclosed spaces



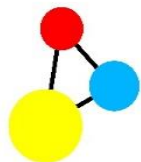
2.

MAKE SPACE

2 metres where possible
or 1 metre with
extra precautions



3.



ANY QUESTIONS?

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