

Children and Young Person's Scrutiny Panel

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Agenda Item 4

Cases

- 7 day case rates have been highest in younger age groups, in particular 0-15 year olds - **398.3 cases per 100,000** (down from 409.40 previous week) (6th – 12th October).
- Trends in case rates have generally been **increasing in 11-16 year olds** and have been **fairly stable in 0-4 and 19-24 year olds** in Merton since the end of September.

Testing

- Trends in testing have been decreasing in **17-18 year olds (2674.3 per 100,000)** and **19-24 year olds (4210.6 per 100,000)**
Pillar 1 & 2 PCR tests in Merton were completed (week ending 18th October)

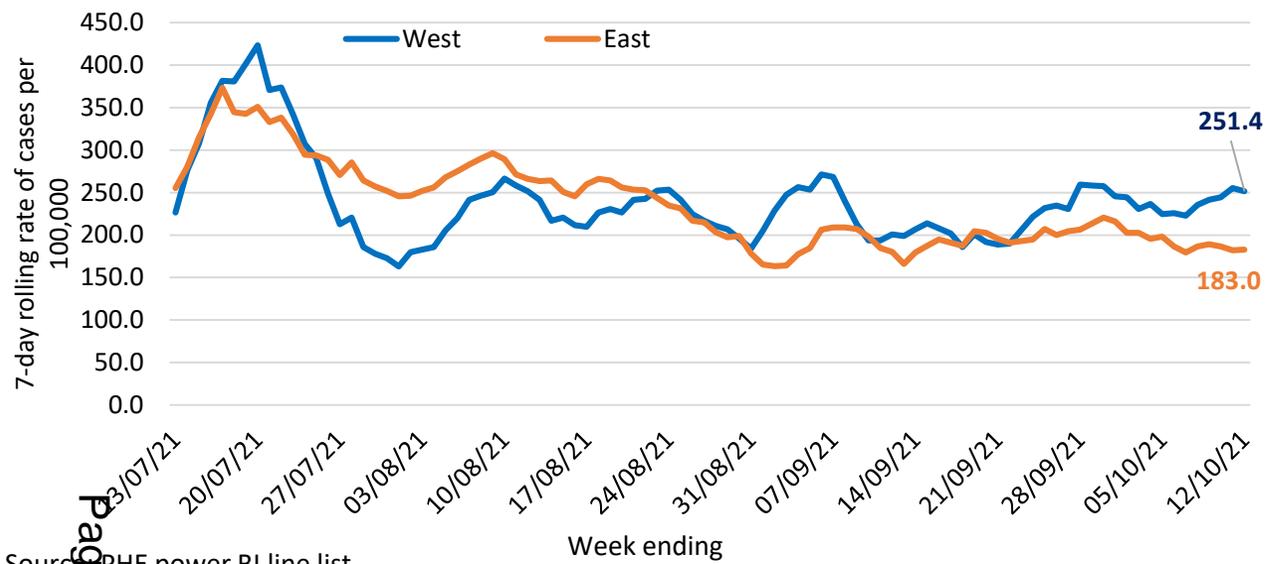
Vaccinations (13th October)

- **2.4% of 10-14 year olds** have been given a vaccine in Merton
- **23.9% of 15-19 year olds** have had 1st and 2nd dose vaccines in Merton (**25% – 1st dose only**)
- **52.9% of 20-24 year olds** have had 1st and 2nd dose vaccines in Merton (**9.5% - 1st dose only**)
- **56.1% of 25-29 year olds** have had 1st and 2nd dose vaccines in Merton (**6.9% - 1st dose only**)

Hospital & Deaths

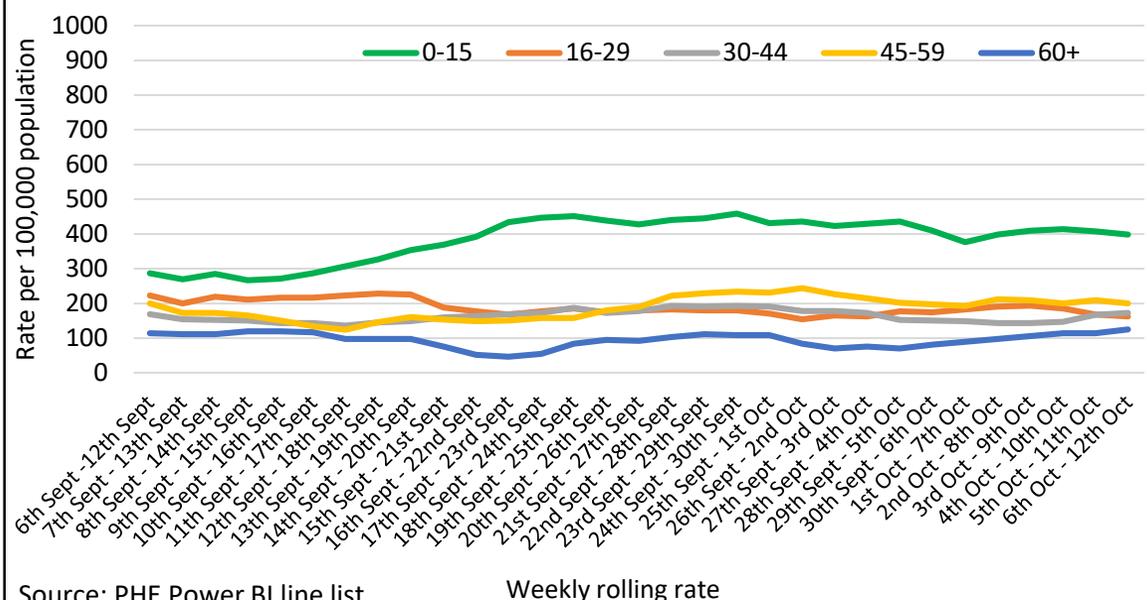
- NHS admissions – COVID Inpatients in SW London were **164** (week ending 6th October) compared to **153** for the previous week
- There has been **1 COVID death** (25th Sept-1st Oct) in Merton and none in the previous week. A total of **500 COVID deaths** in Merton since the start of the pandemic

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



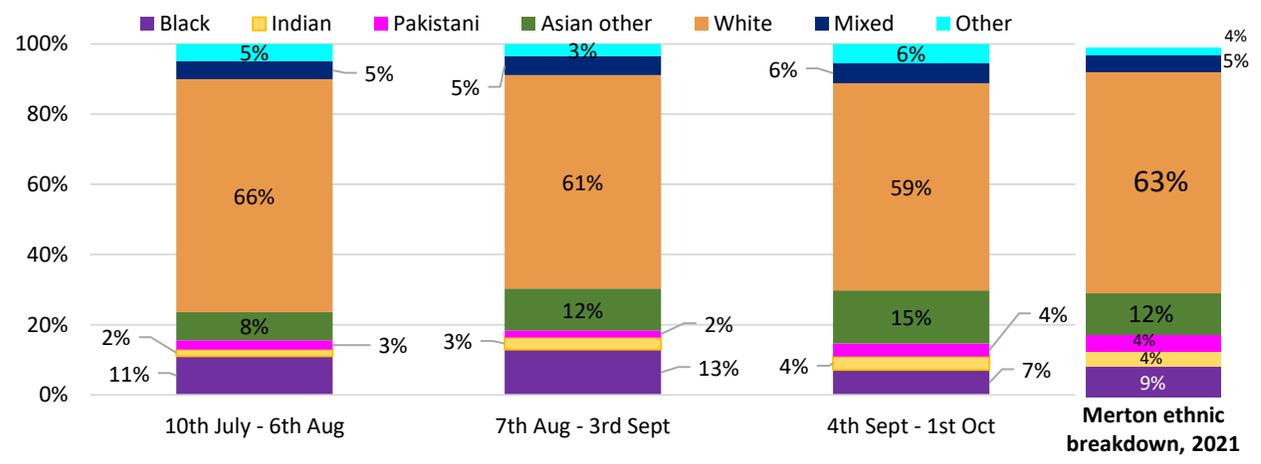
Source: PHE power BI line list

7 day rolling rate Pillar 2 case rates in Merton residents by age groups



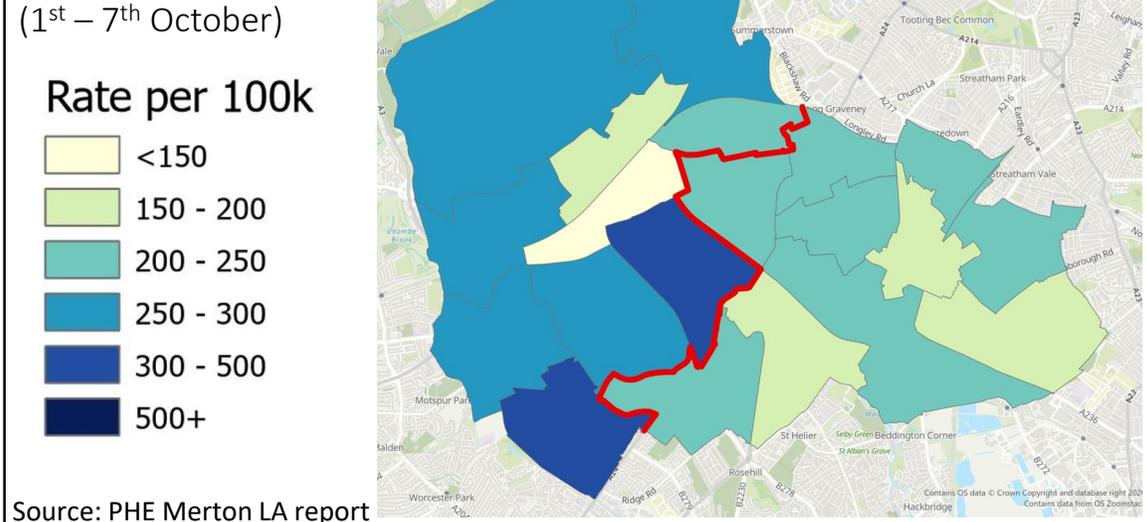
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Pillar 2 COVID-19 cases in Merton residents - by ethnicity compared to Merton ethnic profile over 4 week periods* (10th July – 1st October)



Source: PHE Power BI and GLA populations

Pillar 1 and 2 COVID-19 cases in Merton residents by ward over one week (1st – 7th October)



Source: PHE Merton LA report

Key Messages

- In recent weeks rates have been increasing in 11-16 year olds
- The highest rates can be seen in 11-16 year olds compared to other CYP age groups

Case rates per 100,000 population in CYP specific age groups in Merton residents (numbers in brackets)

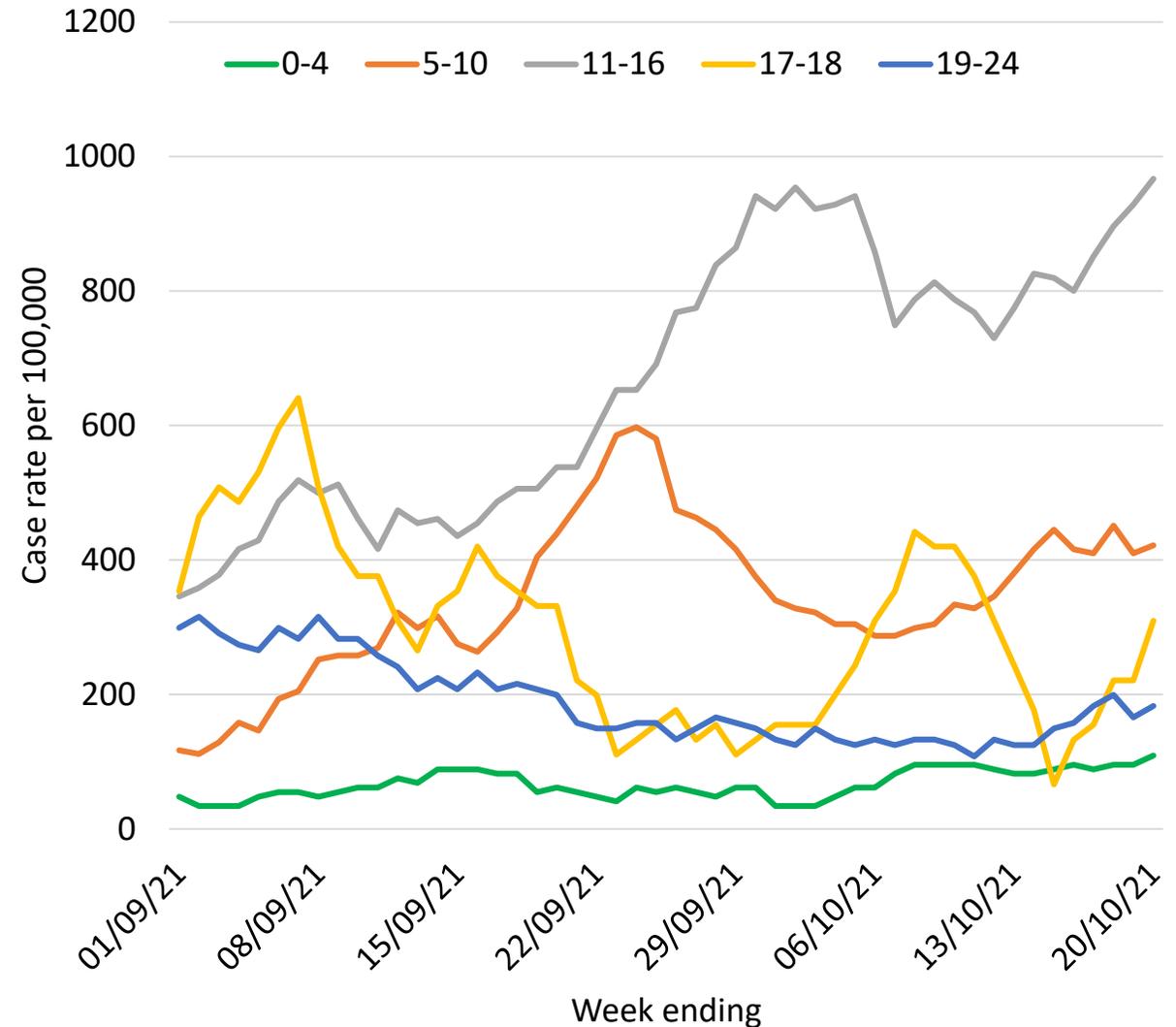
Week ending	0-4 yrs	5-10 yrs	11-16 yrs	17-18 yrs	19-24 yrs	25-29 yrs
16/10/2021*	95.6 (14)	415.8 (71)	800.3 (125)	132.6 (**)	157.8 (19)	149.1 (24)
9/10/2021	95.6 (14)	304.6 (52)	813.1 (127)	419.9 (19)	132.9 (16)	149.1 (24)
2/10/2021	34.1 (**)	328.0 (56)	953.9 (149)	154.7 (**)	124.6 (15)	111.8 (18)

Please note * case rate data by age breakdown has a time lag compared to overall to all age case rate

** Small numbers suppressed

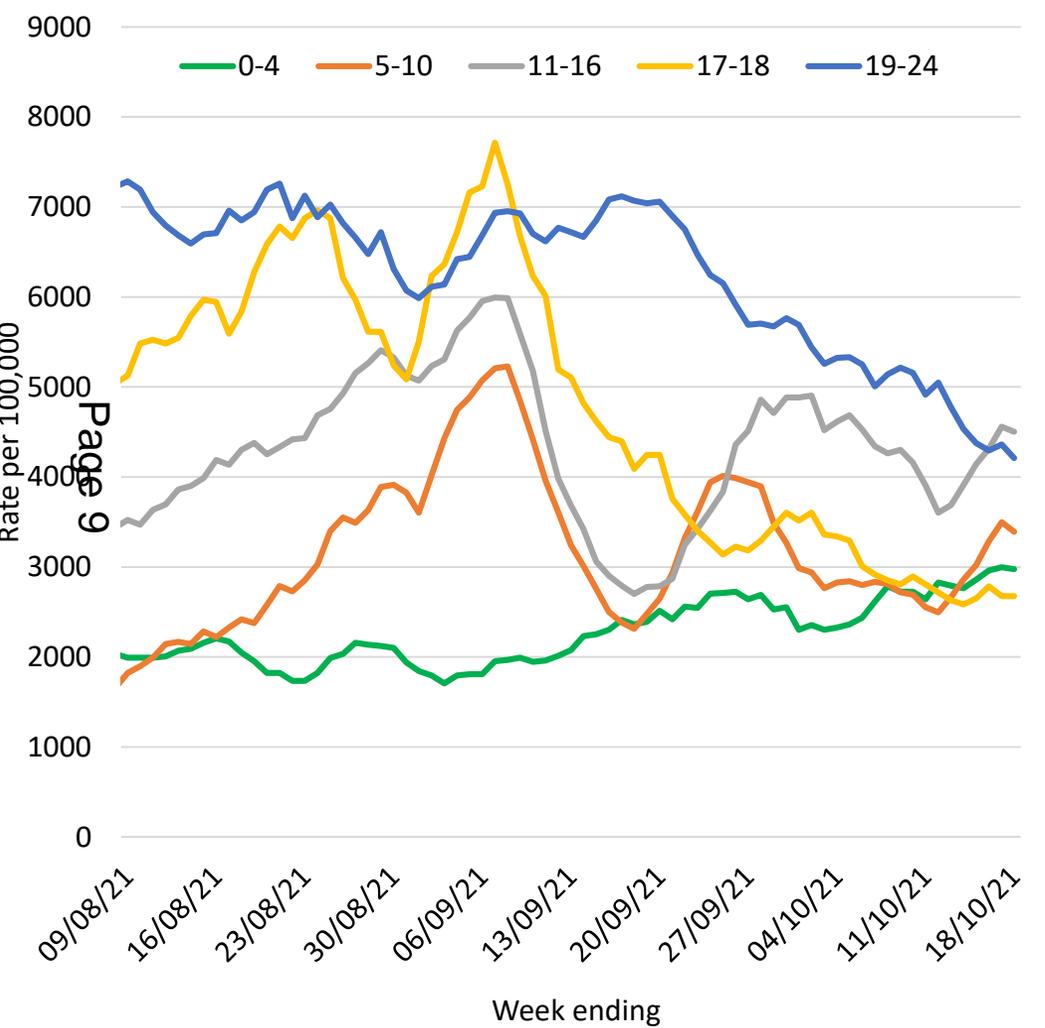
Source: PHE power BI tool and GLA 2018 populations

7 day rolling Pillar 2 case rates per 100,000 in CYP Merton residents



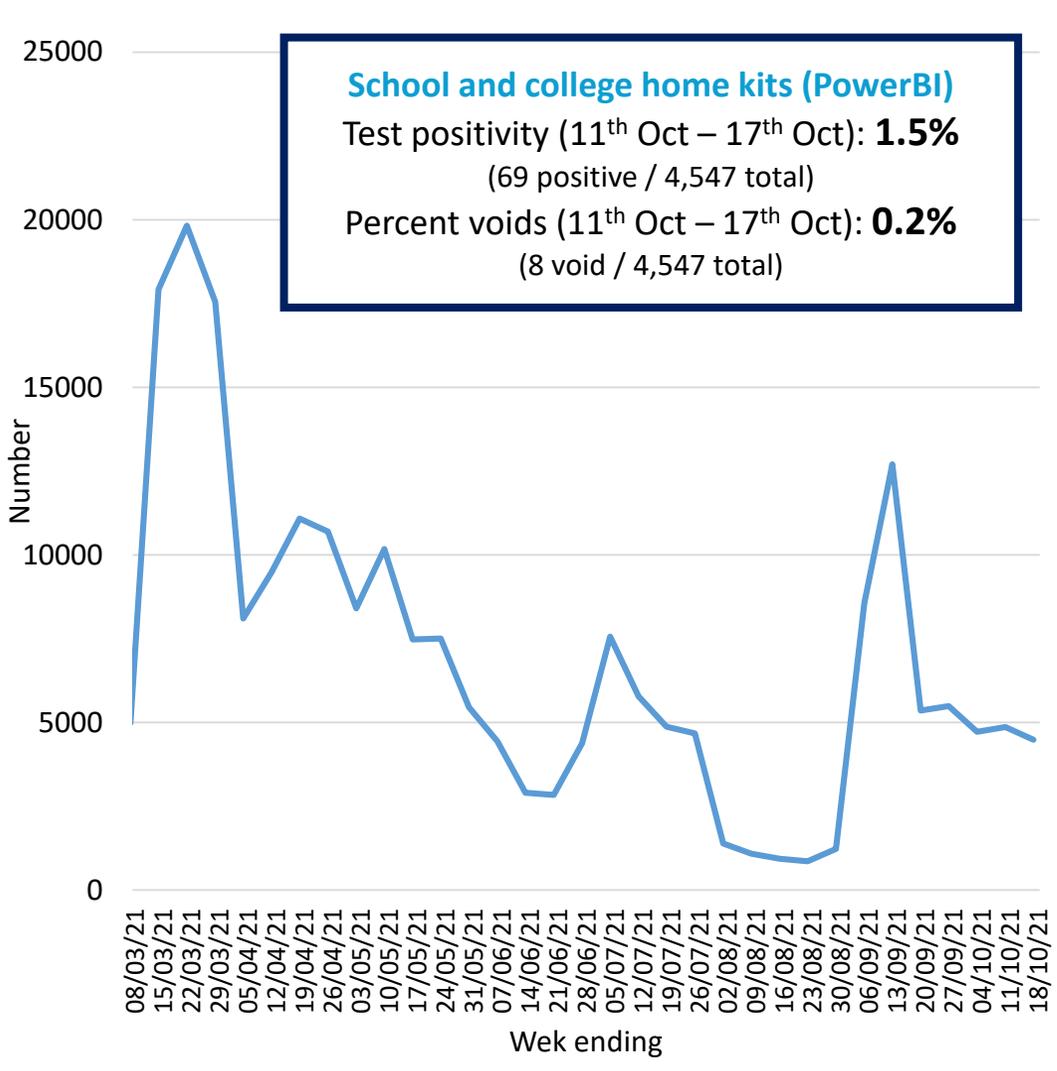
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7-day rolling Pillar 1 and 2 COVID-19 testing rates (PCR) per 100,000 in CYP Merton residents



Source: PHE Power BI tool

Weekly number of school and college LFD tests completed by Merton residents

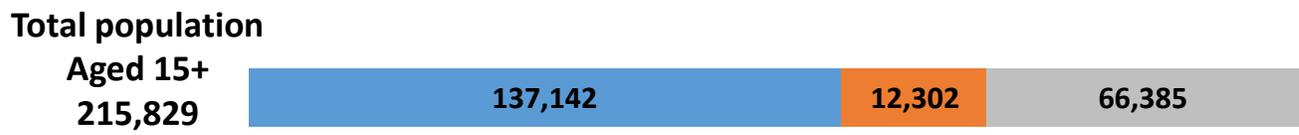
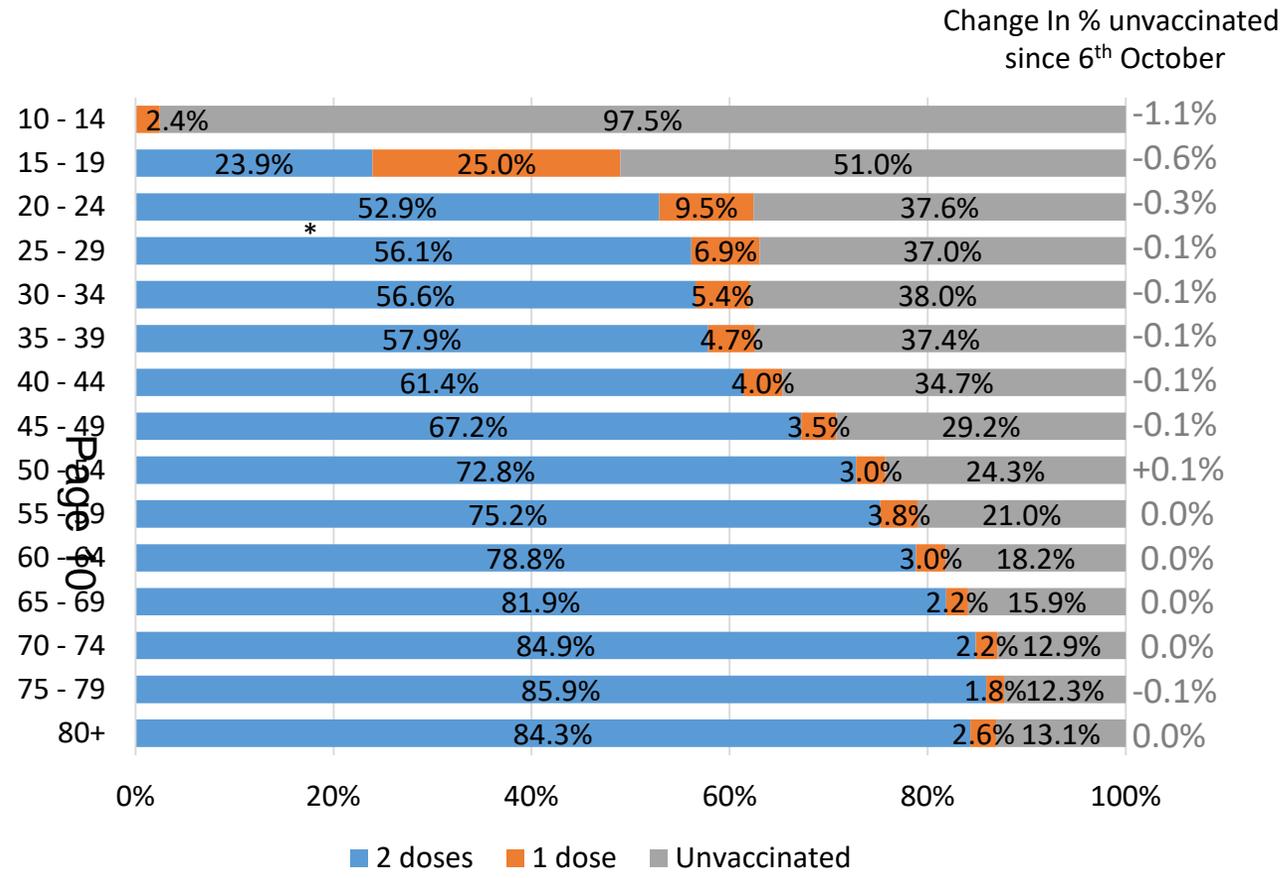


Source: PHE PowerBI

*Please note: PowerBI
 • PowerBI latest week figures may be incomplete as figures are retrospectively updated.

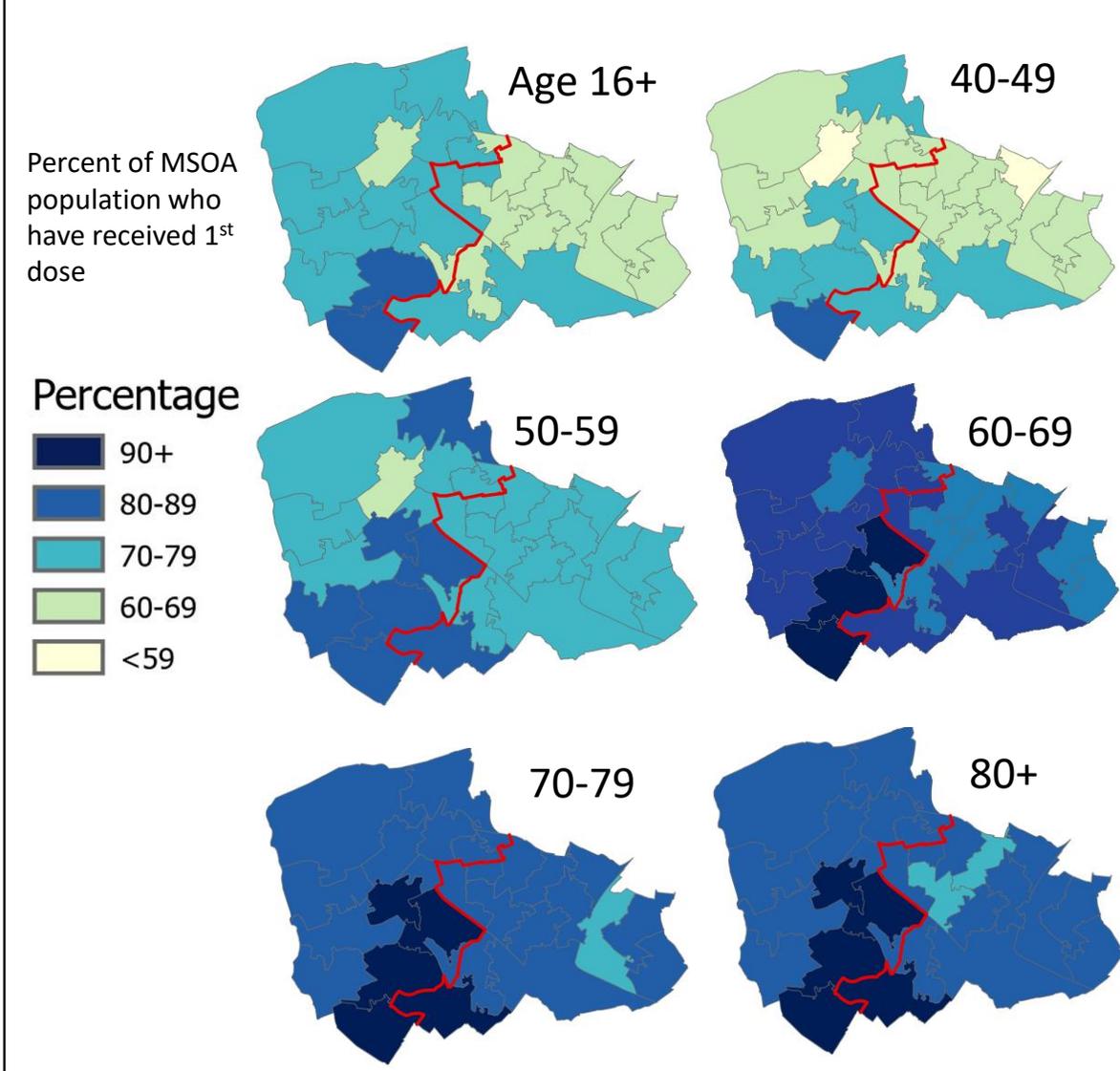
PHE Regional Dashboard:
 • Figures are for tests completed at home and on site by Merton residents.
 • Figures since 12th April may be incomplete due to coding issues.
 • Data since 28th April is an estimate as data is rounded to nearest multiple of 5, with sites recording under 7 tests suppressed.
 • Data for week ending 17th October is incomplete due to reporting delay.

Vaccine uptake by age band among Merton residents (as of 13th October 2021)



Data using NIMS population as denominator
Source: PHE power BI

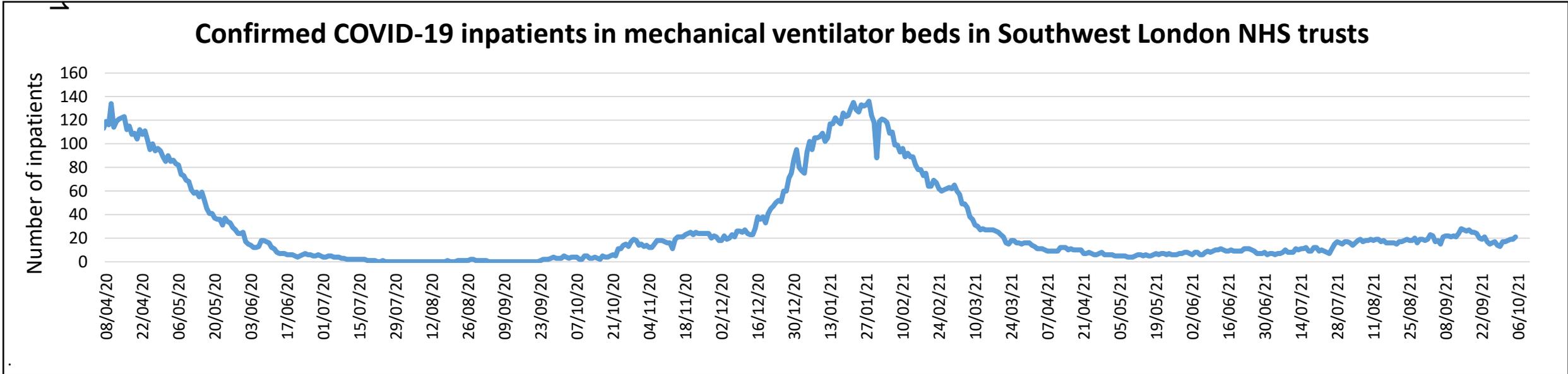
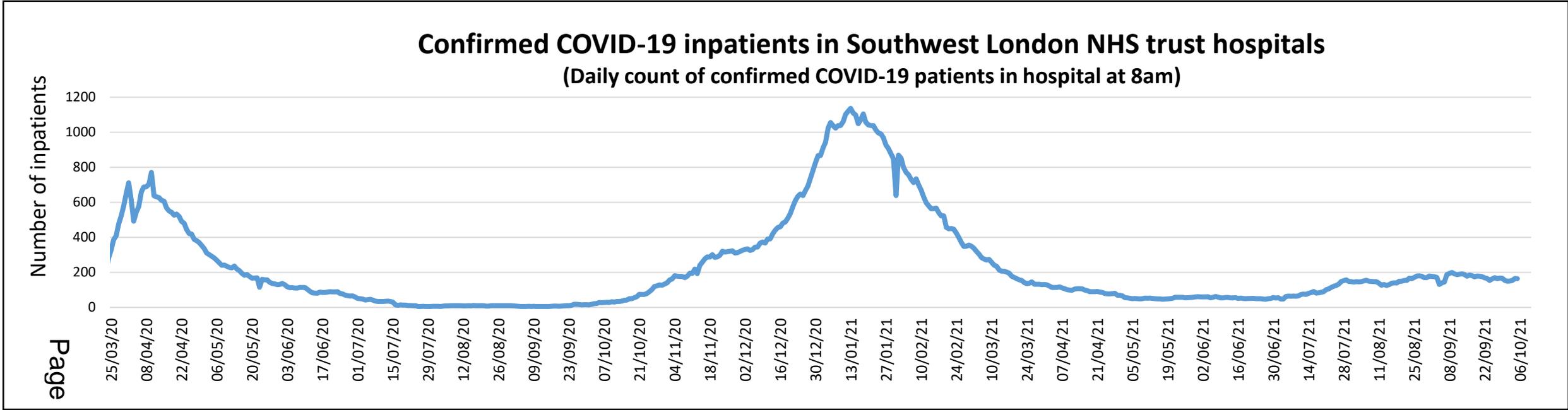
Percentage of Merton residents by age group and MSOA that have received 1st dose of Covid-19 vaccination (as of 3rd October)



Source: NHS COVID-19 vaccinations weekly report 7th October

COVID-19 NHS-related indicators for Southwest London

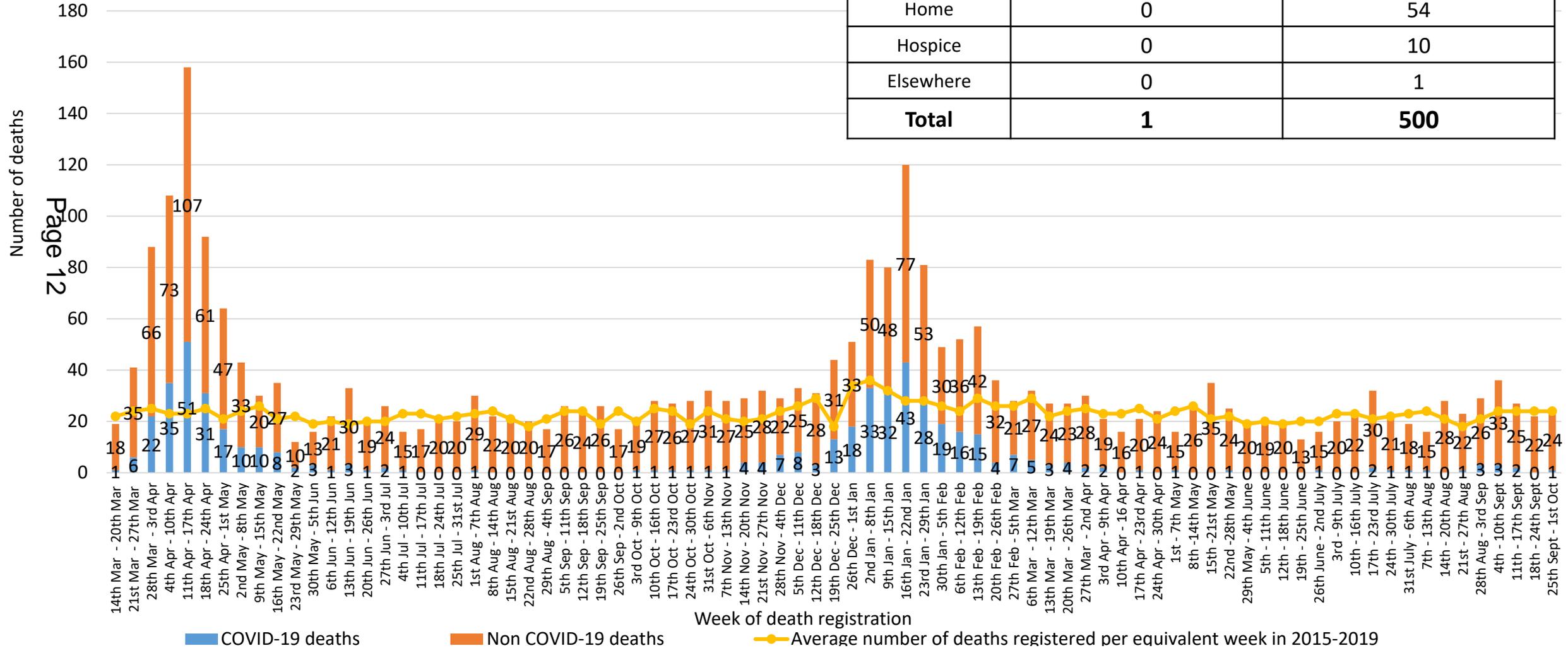
UPDATED DATA NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK



Number of deaths of Merton Residents by week of registration

Source: ONS

Reporting frequency: Weekly



Key changes for schools for Autumn term:

- No requirement for bubbles; face coverings are no longer required.
- No requirement to undertake routine contact tracing by schools –this will be undertaken by NHS Test and Trace. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 - if they are age under 18 and 6 months or have received both doses of their COVID vaccination.
- Schools will continue to implement Infection Prevention and Control measures like ventilation, enhanced cleaning and handwashing measures.
- All Secondary pupils and staff are advised to test twice weekly, including, during the half term.

Outbreaks

- There has been an increase in outbreaks in schools. As of 20th October, there were active 14 outbreaks and 3 situations under investigation in schools. Public health Merton, CSF and Public Health England have been working with schools to support outbreak management during twice weekly Outbreak management meetings. GIS mapping is used to identify trends and patterns between different CYP settings and update schools during outbreak meetings.
- PH Merton CYP COVID Team work closely with schools with active outbreaks to implement green, amber and red measures as per LCRC guidance to prevent, reduce and control the spread of infections.

Vaccination

- In addition to the existing CEV eligible cohort, vaccinations for the healthy 12–15-year-old are now being offered to pupils in schools by the School Immunisation team.
- As of 20th October, **8 schools** had hosted vaccination sessions. All Merton schools are booked to have sessions by 19 November. Webinar for parents of this cohort was organised on 7th October to encourage consent for school immunisations; however, more work is needed to increase the consent and uptake in schools.
- A supplementary offer for 12–15-year-olds is available via community vaccination clinics over half term (Centre court, Nelson, Wilson),

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