

Education Webinar

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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

England has returned to Plan A. You should continue to protect yourself and others


- [Get vaccinated](#) and get your [booster dose](#)
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- [Get tested](#) and self-isolate if required

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UK COVID-19 Alert Level 4

since 12th December 2021

COVID Alert Levels			 HM Government
Level	Description	Action	
5	As level 4 and there is a material risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed	Social distancing measures increase from today's level	
4	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation; transmission is high or rising exponentially	Current social distancing measures and restrictions	
3	A COVID-19 epidemic is in general circulation	Gradual relaxing of restrictions and social distancing measures	
2	COVID-19 is present in the UK, but the number of cases and transmission is low	No or minimal social distancing measures; enhanced testing, tracing, monitoring and screening	
1	COVID-19 is not known to be present in the UK	Routine international monitoring	

Rates in Bolton are still high, and are higher than when Plan B introduced

Rates per 100,000 population, Bolton:

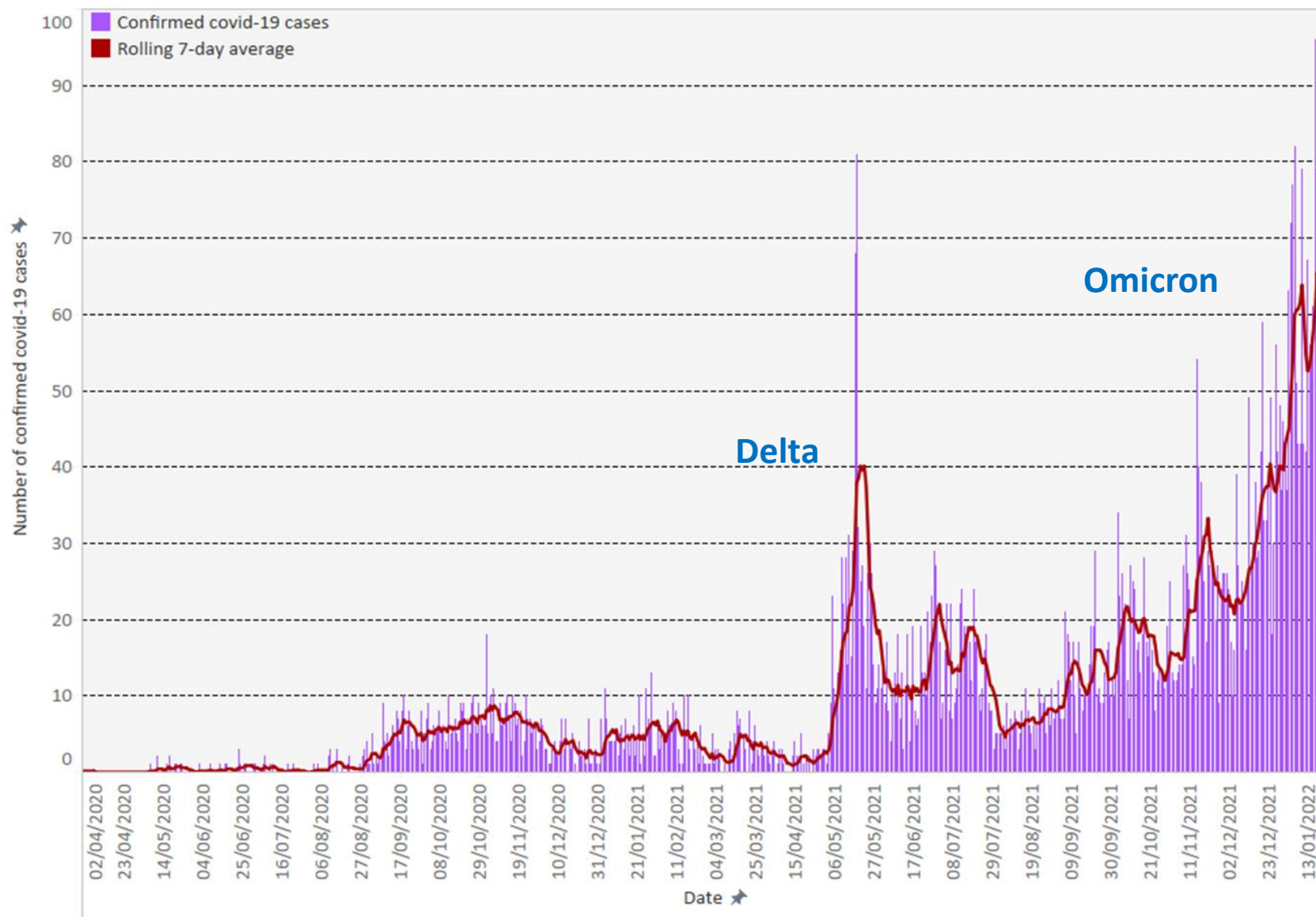
	1 st Sept 2021	1 st Dec 2021	22 nd Jan 2022
All ages	239	312	851
0-4	105	158	622
5-9	173	525	1,650
10-14	290	548	1,499
15-19	225	370	959

- Rates in 5-9's are double that of the population as a whole, and 3x's higher than December (and 9x's higher than last September)
- Rates in 10-14s are 5x's higher than last Sept and almost 3x's higher than December

5-9's: cases rising sharply in recent weeks

Number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 7-day rolling average in primary school age children aged 5-11 years in Bolton (March 2020 to January 2022)

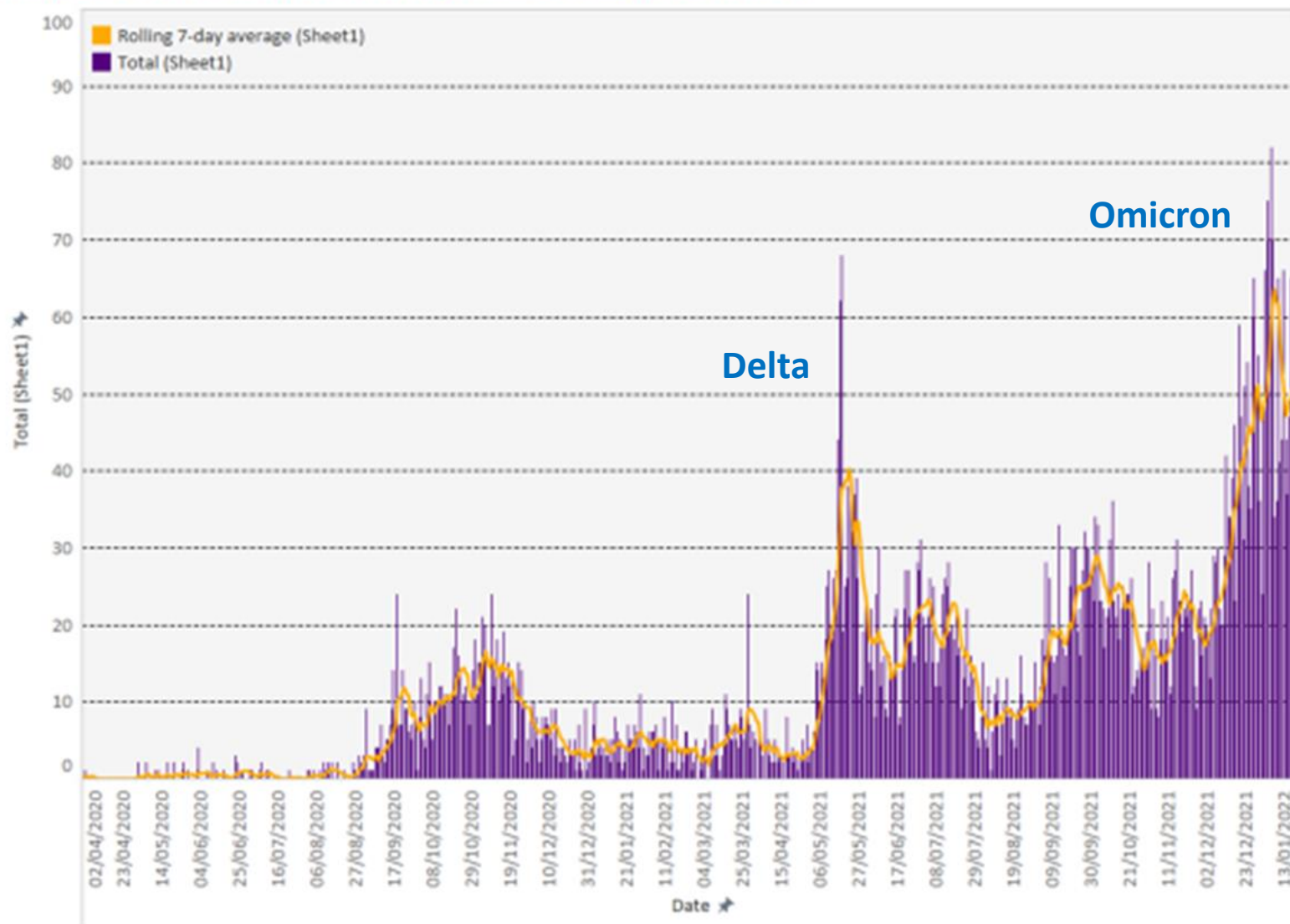
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**10-14's:
cases rising
sharply, some
signs of
slowing but
still high**

Number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 7-day rolling average in children aged 10-15 years in Bolton
(March 2020 to January 2022)

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Local recommendation review process

- Local expert panel including Bolton Council public health and education, and GM UKHSA
- Consultation with schools Tactical group
- Current recommendations agreed on 25th January 2022 and in place until February half term
- Further review will be carried out at that point
- Bolton Council public health analyses continue to monitor local infection indicators daily
- Advice and recommendations provided to schools are in line with [DfE Contingency Framework](#) and Greater Manchester Covid-19 Outbreak Management Framework in 0-19 Educational Settings

Additional baseline measures for education settings in Bolton



The following measures are strongly recommended:

- Encourage the wearing of face coverings in communal areas for staff, visitors and students (year 7 and above)
- Clear messaging and communications to encourage staff, visitors, students (year 7 and above), and their households to undertake twice-weekly lateral flow testing for people without symptoms
- Consider opportunities to exercise caution and reduce indoor gathering and mixing between year groups, e.g. virtual assemblies
- Promote social distancing between staff within setting

The following recommendation is removed and no longer applies as it has been superseded by national guidance:

- ~~• Household close contacts in KS2 and above who are exempt from isolation and are attending school are encouraged to carry out daily lateral flow testing for 10 days after the onset of symptoms (or positive test if asymptomatic) in the case in their household, and only attend school if their lateral flow test is negative. They are also encouraged to follow national guidance for all contacts and access a PCR test at COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).~~

Summary published online at <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/staycovidsafe>

Please continue to report cases

Bolton Public Health's Covid-19 response team and education colleagues will continue to work closely with settings and give additional support to manage clusters and outbreaks where required

➤ **Contact Bolton COVID-19 response team on 01204 336004**

Monday – Friday 8.30-5.30; Sat, Sun 9.00-1.30

Covid19contacttracing@bolton.gov.uk

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12-15 years COVID-19 vaccination schools offer

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust responsible for delivering second phase of the COVID-19 vaccination programme to children aged 12-15 years in education settings:

- Operating through Bolton FT Schools Immunisation Team and subcontracted arrangements with local GP providers.
- Planning and engagement with local secondary schools w/c 10th January.
- The programme commenced 17th January and will run to 31st March.
- Offer includes 1st and 2nd doses*
- Consent forms will be sent to school either as paper or electronic format depending on school preference. However, all consent forms need to be returned signed in paper format.

***Criteria for children to have 2nd dose:**

- **Minimum of 12 weeks since first vaccine, unless they have a condition that means they are at higher risk of becoming seriously ill with Covid or live with someone at higher risk.**
- **Not tested positive for covid-19 in last 12 weeks**

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12-15 years COVID-19 vaccination schools offer

- There are also 3 walk-in centres in Bolton who will accept 12-15 year olds for 1st and 2nd vaccinations:

Horwich RMI Club Ramsbottom Road, BL6 5NH	Hootons Pharmacy Bolton Wanderers Football Club, University of Bolton Stadium, De Havilland Way, BL6 6SF	Market Place Shopping Centre, Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2AL
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- The community offer at the walk-in centres will continue alongside the school offer and is co-ordinated by Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- N.B. This is a separate offer to the offer in schools from Bolton FT School Immunisation Team,
- Further information can be found on the CCG website – <https://www.boltonccg.nhs.uk>

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Staffing Pressures:

- Thank you for the survey responses
- Please continue to complete the DfE pulse survey
- Continuing to monitor business continuity arrangements for council services

HR:

- Unvaccinated staff – no changes on the guidance for isolation