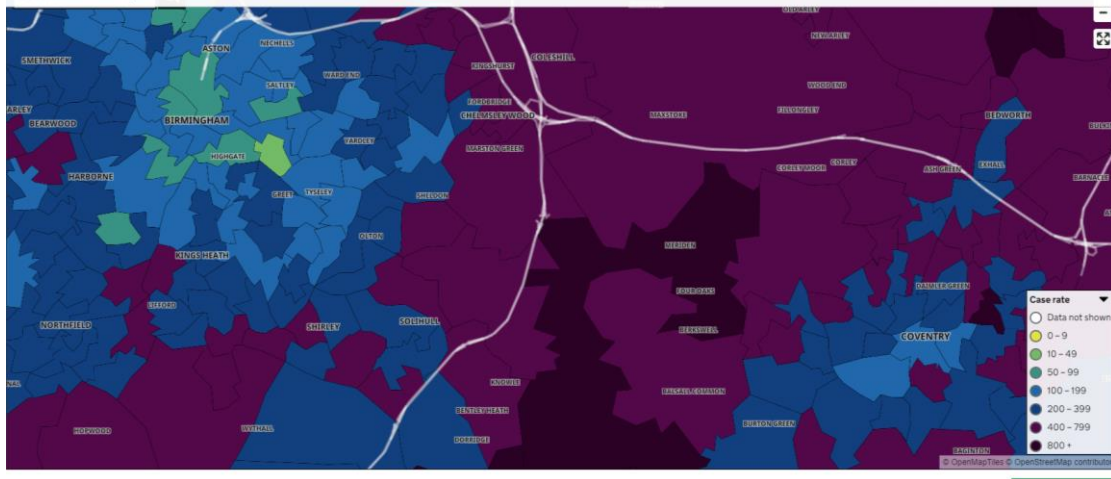


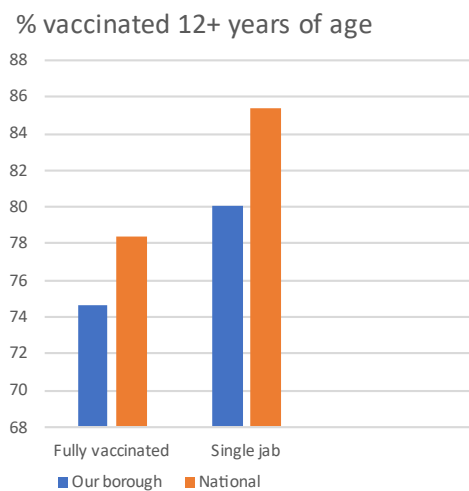
Virus news for Balsall and Berkswell Parishes

Dear residents,

It is some time since I have written a coronavirus update. I do so now because our area is one of the very worst in England. Our coronavirus rates are much worse than Birmingham and much worse than the urban part of Solihull borough. This can be seen from this map. The closer to deep purple the worse it is. We look better than Hampton but that is only because with a score of 792, we just scrape under the 800-incidence rate of the worst category. Aston in Birmingham has one tenth the rate of our area for covid.



The other striking fact is how low our vaccination rates are in Solihull borough compared to the national average and we live in one of the best educated and most affluent parts of the country.



Whilst the virus no longer kills at the same rate, covid is a nasty illness. It can cause long term effects, will keep you housebound whilst you isolate and you will often feel very rotten for days.

What should we be doing?

The advice has not really changed

- Ensure you are fully vaccinated
- If you meet with people ensure you do that, where practical, in ventilated spaces
- Wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces which are not well ventilated to protect others (e.g. in shops, queuing indoors, on public transport etc)

The most important of these is to ensure that you, and everyone you know 12 plus years old, is fully vaccinated. You can get it done at

Walk in centres [Find the nearest centre here](#)

Book an appointment [Book here](#)

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