

Notice of a public meeting of

City of York Outbreak Management Advisory Board

To: Councillors Aspden (Chair), Runciman (Vice-Chair) and Kilbane

Ian Floyd - Chief Operating Officer, CYC

Sharon Stoltz - Statutory Director of Health for the City of York, CYC

Amanda Hatton - Corporate Director of People, CYC

Philip Allott - North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

Siân Balsom - Manager, Healthwatch York

Marc Bichtemann - Managing Director, First York

Lucy Brown - Director of Communications, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

James Farrar - Local Enterprise Partnership

Professor Charlie Jeffery - Vice Chancellor and President, University of York

Phil Mettam - Track and Trace Lead for Humber, Coast and Vale, NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group

Dr Simon Padfield - Consultant in Health Protection, Public Health England

Mike Padgham - Chair, Independent Care Group

Steph Porter - Acting Director of Primary Care and Population Health, NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group

Alison Semmence - Chief Executive, York CVS

Dr Sally Tyrer - General Practitioner, North Yorkshire Local Medical Committee

Lisa Winward – Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police

Date: Wednesday, 9 June 2021

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting

AGENDA

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- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2021** (Pages 1 - 6)
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- 4. Presentation: Current Covid-19 Situation in York**
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- 10. Any Other Business**

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	City of York Outbreak Management Advisory Board
Date	19 May 2021
Present	<p>Councillors Aspden (Chair), Runciman (Vice-Chair) and Douglas (Substitute for Cllr Myers)</p> <p>Sharon Stoltz - Director of Public Health for the City of York, CYC Siân Balsom – Manager, Healthwatch York Marc Bichtemann – Managing Director, First York Lucy Brown – Director of Communications, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust James Farrar – Local Enterprise Partnership <i>[from 6pm]</i> Professor Charlie Jeffery - Vice Chancellor and President, University of York Stephanie Porter – Director of Primary Care, NHS Vale of York CCG Alison Semmence – Chief Executive, York CVS Dr Sally Tyrer – General Practitioner, North Yorkshire Local Medical Committee <i>[from 6pm]</i> Lisa Winward – Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police</p>
Apologies	<p>Councillor Myers Ian Floyd - Chief Operating Officer, CYC Amanda Hatton - Corporate Director of People, CYC Philip Allott – Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Phil Mettam - Track and Trace Lead for Humber, Coast and Vale, NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group Dr Simon Padfield - Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, PHE Mike Padgham – Independent Care Group</p>

In Attendance Claire Foale - Head of Communications,
Customer Services and Digital, CYC
Fiona Phillips – Assistant Director of Public
Health for the City of York, CYC

136. Declarations of Interest

Board Members had no interests to declare.

137. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2021

The Board signed off the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting held on 7 April 2021.

There were two actions arising from the April meeting; one to schedule in a further report on vaccine equality and one to schedule in a progress update on the recommendations arising from the recent peer challenge. These have been scheduled into the Board's forward plan.

138. Current Situation in York - Presentation

The Assistant Director of Public Health gave a presentation which included updates on the number of new cases in the last seven days; our position in the region; NHS pathways triages in the previous seven days; the number of people in York Hospital with Covid-19 and ward level detail. The presentation also provided updates on testing; contact tracing and vaccination.

The following were the key areas highlighted

As at 19 May 2021:

- York had the lowest number of Covid-19 cases in the region and a lower number than the national average;
- There were three people in hospital with Covid-19;
- In the most recent period (01.05.2021 to 07.05.2021) there had been zero deaths due to Covid-19;
- There were no specific areas of the city that were a cause for concern in terms of numbers of cases and cases were mostly within the 20 to 40 age group;
- There were a small number of cases within schools but not enough to be classed as an outbreak;
- There were no outbreaks in care homes or work places;

- There was a site at the Designer Outlet for staff testing;
- There was a new test site at St. William's College, set up in partnership with York Minster, for visitors and for people who worked in the city centre.

Work was ongoing to encourage people to undertake regular symptom free testing in light of a number of new Covid variants. Public health staff were door knocking in certain areas of the city to offer home testing kits and to encourage vaccination uptake. There were still people who did not know that home test kits were available and Outbreak Management Advisory Board members were asked to disseminate this information within their own organisations and networks.

The vaccination programme was going well and those in the 30+ age group were about to be invited for their first dose. In light of new variants the programme had also been accelerated for those who had already had their first vaccination and were awaiting their second. Additionally the opening hours of the vaccination site would be extended over the weekend.

The final slide of the presentation covered uptake of the vaccine at ward level. There were some differences and a more detailed report around this was due to be presented to this board at their July meeting. Currently both 'door knocking' in some areas of the city and telephone calls were being made to those who had not yet taken up the offer of vaccination to try and increase uptake. Work was also ongoing to look at a possible city centre venue for vaccination and how pharmacies might be able to support the programme.

The reasons that people were not having a vaccination were being collated and these included concerns around the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and practical issues such as getting to a vaccination site and childcare.

The presentation was added to the agenda following the meeting.

The Board raised the following in relation to the presentation:

- Whether the report being prepared around vaccine inequality would include pro-active interventions to encourage uptake; it was confirmed that it would.
- The Director of Public Health (DPH) confirmed that one barrier identified was getting time off work to go for the vaccination; the DPH would be writing a letter, in partnership with NHS colleagues,

this would be sent to all employers in the city encouraging them to give their employees paid time off to be vaccinated.

- A question was asked around the opening of hospitality venues in the city and what support was being given to these businesses. In response it was noted that the majority of businesses were committed to working with the council and the public health team to ensure that their businesses were as safe as possible for staff, customers and visitors.
- There was a question around the role of community groups in vaccination uptake and it was noted that sharing information about the vaccine reliably was key and community groups could help with this.
- A follow on question was asked around counteracting misinformation and reference was made to a leaflet in circulation with incorrect information about the vaccine contained within it. The Head of Communications was using the Behavioural Insights Team at Public Health England to myth bust misinformation.

Additionally the Head of Communications took the following away:

Action: to look at whether vaccine uptake is lower in the areas where the leaflet containing misinformation had been circulating.

- For the localised contact tracing service, funding was in place until the end of this financial year with current sites being funded until the end of June. Further national guidance was expected about this soon.
- What was happening in York in relation to the variant first identified in India? It was confirmed that there were 13 different variants and only a few of these had been seen in York. However, the variant identified in India was highly transmissible and it may be that cases would emerge over the coming weeks, especially as Covid restrictions were relaxed. Any rise in cases may not have the same impact as they did in December, with the Kent variant, due to an increased number of people having been vaccinated
- Businesses were cautiously optimistic about the relaxation of restrictions although there were some concerns about the final lifting on 21st June being delayed
- People were returning to using public transport

The Board noted the update.

139. York Outbreak Management Plan

The Director of Public Health confirmed that she had received comments on the draft plan from the Universities and Higher

Education Sub-Group and the areas these related to had been strengthened.

It was confirmed that the section of the plan covering membership would be updated before publication,

The Outbreak Management Advisory Board were asked to approve the plan for publication and were requested to use the plan to raise awareness within their own organisations and networks. This was agreed by the Board.

140. Update from Sub-Group: Universities and Higher Education Establishments

The Vice Chancellor of the University of York presented the short update report contained within the agenda papers and highlighted the following:

- There had been very few cases within students since last reporting;
- Students were accessing testing and testing rates were high
- Many students had returned to face to face teaching and the low rate of cases in light of this was encouraging;
- Universities and Higher Education facilities were now thinking ahead to the next academic year starting in September and this included a number of different scenarios;
- Planning was underway with Nimbuscare around how a vaccination programme might be delivered for returning students and international students.

The Board noted the update.

141. Communications Update

The Head of Communications presented the slides included within the agenda papers. This included information on the outbreak communications plan and progress made since the last meeting. She reiterated some of the key messages such as hands, face, space and fresh air and confirmed that there had been increased communications around testing. Additionally there had more communications to encourage people to increase their activity levels to avoid deconditioning.

A question was asked around how much of the information was available in languages other than English and it was confirmed that people could request information in any language. Some written

communications which had been going to all households regularly were now being reduced to quarterly.

The Local Medical Committee representative reported that GPs were now seeing people in surgery who had not been accessing testing. They were presenting, in surgery, with Covid like symptoms which was concerning. She reiterated the importance of encouraging people to access regular and appropriate testing and felt that there was more to do around communicating this. GPs could not routinely provide testing as this could lead to issues around infection control.

It was confirmed that the Our City newsletter included information on how to access testing but the Head of Communications agreed to look at introducing further communications around normalising testing. Additionally the DPH agreed to follow up on the conversation around when testing in GP surgeries might be appropriate and how best to manage this.

Action: The DPH to continue the conversation re: GP concerns around testing in GP surgeries with the representative of the Local Medical Committee and the Director of Primary Care at NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group.

142. Items for Next Agenda

The Chair confirmed that there was now a forward plan for the Board and the additional items identified within the minutes of the last meeting had now been added to this.

143. Dates of Future Meetings

The agreed dates of future meetings were as follows:

- 9 June 2021
- 7 July 2021

Dates and invites to meetings for September 2021 onwards would shortly be sent to Board members.

144. Any Other Business

The Board had no other business to discuss.

Cllr K Aspden, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.46 pm].



Outbreak Management Advisory Board

09 June 2021

Emergency Response Hubs

Background

The Emergency Response Hubs have been operating since the end of March 2020. They are based in community venues staffed by City of York Council and supported by volunteers. There are currently 5 hubs operating across the city. The table below shows the areas of the city supported by each of the hubs.

Foxwood Community Centre <u>Acomb Ward</u> <u>Holgate Ward</u> <u>Westfield Ward</u> <u>Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward</u>	Haxby Memorial Hall <u>Haxby and Wigginton Ward</u> <u>Huntington and New Earswick Ward</u> <u>Strensall Ward</u>
Clements Hall <u>Micklegate Ward</u> <u>Guildhall Ward</u> <u>Fishergate Ward</u> <u>Fulford and Heslington Ward</u> <u>Bishopthorpe Ward</u> <u>Copmanthorpe Ward</u>	Tang Hall Community Centre <u>Heworth Ward</u> <u>Heworth Without Ward</u> <u>Hull Road Ward</u> <u>Osbalwick and Derwent Ward</u> <u>Wheldrake Ward</u>
Clifton <u>Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward</u> <u>Clifton Ward</u> <u>Rural West York Ward</u>	

The support offered through the Emergency Response hubs has evolved to meet local need throughout the pandemic. Initially 9 hubs were set up, all working to a core model but operating slightly differently to reflect local capacity, community infrastructure and local knowledge. In some areas local partners took the lead in the delivery of the response and in other areas City of York Council staff undertook this role.

The focus of the hubs has been to ensure that York residents have access to the support that they need when they need it. The majority of

requests for support have been actioned on the same day. This was only possible due to the dedication of those managing the hubs and the 500+ volunteers generously giving their time.

Since the Emergency hubs started in March 2020 they have completed over:

- 20,000 Phone calls, door knocks, referrals and welfare checks
- 8,000 Food supplies (Food parcels, food projects and essential shops)
- 1,500 Prescription collection and deliveries

These numbers are reflective of the tasks that have been recorded, the true number of tasks delivered is likely much higher.

Current plans and transition

The current plans are to run the Emergency Response Hubs in their current form until the end of July 2021. The rationale being to reflect the roadmap to easing lockdown and to offer a period of transition. Post July the intention is to focus capacity on the roll out of a community approach model.

Since the end of the last period of lockdown, the levels of support requests to the emergency response hubs has significantly reduced. During this time we have delivered a core service and concentrated efforts in supporting people to find local sustainable solutions to issues:

- Signposting and connecting to specialist support
- Connecting people with local food projects and activities
- Supporting and delivering Covid compliant engagement activities
- Facilitating conversations to address anxieties around getting out and about, vaccinations, testing etc.
- Developing opportunities to deliver a strengths based community approach model.

In addition ward committees are supporting local projects through a dedicated grant pot for Covid-19 recovery activities to increase community capacity.

Flexibility

Should it be required beyond the end of July 2021 it may be possible extend the support of the Emergency Response Hubs in a number of ways which could include one or a combination of the following:

- a) continue to run the service in its current form subject to allocation of sufficient funding and agreement with venue management.
- b) offer a hybrid approach joining together different response elements and sharing resources e.g. local test kit collection and testing.
- c) integrate support into the roll out of the community approach model on a 'by exception' basis.
- d) cease the current Emergency Response Hub operation at the end of July with the view to reinstating all or part of the service if needed.

Reflections

Feedback from partners, staff and volunteers from the Emergency Response Hubs indicates that the area based approach taken to supporting residents has led to a greater shared understanding of local needs and issues, enhanced connectivity and sense of community and belonging. Many of the volunteers have also volunteered with connected activities which will continue beyond an emergency response. All contributing to the skills, knowledge and capacity to respond to future challenges. Conversely there are significant issues which have been highlighted whilst delivering support through the Emergency Response Hubs, particularly in the areas of loneliness and isolation and physical and mental health. Issues as a direct result or exacerbated by the pandemic where investment could make a real difference to lives now and the resilience of the York Community.

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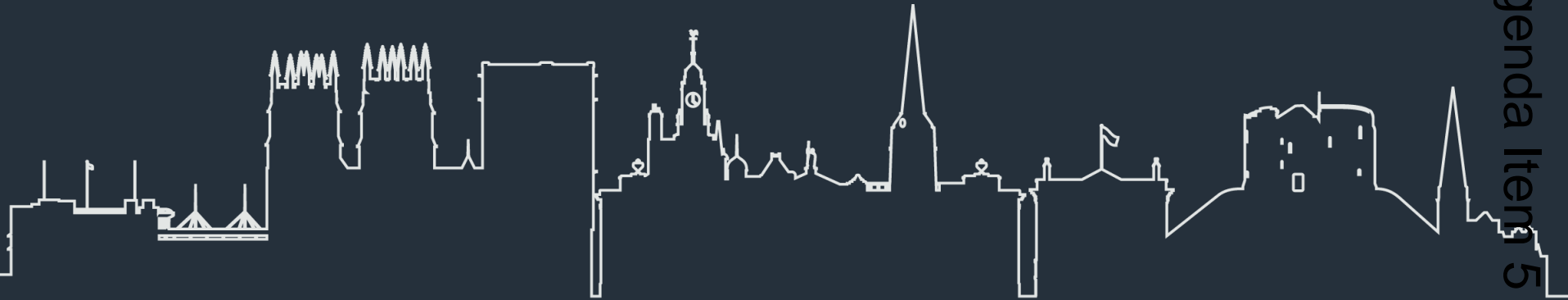
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Communities and Equalities Manager

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YORK OUTBREAK CONTROL Communications update

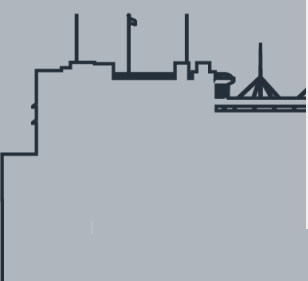
9 June 2021



Key messages

Safe Behaviours

 <p>Wash hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds.</p> <p>Hands</p>	 <p>Wear a face covering in enclosed environments.</p> <p>Face</p>	 <p>Maintain space with anyone outside your household or bubble.</p> <p>Space</p>
 <p>Meet with others outdoors where possible.</p> <p>Air</p>	 <p>Minimise the number of different people you meet and the duration of meetings, if possible.</p>	 <p>Let fresh air in.</p> <p>Air</p>
 <p>Download the NHS Test & Trace app.</p>	 <p>Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms.</p>	 <p>Self isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.</p>



The four phases of outbreak management communications

Phase 1

- Prevent - Provide updates about the current situation to prevent outbreaks

Phase 2

- Respond – Share information in responses to an alert following increased cases and/or change in restrictions

Phase 3

- Manage the outbreak

Phase 4

- Safely recover

A phased approach

Phases		Approach (including aims)	Timing
1	Regular updates of current situation to try and prevent outbreaks	<p>Amplify in phase 2</p> <p>Share accurate and timely updates: Share key public health messages and updates about the current situation in York, quickly addressing inaccuracies and providing the most up to date information and tools to support behaviour change.</p> <p>Build advocacy: Work closely with partners to ensure consistent messaging across the city. Share public health actions taken by city partners and public health and show how behaviour changes are supported by partners.</p>	15 June 2020: Reopening
2	Alert following spike in cases and/or change in restrictions	<p>Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do : Share what the city is doing to protect residents and what they need to do to keep others safe and places open. Use case and vaccination data to update residents and businesses on the current position. Demonstrate partnership approach being taken.</p> <p>Build engagement through conversation: Share messages and updates with residents. Engage audiences to find out how they are feeling and what they need to help the city recover and adapt their behaviours. Work closely with our partners to share insight and ideas.</p>	<p>2 December 2020: Tier 2</p> <p>30 December 2020: Tier 3</p>
3	Manage outbreak	<p>Deliver a regular drumbeat of accurate information: Initiate incident communications toolkit, assign roles and establish the rhythm of the incident, with regular and targeted communications and ongoing social media and website updates.</p> <p>Signpost support: Update CYC website and signpost support through all channels, responding to social media and providing information for partners to distribute through their channels</p> <p>Promote unity and community cooperation: Put people first, share stories of the personal impact of covid (MyCovidStory) and of people coming together and showing the very best of themselves and their experience of covid (York Kind)</p> <p>Target information: Provide residents with targeted information about changes, signpost relevant support services, coordinate information through targeted networks for partners to distribute to their channels</p>	<p>23 March 2020: Lockdown</p> <p>2 November 2020: Lockdown</p> <p>5 January 2021: Lockdown</p> <p>8 March 2021: step 1a</p> <p>29 March 2021: step 1b</p>
4	Safely recover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach as per phase 1 and 2 	<p>12 April 2021: step 2</p> <p>17 May 2021: step 3</p> <p>21 June 2021: step 4?</p>

Communications roadmap



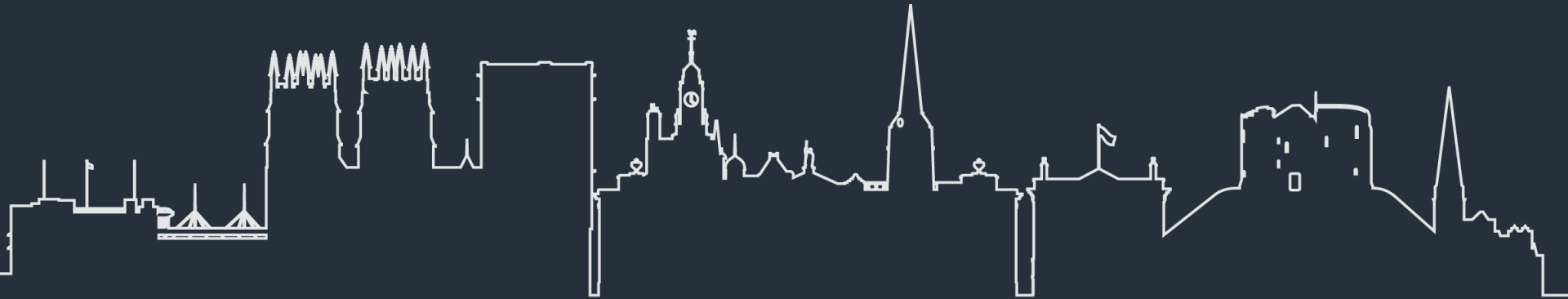
	2020										2021					
Regular rhythm	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
Restriction communications	lockdown			Tier I				T2	Lockdown	T3	Lockdown		S1	S2	S3	S4
Regular updates / e-newsletters	daily			1-2 a week												
Direct publications, <i>Our City</i>	monthly				quarterly				monthly		quarterly					
Facebook live – ask the leaders					monthly		weekly	fortnightly				monthly				
Let's be York (Safe reopen) inc. York Kind: Reopen with care					Business pack, signage, social, web, PR						Signage, social, web, PR (PHE BSIU insight trials)					
Let's be York (keep open)					Outside, social											
Let's be York (Xmas/keep going)																
We've got it covered					Social, PR, web											
18-34 yo residents									Social							
Safe return to school					direct, social, web				8							
Emotional health #FeelRealYork									PR, facebook, social, outside, partner packs							
Testing strategy inc. normalising									Direct, web, social, signage							
Complacency: My Covid Story									Web, social, direct, PR							
Vaccinations, inc. mythbusting									Direct, social, letter to businesses							
A year on									31		23					

ROADMAP STEPS as published 22/02/2021

	Step 1		Step 2		Step 3	Step 4
	8 March	29 March	No earlier than 12 April		No earlier than 17 May	No earlier than 21 June
		As schools break for Easter Holidays	5 weeks after step 1		5 weeks after step 2	5 weeks after step 3
Education	Schools and colleges open for all students	Practical Higher Education Courses				
Business / activities	Wraparound care, including sport, for all children.	Organised outdoor sport (children and adults) Outdoor sport and leisure facilities All outdoor children's activities Outdoor parent & child group (up to 15 aged 5+)	All Retail Libraries & Community Centres Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only) All children's activities Indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 aged 5+)	Personal care Most outdoor attractions Self-contained accommodation Outdoor hospitality	Indoor hospitality Organised indoor sport (adult) Remaining accommodation Indoor entertainment and attractions Remaining outdoor accommodation	Remaining businesses, including Nightclubs.
Social contact	OUTSIDE Exercise and recreation with +1 INSIDE Household only	Rule of 6 or 2 Households Household only	Rule of 6 or 2 Households Household only	Maximum 30 people Rule of 6 or 2 Households (subject to review)	No legal limit No legal limit	
Travel	DOMESTIC Stay at Home INT'L No international holidays	Minimise travel No international holidays	Domestic overnight stays (household only) No international holidays	Domestic overnight stays Subject to review		
Larger events	LIFE EVENTS OTHER EVENTS	Funerals: 30 Weddings and wakes: 6	Funerals: 30 Weddings, wakes, receptions: 15 Event pilots Small organised outdoor events	Most significant life events: 30 Indoor events 1000 or 50% Outdoor events 4000 or 50% Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 or 25%	No legal limit (subject to review) Larger events (subject to review)	

Phase I

Regular update of current situation to try and prevent outbreaks



Share accurate and timely messaging

16 covid related x press releases - 1/5 – 28/5
The council issued 37 press releases altogether.

Date	Title
27 May 2021	York to welcome the new Lord Mayor during first ever covid-secure Annual Council
25 May 2021	Lower-income households awarded extra £75 Council Tax discount
21 May 2021	Further action taken to protect barbershop's customers
20 May 2021	Partners support city's first weekend in Step 3
18 May 2021	Call for more residents to get tested as part of efforts to stop the virus from spreading
17 May 2021	Let's take this next step safely and support our local businesses
13 May 2021	Action against business breaking covid rules
13 May 2021	Comment on Covid variants in York
13 May 2021	New Covid testing centre opening in York City Centre
12 May 2021	National guidance on council meetings updated
12 May 2021	Council plans for "Back to the Bus recovery"
10 May 2021	Council welcomes news country will move to step 3 of Roadmap on 17 May
10 May 2021	Shop local and travel for less: New travel incentives announced
06 May 2021	York children to receive free school meals support during May half term
05 May 2021	Council seeks innovative proposals to support local businesses and communities



Addressed misleading coverage about the Indian variant



Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do

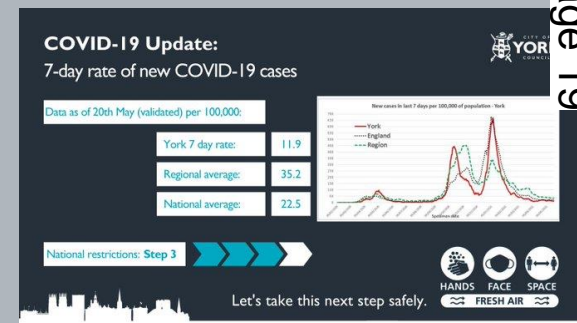
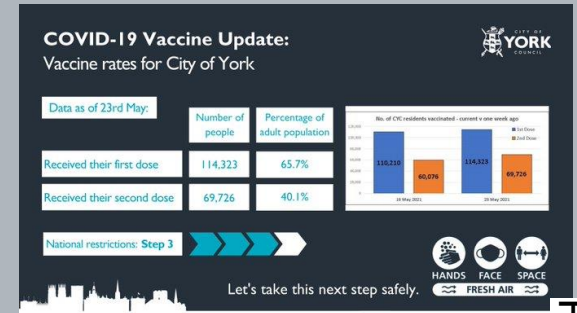
The council works closely with partners and uses different channels to reach as many people as possible.

Our regular communications (increasing registrations throughout the month by %):

- 1 x weekly email updates to members and partners (130 recipients)
- 1 x weekly resident e-newsletter (2,319 recipients **+1%**)
- Weekly business e-newsletter (1,574 recipients **+1%**)
- Weekly families e-newsletter (1,113 recipients **+1%**)
- Regular press releases and media interviews
- Social media campaigns
- Facebook live: Ask the Leaders Q&A
Facebook live: 13/05/21 – 662 views, 3 shares, 13 reactions, 1450 reach

The regular communications reduced after 17 May

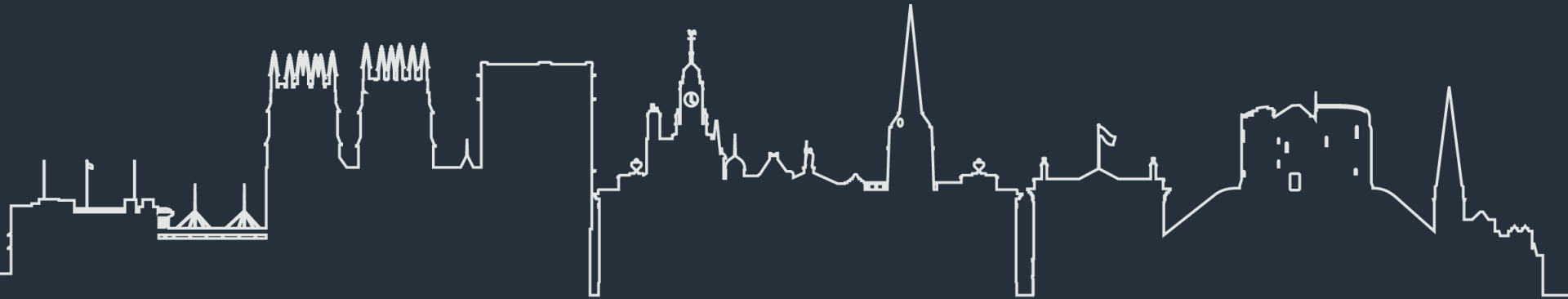
Regularly share case data and vaccination update



Step and potential dates	What this means (summary). For full details go to the roadmap	Actions (beyond the regular rhythm)	Challenges	Key messages
Step 1 – 8 March Could be announced 1 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools and colleges open for all students Some practical HE courses return Funerals (30) and wakes and weddings (6) Exercise outside with one other person No indoor mixing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook Live Information to parents Media briefing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing Parental anxiety Complacency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home Hands, Face, Space Get tested Let's keep going
Step 1b – No sooner than 29 March Announced by 22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule of six or two households outdoors Outdoor sport and leisure facilities reopen Organised outdoor sports return Outdoor parent and child groups (15) Minimise travel, no holidays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space/parks signage Map/graphic about local with York in the centre? Community groups/sports briefing (what can do) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is local? Return of sport Parent and child groups Rule of 6 Staff health and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay local Hands, Face, Space
Step 2 – No sooner than 12 April Announced by 5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still no indoor mixing, rule of 6 outside Reopening of retail, leisure and outdoor hospitality Domestic overnight stays (household only) Indoor parent and child groups (15) Funerals (30), Weddings and wakes (15) By 15 April all phase 1 offered vaccine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media briefing Information for businesses City centre and district signage Litter campaign Partner briefing Direct comms to residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots reopening Team capacity as this is around Easter break Domestic tourism Business support and café licences Unis face to face learning increases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands, Face, Space, air
Step 3 – No sooner than 17 May Announced by 10 May Our City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor entertainment and attractions (including pubs) 30 people outdoors, rule of 6/two households indoors (under review) Life events, inc weddings (30) Outdoor entertainment performances Return of crowds (indoor is 1,000 or 50% capacity, outdoor 4,000 or 50%) International travel (subject to review) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook live Media briefing Stadium signage Live well York update? Pub signage Registrar / Crem signage Animation about fresh air What you can do outside Partner briefing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live spectator sports Indoor mixing Tourism Up to 30 outside Pubs open to indoor trade Furlough support for affected staff Complacency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands, Face, Space and air Meet outdoors if you can
GOVERNMENT REVIEW ON THE FUTURE OF HANDS, FACE, SPACE AND HOW WE GET FULLY BACK TO NORMAL				
Step 4 – No sooner than 21 June Announced by 14 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No legal limits on contact and life events Larger events Nightclubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open letter to residents? COVID safe celebration pack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What prevention measures are still in? Staying open! 	

Phase 2

Alert – following change in restrictions



Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do

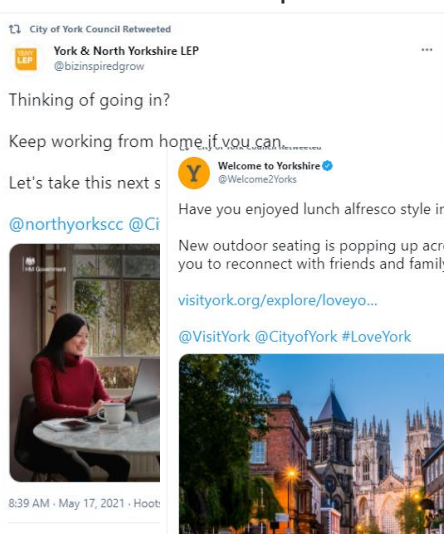
Reminding residents what they can do (safe behaviours) to help stop the spread of the virus and keep homes and families in York safe

Communications objectives:

Think: there are things to do and support available

Feel: supported and engaged and more control over own safety

Do: follow hands, space, face, air to help keep everyone safe



Press release, web Partner, resident and business updates Shared partner messages Social Our City Sign advocacy

Educational Psychology Service
City of York Council

Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line
A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's wellbeing or learning. Open to all parents and carers of children with additional needs or SEND, living in the City of York



Call slots of up to 30 minutes, available during term time:
Wednesday mornings 9am-11.30am
From 14th April to 21st July 2021

Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about particular concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.

Please call 01904 553055

'Let's all keep going' - cautious welcome to York Hospital's 'milestone'



Travel smart this match day

- Visit the iTravel website to plan journeys by bus, bike or on foot.
- Pre-booked your parking? Spaces will be available in Monks Cross Park and Ride site.

Let's all stay safe on shared paths

It's important for all of us to enjoy exercising outside. When near a shared path, ensure your pet is on a lead or trained to walk to heel.

Let's make space for each other on shared paths.

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City of York Council @cityofyork

Stickers and posters are available to help you operate safely. This is perfect for businesses and groups in York ✓

We can post these to you. Interested? Contact newsdesk@york.gov.uk with your address

Let's keep York open

- HANDS
- FACE
- SPACE

Please queue here and observe social distancing

Stay safe with friends in your home

- Meeting outdoors is best however, you can meet indoors as groups of up to six or two households.
- Regular symptom-free testing will help you know you are keeping your friends safe.
- Continue to sanitise or wash your hand regularly.
- Keep your distance where possible to do so.
- When indoors, open a window to improve air flow and help minimise the chance of spreading COVID-19

Let's keep York open

illy coffee
Breakfast
Juices
Sandwiches
Salads
Pastries
Hot Food

ORDER HERE

Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do – 17 May

- Press release and statement, web, social
- Shared NHS messages
- Partner briefing, resident and business update
- Offered posters to Station and Stadium
- Hospital banner
- Make It York / Welcome to Yorkshire good to go video
- Facebook live



Face coverings

From Monday, 17 May, secondary school children:

- 😊 don't have to wear face coverings in classrooms, and communal areas
- 😷 still have to wear face coverings on school buses and public transport

Let's be York
Explore Inspire Learn

Audience	Messaging	Comms actions
All residents Partners/members	Wrap up of restrictions Crem – social distancing means numbers limited 2x week testing	PR Members brief Partner brief Resident newsletter
Education	Face coverings on school transport/classroom/colleges	Social Web York Education Resident/families newsletters
Business community	Open windows QR code displays Download business signage/support Test staff	Web Business bulletin Partners (BID, FSB, etc)
Residents (at home)	Social contact – how to meet people safely (at home and outside)	Web Social Resident newsletter
Event participants (races, stadium)	Safe travel Testing first? (guidance dependent)	
Commuters into York or to events	Keep York open	Out door signs : hospital station race course
Visitors/staycation-ers	Keep York open – safety measures	W2Y safety video Hotel posters etc.

#AskThe Leaders Live Q&A

Thursday 13 May, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Join us as we discuss the next step of the roadmap and the SEND Inclusion Review consultation.

Comment during the livestreams or email us at: YourQuestions@york.gov.uk

"Because we've all been doing the right thing - observing hands, face space, getting tested and vaccinated, self-isolating when necessary - we are now able to enjoy more freedoms.

"We can't lose sight though of the huge efforts that have got us here, so please let's all keep going and protect each other."



Cllr Keith Aspden, Leader of City of York Council

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus



Hello,

Your latest business email update has arrived!

Stay up to date with the latest government guidance for businesses under the current National Lockdown restrictions and help York stop the spread of COVID-19.

To find out more visit: <https://www.york.gov.uk/COVIDBusiness>

1. COVID-19 update for businesses – Step 3

Further easing of COVID restrictions has been confirmed by the Government for 17 May. This means that Planned Step 3 easements will go ahead from Monday.

Business and activities – Most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen. In all sectors, COVID-Secure guidance will remain in place and businesses may not cater for groups bigger than the legal limits. Indoor hospitality will reopen – and as in Step 2, venues will not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; and there will not be a curfew. Customers will,



We're Good to Go! | Visit York

Keep the places we love open



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

nhs.uk/coronavirus

Let's be York
Safe Welcoming Considerate

From May 17 you can:

- Meet indoors as a group of up to 6 people or two households.
- Visit indoor hospitality (table service only) as a group of up to 6 people or two households.
- Stay overnight at a hotel or the home of friends or family (rule of six applies).
- Enjoy indoor entertainment such as cinema, children's play areas, museums.
- Take part in indoor adult group sports and exercise classes.



HM Government

Travel safely and plan ahead.

If using public transport, remember to wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.

NHS

Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do



Hello Claire Foale

Your next resident update has arrived!

To continue to help you and your community stay up to date with the latest information, we've put together some useful guidance on key government messages, updates on York services and direct links to support.

Please visit our coronavirus webpages: <https://www.york.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

For more news from us, visit: <https://www.york.gov.uk/news>

Testing

Public Health

Symptom-free testing available for all residents

Everyone secondary school age and over is being encouraged to get tested twice a week.

Around a third of COVID-19 cases present with no symptoms, which means you could be spreading the virus to your friends and family without knowing. This is why we are asking residents to ensure they are regularly being tested for coronavirus, record their results and continue to follow social distancing measures and hands, face, space and fresh air to help keep our city open and the people around us safe.

The home testing kits, which you can collect from participating pharmacies and local testing sites, contain seven COVID tests each, are non-invasive, provide a result in less than 30 minutes and contain detailed information about how to record your results and, self-isolation actions you need to take with a positive result. Symptom-Free tests are free, quick and easy and can help us keep the places we love open and the people we love safe.

If you have symptoms of Coronavirus you should self-isolate ☎ 119
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus to arrange a test.

Getting the tests

- You can collect a free testing kit pack or take the test in person at one of our Symptom-Free Testing Centres (York

Leisure Centre, University of York, York St John University, Foxwood Community Centre and St Williams college. You can now simply turn up when we are open, there is no longer a need to book.
www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCOVIDtest.

- There are other options including home delivery or the chance to collect from pharmacies near where you live. You can order a free testing kit by ☎ 119,
www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Please note

- You shouldn't take a symptom-free test if you have tested positive for Coronavirus in the past 90 days.
- Children of primary school age or younger are not being asked to regularly get tested for COVID.
- Any child who develops symptoms of COVID should still get a test, either by booking online or by calling 119.

Your vaccination questions

Everyone will be offered a COVID-19 vaccine by the NHS. You will be invited to an appointment, by text, telephone or letter, when it is your turn.

Where will I get my vaccine?

It could be your own GP practice, another local GP centre or the large vaccination site at Ashkam Bar. We will never ask for payment details.

When you are eligible it's quick and simple to book through a link provided by your GP or

Public Health

through the national system at
www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or by phoning 119 free of charge.

If you are waiting to hear about your vaccination, please avoid contacting your GP for updates. Keep their phone lines free for those who need help with health concerns.

Which vaccine will I get and how do I know they are safe?

All three vaccines approved in the UK, Pfizer-BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca and Moderna are now being administered in the Vale of York. Your vaccination site will assess the appropriateness for you of the available vaccine and you'll have a chance to chat about any concerns you may have.

Each vaccine has undergone rigorous assessment by UK regulators to ensure they are safe and effective. The approved vaccines do not contain any animal products or egg.

What happens when I get my vaccine?

It is important to arrive on time. You will be asked to wear a mask and sanitise your hands when you arrive. A volunteer marshal will take your details and you will receive the vaccine in the top of your arm. You may then be asked to wait in an observation area for 15 minutes.

You may experience some mild side effects for a couple of days, including:

- sore arm
- aches or nausea
- headache
- high temp or shivery
- tiredness

You cannot contract COVID-19 from the vaccine, but it is possible to catch the virus and so it is important to continue to follow any national restrictions that are in place and remember Hands – Face – Space – Fresh air.

www.york.gov.uk [@CityofYork](https://twitter.com/CityofYork) [cityofyork](https://www.facebook.com/cityofyork)

How do I get to my vaccination centre?

For information on accessing the Ashkam Bar site by car, bike or foot visit:

www.nimbuscare.co.uk/our-services/nhs-covid-vaccination-service/

First Bus has a useful journey planner and a vaccination centre travel guide:

www.firstbus.co.uk/york/plan-journey/vaccination-centre-travel-guide

Bereavement support

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one there is help and support out there.

Our City Resident update / partner brief Launched testing site - Media coverage/social Media response – door to door testing Social Direct communications to residents Shared NHS/CCG messaging

www.york.gov.uk/SupportingBereavedChildren.

For practical help when someone dies, call the Bereavement Advice Centre on ☎ 0800 634 9494
bereavementadvice.org

Please note that each telephone number may have differing opening times. Please refer to the website for details.

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HM Government NHS Test and Trace

Regular rapid Covid-19 testing is how we keep those close to us safer. The tests are easy to do and show results within 30 minutes.

FREE, RAPID COVID-19 TESTS NHS.UK /GET-TESTED

s and visitors able to access this service.



City of York Council @CityofYork

Planned a trip to York? Why not add peace of mind to your shopping list?

St William's College is now offering free Covid tests. Get a result in 30 minutes and grab a coffee while you wait ☕

Opening times:
 Monday to Friday 10am-5pm
 Weekends 10am-3pm

[york.gov.uk/news/article/6...](https://www.york.gov.uk/news/article/6...)



Free Covid testing is now available at St William's College

You can book a test or just drop by, please visit: www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCOVIDtest



Let's be York Explore Inspire Learn

Covid tests are being handed out to some homes in York But you can still visit testing sites around the city

Use home tests for anyone aged 11 and over with no Covid symptoms
 Do not use home tests on children under 11
 If you or your child have Covid symptoms, book at: gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

www.york.gov.uk/SymptomFreeCOVIDtest

Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do

Vaccinations

21st May

Vaccine letter to be sent out to city employers



City of York Council Retweeted

Nimbuscare @Nimbuscare1

Teams at the #YorkVaccinationCentre are preparing to work night shifts this weekend in a bid to speed up the vaccination programme & vaccinate an extra 12,000 York people ahead of time. #NHS #CovidVaccine For more info nimbuscare.co.uk/vaccinator-tea...

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Andrew Digwood @AndrewDigwood1 · May 19
Replying to @Nimbuscare1
You're doing a great job. The setup at Askham Bar is brilliant. Looking forward to coming for my 2nd in early July.

Nick Bradley FloD (The Leaders Coach) @NickBradley7 · May 19
You guys are doing a great job. I've had both jabs with you and thought you are incredibly well organised and cheerful !! Thank you team Askham Bar !!

Jennifer Bannister @JennieBannister · May 19
Replying to @Nimbuscare1
Will this include all over 30s?

Nimbuscare @Nimbuscare1 · May 19
It's for people in priority groups 1-9. That's over 50's & high risk patients.

Fi Shaw (they/them) @fi_shaw · May 19
Replying to @Nimbuscare1
I'm coming in for my second tomorrow! You're all doing a great job, thank you

Alexandra Callow @sami23 · May 19
Replying to @Nimbuscare1
Had my second jab today! Thank you, everyone at Askham Bar has done a wonderful job!



HM Government

7 in 10
UK adults have now received a dose of Covid-19 vaccine

NHS



NHS

Women who are breastfeeding are able to have the COVID-19 vaccine.

We will let you know when your vaccine is ready for you.

Media / regular communications inc. facebook live and resident newsletter

Partner communications

Shared NHS/CCG communications

Letter to city employers

Media relations

Promoted vaccinations to next groups



NHS

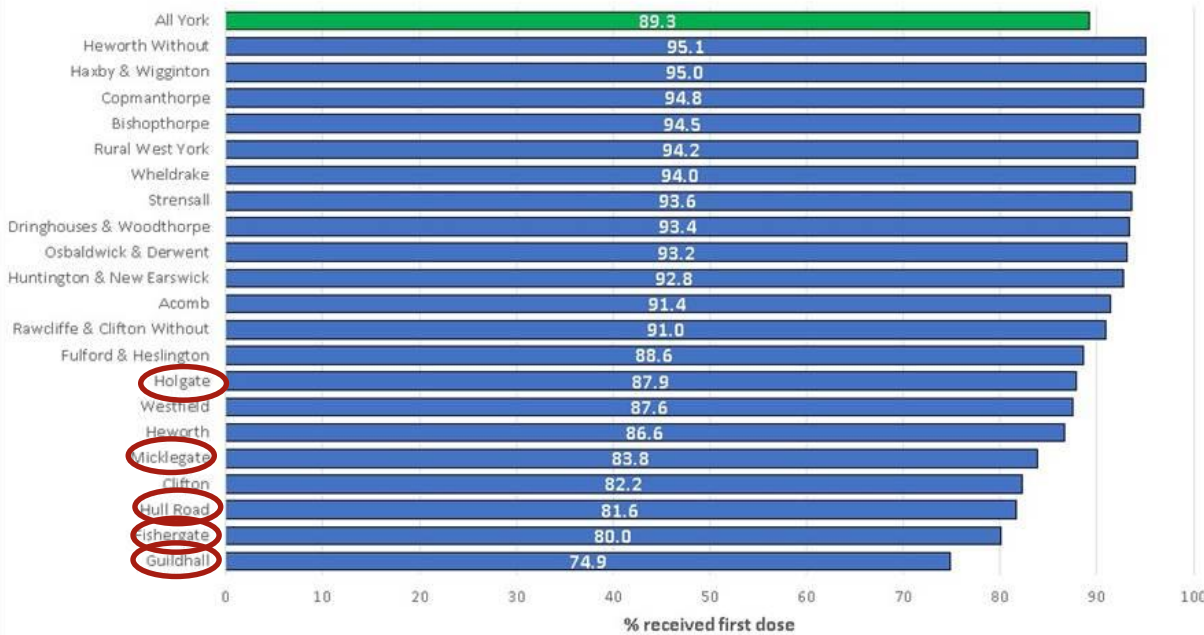
The vaccine reduces chances of hospitalisation by 85%

We'll let you know when your Covid-19 vaccine is ready for you.

EVERY VACCINATION GIVES US HOPE

Anti-covid / anti-lockdown leaflet and vaccination take-up

% 40+ ward population received 1st Dose v York Average



Vaccination take-up

York Average: 88.8%

Holgate: 87.9%

Micklegate: 83.6%

Hull Road: 81.6%

Fishergate: 80%

Guildhall: 74.9%



Anti-lockdown leaflets have been reported in Bishopthorpe Road and Fishergate, Hull Road and Holgate wards with stickers appearing across the City Centre (Parliament Street, Davygate, Coppergate, St Sampson's and St Helen's Square)

There is a correlation between where leaflets have been reported and lower take-up rates, however Cabinet Office report low engagement and there are likely to be other factors influencing vaccination take-up rates.

This needs further analysis and we will work with the Cabinet Office to see if other areas are reporting the same whilst exploring whether other parts of the city have had leaflets. In the meantime, we are addressing vaccination hesitancy in several different ways.

Online engagement (data from February 2021)

Low engagement with the 'Great Reopening' movement – they have 6,000 members in their Telegram group, 1,700 on the Facebook group and 450 Twitter followers. There has also been a low volume of conversation on Twitter and discussion appears to be confined to existing anti-lockdown users.

Source: Cabinet Office

Local action by contact tracers and partners (this includes in areas where we have been informed of leaflet drops)

- Contact tracing team have been working with York City Centre Primary Care Network, contacting people who have not taken up the offer
- This work is extending to York medical Group and priory Medical Group. This work continues to follow the JCVI priority groups.
- The contact tracing team with testing centre staff have been going door to door in key areas of the city, offering home testing kits. When appropriate they have also been having a conversation regarding the COVID vaccination.
- NIMBUSCARE lead a short sharp, week long vaccination tracing project and contacted 2-3,000 people who had not taken up the offer
- Public Health, CCG and NIMBUSCARE are scoping the viability of opening a Vaccination site in the city centre

Build confidence in the steps taken and what people need to do

Emotional health

Partner toolkit
Social / sharing partners
MH awareness week



Thriving-With-Nature-compressed.pdf 2 MB
Back at work.pdf 2 MB

our partner organisations too - thank you everyone!

TTC York Mental Health Awareness week Schedule 10th - 17th May 2021

Please feel free to share all of the details below with your wider networks, thanks.

Monday 10th May

- Look out for our graphics on social media and feel free to download and use them within your networks - the graphics are available in this folder:
- Watch our videos - please refer to our YouTube channel (and more will be added soon) [Time to Change York - YouTube](#)
- Read our blogs - please refer to our website and scroll down to the blogs section (which will go live on Monday): [Time to Change York - York CVS](#)
- We'll also be doing a private event to around 50 staff from North Yorkshire Police, and Fire & Rescue (following on from an event we did yesterday for around 70 staff).

Tuesday 11th May

- Visit us on our website
- Listen out for our social media posts

Wednesday 12th May

- Join our free webinar at 11:00am - 12pm - register here: [2021 at 11:00am](#)
- Social media posts

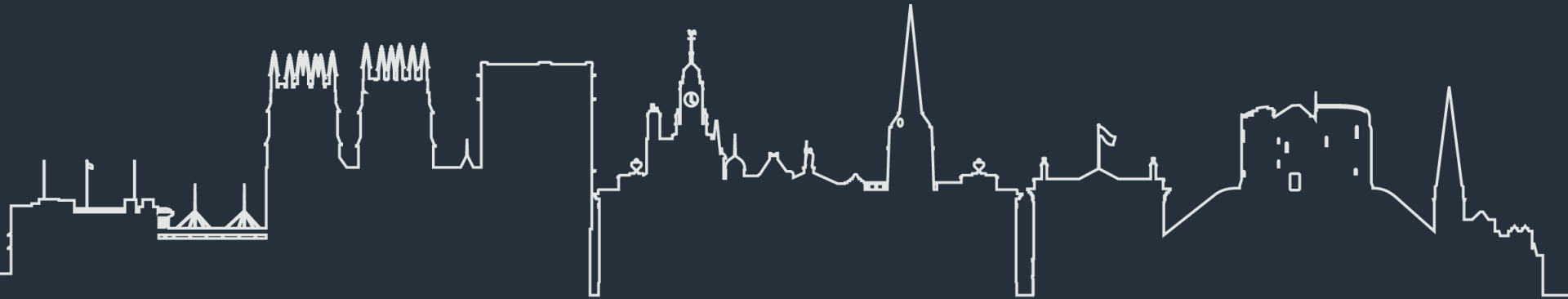
Thursday 13th May

- Listen out for our social media posts
- Join our free webinar at 7:00pm - 8:00pm - register here: [2021 at 7:00pm](#)
- Social media posts



Phase 4

Safely recover



Behavioural trial – amended plan

The trial will be in stages timed around key reopening dates:

1. Prior to 29 March – PHE Behavioural science unit reviewed the existing signage and proposed changes. Signage was revised and was installed for 29 March and then, additional signage, for 12 April.
2. Prior to 17 May – focus groups with businesses are not going ahead (over 34 viewed webpages, with 6 registered - need 28 to be significant). Instead PHE will continue to interview residents/visitors to the city about their experiences together with the Our City survey for all residents. Businesses were invited to comment on PHE proposals through the normal meeting cycle.
3. Prior to 21 June – tourist and resident insight together with business comments will inform refined signage together with recommendations about the interventions installed across the city
4. During the summer, we will poll businesses about how visitors are behaving in open spaces in light of the changes and whether the insight has made a difference.

Build engagement through conversation

25 March 2021

Held zoom webinar for business with outside space

- Promoted through corporate and partner channels
- 66 registered attendees

19-20 April 2021/ 10-11 May 2021

4 x focus groups arranged for businesses to discuss direct with PHE behavioural science unit

28 participants to be significant – only 6 registrations (34 web views) - this stage has been cancelled

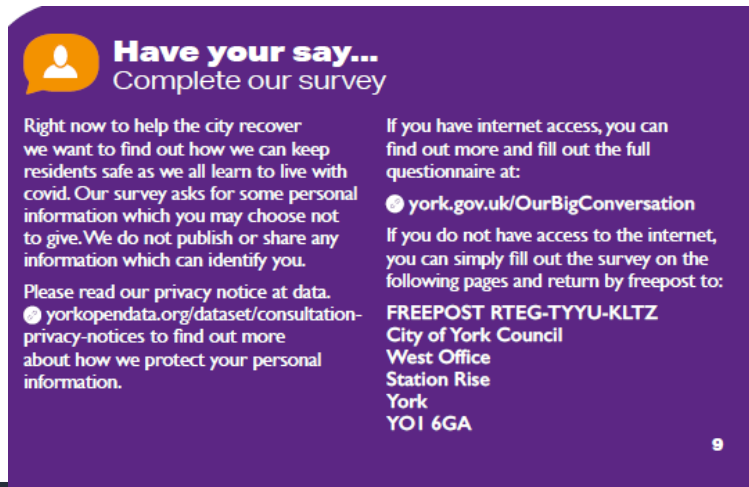
30 April - 4 May 2021


Holding interviews with residents and visitors, and invited businesses who registered for focus groups

15 registered interest, 8 interviews have taken place

May – Our City survey for all residents

June – businesses invited to comment on proposals ahead of installation through usual meeting rhythm (to make as easy to contribute as possible)



 **Have your say...**
Complete our survey

Right now to help the city recover we want to find out how we can keep residents safe as we all learn to live with covid. Our survey asks for some personal information which you may choose not to give. We do not publish or share any information which can identify you.

Please read our privacy notice at data.
yorkopendata.org/dataset/consultation-privacy-notice to find out more about how we protect your personal information.

If you have internet access, you can find out more and fill out the full questionnaire at:
● york.gov.uk/OurBigConversation

If you do not have access to the internet, you can simply fill out the survey on the following pages and return by freepost to:

FREEPOST RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ
City of York Council
West Office
Station Rise
York
YO1 6GA

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Universities and Colleges Sub Group - Update for the Outbreak Management Advisory Board

Summary

This regular report from the Universities and Colleges sub group provides updates for the Outbreak Management Board on the return of HE students; provision of vaccines; the uptake of testing; and the continuing low incidence of covid in our HE and FE institutions.

Detail

1. HE Return

As expected, the Department of Education confirmed all remaining HE students could return to face to face study from 17 May, although - in line with the vast majority of HE institutions in the UK - teaching had already finished for most HE programmes across York's institutions. Despite this, all institutions have continued to work hard to ensure students who have returned have a range of activities they can participate in from organised sport through to on-campus social venues. Staff have also continued to work closely with the council's public health team to ensure that these activities are covid secure.

Term has now finished for York St John University and for HE students at Askham Bryan College, with term finishing on 25 June for the University of York. In conjunction with the Council we will keep track of how many students are remaining in York beyond term time; we expect a higher than usual number may continue to stay in the city to take advantage of employment opportunities as the local economy continues to unlock.

2. Vaccines

Plans to support student access to vaccinations continue to develop. Public health colleagues have been directly engaging with FE colleges and the proposal to run a vaccine clinic on the University of York campus in mid June is also well advanced. Both plans will depend on availability of vaccine supplies and where national eligibility criteria are for given age groups. Calls for expressions of interest for an on-campus vaccine clinic have been well received demonstrating that students are very keen to get vaccinated when the JVCI criteria enable them to do so.

3. Testing and home test kits


Take up of home testing kits continues to be popular with over 1,000 students having now picked up packets of home testing kits. The University of York has also recently surveyed its students to better understand their perceptions and use of asymptomatic testing. Of those who responded to the survey there was near universal awareness of the University-CYC testing offer (98%) and three quarters of students who were not studying fully on-line reported that they had used the test centre. Of students using the test centre nearly 50% are attending regularly (at least once a week or more).

The survey has also given us some good indications of what would drive increased use of testing, with many students in their free text comments linking testing to face to face tuition; a number of respondents said they would test more (or start testing) if face to face teaching was available to them but that while they were not accessing campus they did not see the incentive to take regular tests.

4. Update on cases

All institutions continue to report a very low level of Covid cases, continuing the trends we have seen since the Christmas break. At the time of writing it is still slightly too early to see if the latest stage of unlocking (from 17 May, including in-door socialising) has affected rates of covid, but at present we are not seeing any increase in cases reported to either University.

Universities and Colleges Sub-Group
27 May 2021

	
Outbreak Management Advisory Board	09 June 2021
Report of the Director of Public Health	

Progress Report – Recommendations of LGA Peer Challenge of Outbreak Management Plan

Decisions required from Outbreak Management Advisory Board:

The report is for information only to update the Board on progress made against the recommendations of the LGA Peer Challenge Feedback Report.

Introduction / Background:

The purpose of the report is to present a delivery plan to the Board which details progress against the recommendations to the council following the LGA Peer Challenge of the local outbreak management plan in March 2021.

The recommendations to the council were:

1. Develop a plan for addressing organisational resilience, giving people time to reflect and recharge. This should be wider than those directly working in public health and consideration should be given on how to support council staff across all services.
2. Capitalise on the benefits gained from the distributed Public Health team model by determining where public health will be positioned in the future and the capacity required to sustain this.
3. Build on the great work with communities during the pandemic to maintain focus on addressing inequalities. City of York Council can show many examples of great work undertaken during the pandemic to address inequalities. The council and its partners know that a joined up and strategic approach will be needed if those inequalities are to be addressed.
4. Partnership working is a clear strength, providing the opportunity to consider how next to embed the benefits from recent closer partnership working into future ways of working across all council priorities, over and above COVID-19 and economic recovery.
5. Develop contingency plans for worst case scenarios, as well as best case scenarios. For example, emergence of new vaccine resistant variants, requirement for social distancing beyond the summer, potential challenges with vaccine take-up within certain populations etc.

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Annexes:

Delivery Plan – recommendations of LGA Peer Challenge of Outbreak Management Plan

City of York Council LGA Peer Challenge of Outbreak Management Plan 2021

Delivery Plan against Recommendations – Update May 2021

Recommendation	Actions	Progress	Status
<p>Develop a plan for addressing organisational resilience, giving people time to reflect and recharge. This should be wider than those directly working in public health and consideration should be given on how to support council staff across all services</p>	<p>The council has established a Workforce Group with representation from across the organisation including Human Resources, Health & Safety, Public Health which is putting in place measures to support staff resilience and recovery.</p> <p>A staff wellbeing survey has been conducted and the results presented to the Corporate Management Team which is being used to support the workforce with return to business as usual operating.</p> <p>There is ongoing psychological support through the Employee Assistance Programme.</p> <p>All staff with line management responsibilities have been provided with guidance on how to support staff working remotely and stay connected to their teams</p> <p>There is ongoing physical support for staff working at home e.g. provision of IT equipment, desk chairs etc.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>Capitalise on the benefits gained from the distributed Public Health team model by determining where Public Health will be positioned in the future and the capacity required to sustain this.</p>	<p>Public Health has been established as a separate Directorate with the Director of Public Health reporting to the Chief Executive.</p> <p>The capacity in the Public Health team has been increased with additional posts being established. This increase in establishment has been possible because of an uplift in the Public Health Grant Allocation for 21/22.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Green</p>

	<p>The Director of Public Health is working with other Directors across the council to develop an integrated model for delivery of Public Health specialist advice and support, building on the successful model adopted during the pandemic to date. Examples include a joint Consultant in Public Health across the council and the Vale of York CCG, public health staff attending People, Place and Corporate Services management team meetings.</p>		
<p>Build on the great work with communities during pandemic to maintain focus on addressing inequalities. CYC can show many examples of great work undertaken during the pandemic to address inequalities. The council and its partners know that a joined up approach and strategic approach will be needed if those inequalities are to be addressed.</p>	<p>Building back better and fairer is at the heart of the council recovery plans for the city incorporating a public health approach.</p> <p>Health and care partners have approved the establishment of a Population Hub reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board which will have a key focus on improving population health outcomes and tackling health inequalities.</p> <p>Progress on tackling health inequalities will be measured using the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which is a statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board. An annual report on progress will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	Completed	Green
<p>Partnership working is a clear strength, providing the opportunity to consider next how to embed the benefits from recent closer partnership working into future ways of working across all council priorities, over and above COVID-19 and economic recovery.</p>	<p>The council has a recovery strategy which is a live document updated and presented to Executive on a regular basis.</p> <p>The newly established York Health and Care Alliance has a vision for integration across health and social care for York which clearly sets out partner aspirations for building on the effectiveness of partnership working across organisations over the past year.</p>	Completed	Green

	The York Partnership has started work on a 10 year strategy for the city focused on key priorities for delivery.		
Develop contingency plans for worst case scenarios, as well as best case scenarios. For example, emergence of new vaccine resistant variants, requirement for social distancing beyond the summer, potential challenges with vaccine take-up within certain populations etc.	<p>The Outbreak Management Plan has been refreshed to include delivery of the covid vaccination programme and a plan for 'surge testing' in response to new variants.</p> <p>The covid vaccination programme has established an inequalities sub-group which reports regularly to the Outbreak Management Advisory Board on progress. There is an action plan with steps being taken to address variation in uptake of vaccine amongst different groups.</p> <p>Public Health have worked across the council and the NHS to develop potential best case and worst case scenarios as we head through summer and into winter. These scenarios will be used to inform contingency and business continuity plans.</p> <p>There is constant monitoring of case data, emerging variants and vaccine uptake by the Public Health team, together with review of government guidance and evidence of best practice regionally, nationally and internationally which is used to inform our outbreak management response.</p>	Work commenced	Amber

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