

COVID 19 Questions and Answers

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Aims

- Background
- What is Coronavirus
- Pandemic so far and local data
- Guidance
- Commonly asked questions

What do we know about Coronavirus/ COVID 19?

- Symptoms:
 - High temperature
 - New, continuous cough
 - Loss of, or change to, sense of smell/ taste.
- Transmission – droplet, contaminated surfaces
- Incubation period – 5-14 days
- Severity – usually mild disease but those with Long Term Conditions and over 70s risk of complications

Pandemic so far and local data

- There was a consistent **downward trend** between end of April to beginning of July.
- The number of COVID-19 deaths registered **continues to decrease** in all settings including care homes in Enfield.
- Excess **mortality has fallen** below the 5-year (2014-2018) average number of deaths, in Enfield.
- Rolling 7 day average daily positive cases among Enfield residents 2.29
- **Inequality** – older people, males, those with long term conditions, minority ethnic groups, occupational groups.
- Currently in Enfield, there are **9,022 people shielding**; this is 2.7% of the resident population (although shielding advice will be ‘paused’ as of 1st August).

Infection protection and control

We all have a role in infection control.

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell
2. Social distancing
3. Frequent hand cleaning
4. Good respiratory hygiene – Catch it bin it and kill it
5. Wear a face covering on public transport/ retail
6. Engage with NHS Test, Track and Trace



What are we doing manage the situation in Enfield?

- Managing future outbreaks - Local Outbreak Control Plan
- Learn from other areas
- Working with partners to support recovery and address inequality
- Winter planning
- Engagement with future national programmes/ guidance