COVID-19 and winter pressures

Local incidence in Leicester

SOURCES:

Leicester COVID-19 reported positive test data (UK Health Security Agency - UKHSA)
University Hospitals Leicester COVID-19 Admissions
ONS mortality data
NHS vaccination data

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Measuring COVID-19 in the community

- National flu and COVID-19 surveillance: National influenza and COVID-19 report, monitoring COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses.
- **Testing:** Regular testing and reporting in the community is no longer occurring and this makes it difficult to measure how widespread COVID-19 is in our communities. Testing tends to occur in health and social care settings such as hospitals. This should be considered when assessing rates. For example, a higher proportion of positive tests are amongst older people reflecting this age groups higher use of health care.
- Infection survey: UKHSA/PHE previously commissioned the Coronavirus Infection Survey, carried out by the ONS during the pandemic from April 2020 to March 2023. A study to gather data on COVID-19 this winter has been launched, the Winter COVID-19 Infection Study will run from November 2023 to March 2024.

 About the Winter Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Study Office for National Statistics
- Hospital admissions: Existing surveillance systems rely upon information on hospital and intensive care unit (ICU) admission rates.
- Mortality: ONS continue to monitor deaths where COVID-19 is listed on the death certificate.
- **Vaccination:** Vaccination information continues to be collected. Currently awaiting national publications on Autumn boosters data.

National Influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report week 42: 26th October 2023

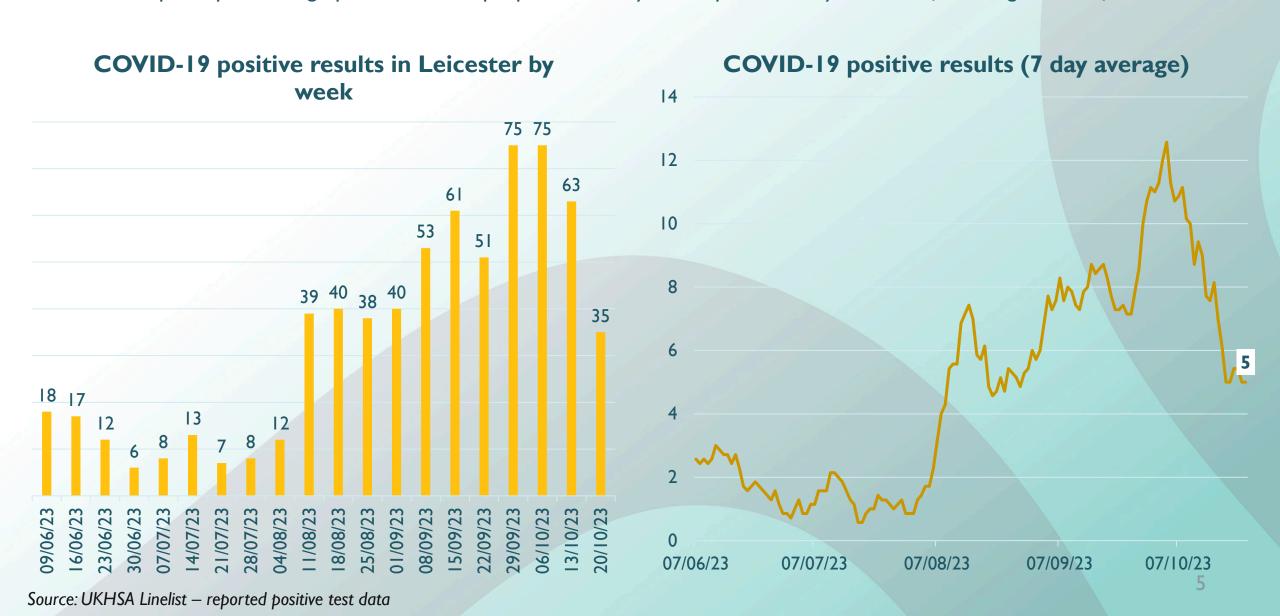
- Influenza positivity remained stable at 1.2% in week 42 compared to 1.2% in the previous week.
- Through primary care surveillance, the influenza-like-illness consultations indicator increased slightly to 3.5 per 100,000 in week 42 compared to 3.2 per 100,000 the previous week.
- Emergency department attendances for influenza-like illness remained stable nationally.
- COVID-19 activity showed a decrease of activity across most indicators, positivity decreased to 10.1% in week 42 compared to 10.8% in the previous week.
- COVID-19 ICU admissions remained low and stable in week 42 compared to the previous week.

COVID-19 Positive results: The rate per 100,000 of the population can be seen below in Leicester and England. Regular testing and reporting in the community is no longer occurring. Testing tends to occur in health and social care settings.

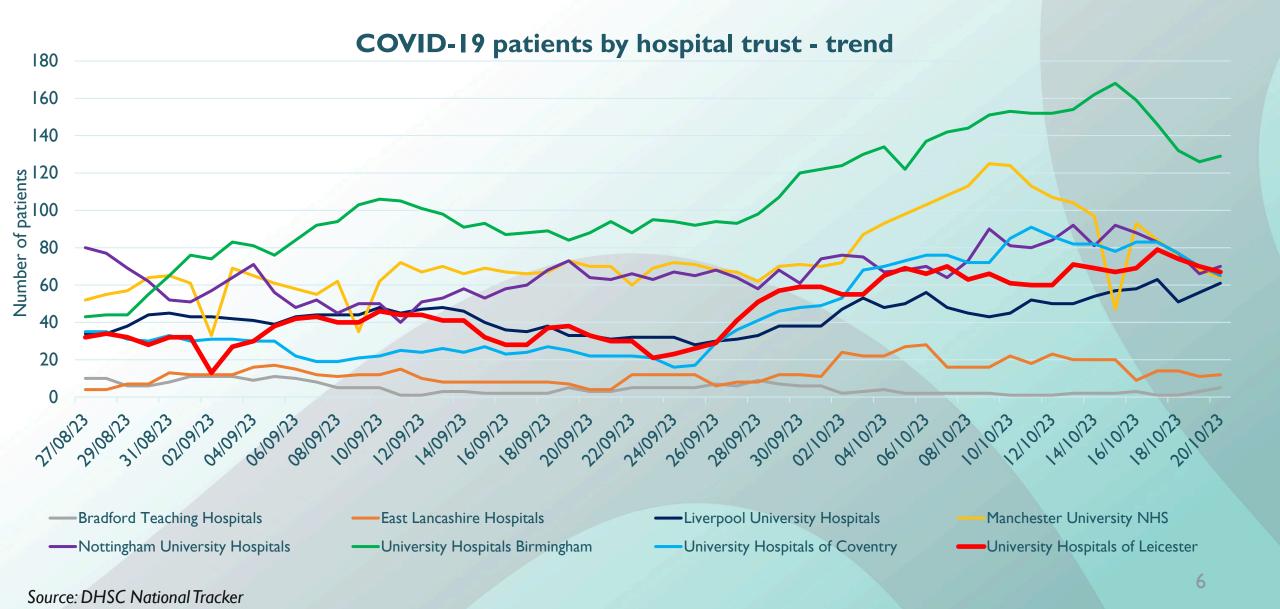




COVID-19 Positive results: The weekly number of positive cases and the daily average over the last 7 days can be seen below. Regular testing and reporting in the community is no longer occurring. Testing tends to occur in health and social care settings. This has an impact upon demographics with older people more likely to test positive, likely because of their higher use of health care.



COVID-19 hospital cases by trust: The number of current COVID-19 hospital cases by trust can be seen below. **Please note:** A population rate cannot be calculated because population estimates are not available by trust. The trusts listed below include our neighbours and comparators. The population sizes and demographics that each trust serves differs considerably.



COVID-19 mortality: There have been a total of 1246 COVID-19 related deaths in Leicester since the start of the pandemic; 473 in 2020, 554 in 2021, 167 in 2022, and 52 so far in 2023.





Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations: The tables below show the numbers and percentage vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 in the following eligible groups.

Flu Cohorts	Eligible Population	Doses Administered	% V accinated
Over 65 years	54,530	30,886	56.6%
Care homes	1,434	1,067	74.4%
Children aged 2 & 3 years	8,769	1,564	17.8%
At risk	54,982	15,408	28.0%
Frontline HCSW (ESR)	10,330	1,873	18.1%
Frontline HCSW (self-declared)	5,853	894	15.2%
Frontline social care workers	3,587	332	9.3%
Household contact of IS patients	10,684	294	2.8%
Pregnant women	2,498	76	3.0%
Primary school*	36,161	2,171	6.0%
Secondary school*	27,864	722	2.6%
TOTAL	216,692	55,287	25.5%

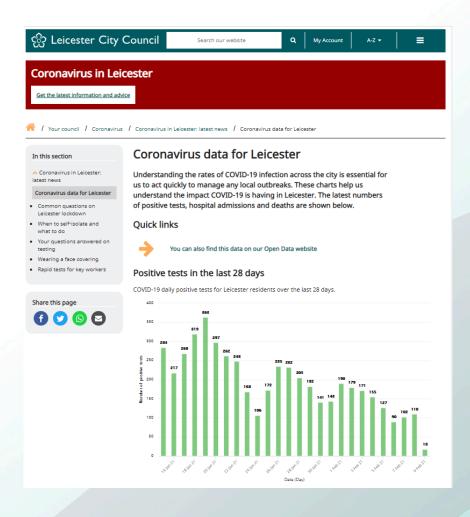
^{*}Leicestershire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) is providing flu vaccinations to children and young people across LLR in educational settings.

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COVID-19 Cohorts	Eligible Population	Doses Administered	% V accinated
I. Care home residents	1,386	1,034	74.6%
2. Health care workers	21,782	3,830	17.6%
3. Social care workers	2,840	688	24.2%
4. 80+ years	11,109	5,643	50.8%
5. 75-79 years	9,101	4,574	50.3%
6. 70-74 years	12,436	5,463	43.9%
7. 65-69 years	16,305	5,491	33.7%
8. At risk	51,524	6,451	12.5%
9. 12-15 at risk	718	22	3.1%
10. 12-17 years – household contacts of immunosuppressed patients	923	4	0.4%
11. 5-11 years at risk	343	7	2.0%
12. 60-64 years	0	359	0.0%
13. 55-59 years	0	289	0.0%
14. 50-54 years	0	211	0.0%
15. 40-49 years	0	224	0.0%
16. 30-39 years	0	186	0.0%
17. 18-29 years	0	129	0.0%
18. 16-17 years	0	3	0.0%
19. 12-15 years	0	6	0.0%
20. 5-11 years	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	128,472	34,615	25.8%

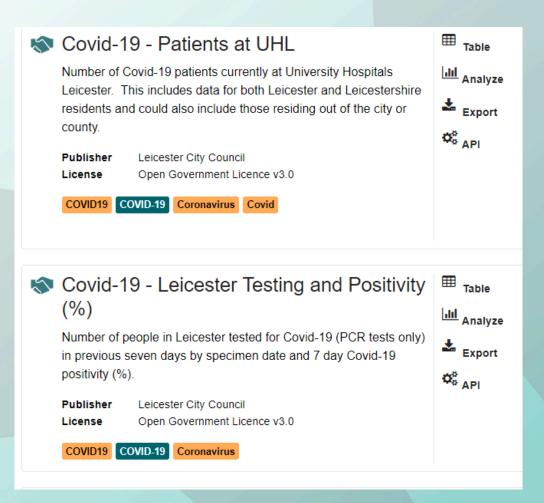
Source: Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB 2023 (up to 23rd October)

Latest data on COVID-19 in the city can be found on our interactive webpage and the Leicester Open data Platform:

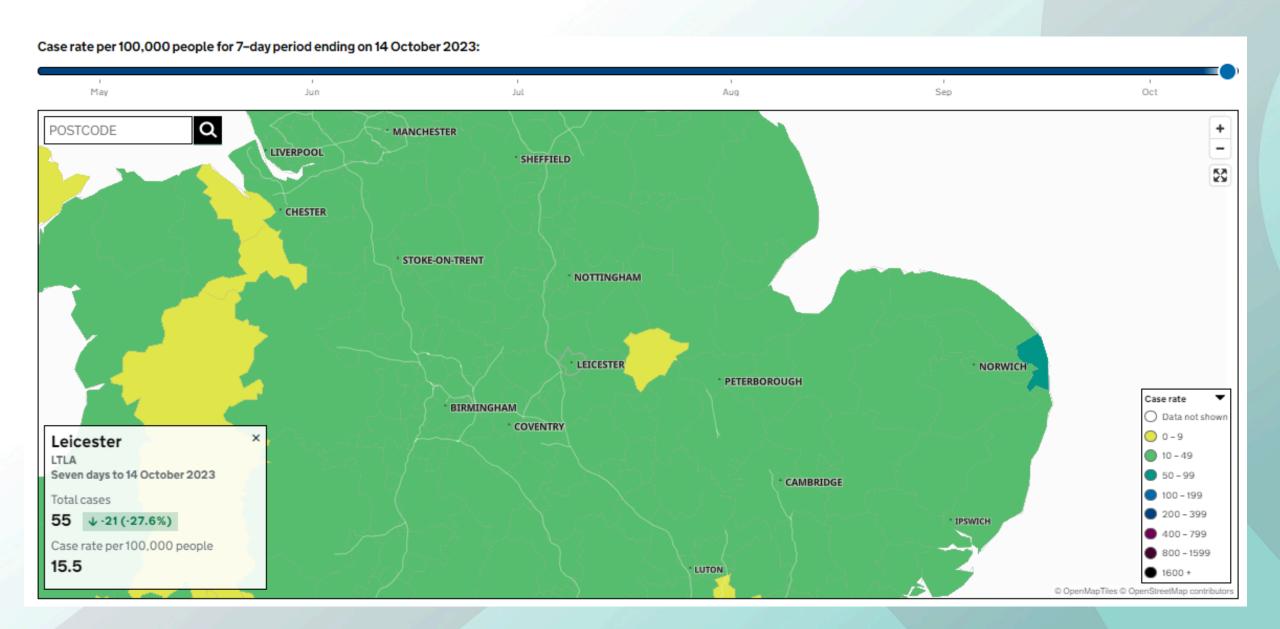
Coronavirus data for Leicester



Explore — Leicester Open Data



The national tracker and interactive map (Local Authority and MSOA) can be accessed here: Interactive map of cases | Coronavirus in the UK (data.gov.uk)



Interactive map of vaccinations | Coronavirus in the UK (data.gov.uk)

Percentage of people aged 12+ vaccinated up to and including 18 October 2023:

