Covid Cases are on the Rise Across Rossendale

In the past week we have seen a big rise in the number of positive Covid Cases. We are now amongst the highest in the Country and we need everyone to act fast to get the numbers down.

The biggest rise is in schoolchildren, however there is also a large number of positive cases in adults, so it is affecting all ages. The good news is that the vaccination programme does appear to be reducing the number of positive cases in the over 50's.

There are things we can all do to reduce any further rise and help bring numbers down:

Hands Face and Space – Remain Vigilant

Remember to keep your distance from people, especially indoors.

Cover your face and regularly wash your hands.

Social Distancing is still key to avoiding the spread as shops and other venues start to re-open.

Get Tested

If anyone in your house tests positive, **everyone i**n the house should have a PCR test even if they have no symptoms themselves. The PCR tests can only be done at designated testing station and are not the tests that can be done at home. You should book a test as soon as possible. To book a test go to https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. We are looking to have local PCR testing centres in Haslingden, Rawtenstall and Whitworth from Tuesday 1st June.

The Council are also running local testing sessions across the Borough, home test kits (Lateral Flow Tests - LFT) can be collected from these sessions also. Details of these sessions

are attached overleaf. It is important that you only come to the local testing session if you do **NOT** have any symptoms.

Isolate if Anyone in Your House is Positive

It is essential that if anyone tests positive within a household that **all the house self isolates for fourteen days**. Track and Trace officers will be making calls and house visits to ensure that people are aware of the rules around self-isolating.

Grants maybe available for individuals that have to self-isolate and can demonstrate that they are unable to work from home.

More information can be found at:

https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/info/210167/emergencies_and_safety/10860/coronavirus_update/8

Get Vaccinated if you are Eligible.

People can book to get vaccinated at the Acorn in Hyndburn. All people over 30 can be vaccinated and all over 18's can book a vaccination if:

· You live with somebody that is vulnerable

· Work with someone who is vulnerable

· Or may come into contact with someone that is vulnerable.

To book a vaccine go to - https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

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