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Local Covid-19 Update

[Coronavirus infection rates remain high](#) in North West Leicestershire. We now sit at seventh highest infection rate in the country (84.9 cases per 100,000 of the population), according to figures for the seven days up to 18 March.

Although this has reduced we are urging people not to become complacent. You can check out the data on the Government's [website](#).

Vaccine misinformation

The Government has launched [a new social media campaign to tackle false vaccine information](#), particularly those shared amongst ethnic minority communities.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has developed [a 'Check before you share' toolkit](#) to tackle false information spread through private channels. The content is designed to be shared via Whatsapp and Facebook community groups, as well as Twitter, Youtube and Instagram.

The campaign includes shareable videos which include simple tips on how to spot misinformation and what to do to stop its spread, signposting to the NHS for the best source of information.

CRU - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The district council has been allocated money to support organisations helping the community through the pandemic.

If your Community Response Unit (CRU) requires financial assistance to help deliver a project in the community, please get in touch, outlining what the money will be spent on and how much you require. Retrospective projects can also be considered.

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ONS COVID study

It has been a year since people across the UK were told they should limit their non-essential contact with others and stop all unnecessary travel. To mark this, [the Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) has published research which looks at how the pandemic and the limiting of social contact has changed our lives over the past 12 months](#). From deaths and the pressure on hospitals, to the number of hours worked and people's rising fear of unemployment, the figures show how the past 12 months have been like no other year.

Support to CEVs: future of Shielding

The Government has announced that clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are advised to stop shielding from Thursday 1 April, as virus infection rates continue to fall. In line with the government's 'COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021' roadmap published last month, those on the shielded patient list will be subject to the national restrictions alongside the rest of the population, but are still advised to take extra precautions to keep themselves safe from COVID-19. Letters to patients with guidance on these extra precautions will be arriving from Thursday 18 March and over the next two weeks. [More info](#)

Vaccine coverage within your area

[LG Inform report on COVID-19 vaccinations](#), which tracks vaccine roll-out across English councils has been published, showing the latest data available. There are two additional reports, which present vaccination data for other areas: [Local authority broken down by Middle Super Output Area \(MSOA\)](#) (areas of around 7,000 residents on average), and [Parliamentary constituencies](#). These reports appear to allow you to view how the count and rate of vaccinations vary within your area.



Wash Hands



Cover Face



Make Space

