**Covid-19 Cases**

The latest case data can be viewed [here](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/node/307556), which provides information on:

* \*Weekly incidence rates and counts of cases of Covid-19 by lower tier local authority.
* \*Examines four of the five indicators(1) used to establish tiering restrictions across England.
* Identifies “hotspot” areas of Covid-19 cases at Middle Super Output Area (MSOA)(2) throughout Leicestershire.

\*Information is updated as far as possible daily.

(1)   As set out in Update 4A the indicators are:

* ***Indicator 1:*** *Case detection rates in all age groups.*
* ***Indicator 2:*** *Case detection rates in the over 60s.*
* ***Indicator 3:*** *The rate at which cases are rising or falling.*
* ***Indicator 4:*** *Positivity rate (the number of positive cases detected as a*

*percentage of tests taken).*

* ***Indicator 5:*** *Pressure on the NHS, including current and projected occupancy.*

(2)  Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs) are defined by the Office for National Statistics and have a minimum population of 5,000 and an average population across the country of 7,200.

**Comments of the Director of Public Health** (Friday, 4th December)

The fall in the case rates is very welcome.  Rates have continued to fall this week, notably in Harborough and North West Leicestershire, but there are signs that the rapid decline in cases of the last fortnight is beginning to slow.

With the opening up of sectors such as non-essential retail following the national lockdown it is likely that the figures in the next week will be as good as it gets until Christmas.

**Tier 3 Restrictions**

Infection rates together with the fifth indicator (above) will be taken into account by the Government in reviewing any change in the tier in which Leicestershire is placed.

The Tier 3 restrictions can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>”

The Regulations can be found here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1374/made>

The Regulations came into force on 2nd December and will expire on 2nd February 2021.  The Regulations will cease to have effect after 28 days unless they are approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.  In addition, the Secretary of State is required to review:

* the need for the restrictions at least once every 28 days and the first review must be carried out by 30th December; and
* whether each area that is part of Tier 2 or Tier 3 should continue to be part of that area at least once every 14 days with the first review to be carried out by 16th December 2020.

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| It is not intended to produce an Update next Friday, 11th December. |

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[**https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/working-with-you-during-coronavirus**](https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/working-with-you-during-coronavirus)

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