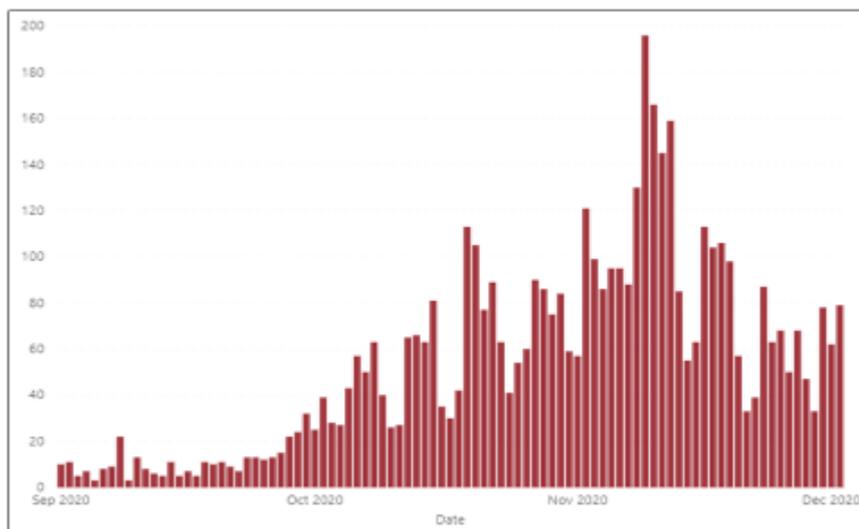


# County Councillor report November 2020

## COVID 19 update

Local authority	Covid rate (latest)	Covid rate (last week)	New weekly cases	Weekly increase (%)
Peterborough	204.2	203.2	413	0.49%
Fenland	125.7	89.3	128	40.76%
East Cambs	75.7	52.3	68	44.74%
Cambridge	68.1	74.5	85	-8.59%
South Cambs	59.7	46.5	95	28.39%
Huntingdonshire	47.2	57.9	84	-18.48%

### Within Cambridgeshire incidence varies



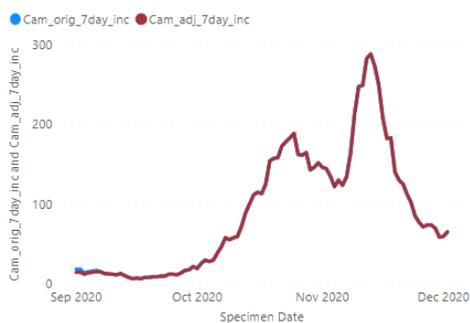
Cambridgeshire case numbers to 02/12

### Incidence rate for the week up to 02/12

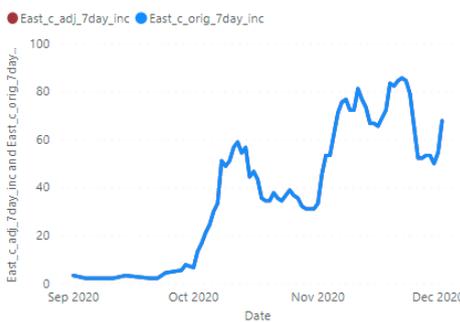
	PHE adjusted Weekly Incidence (cases/100,000) & trend vs previous 7d	
Data to date	02-Dec	
Cambridge	64.9	↓
East Cambridgeshire	67.9	↑
Fenland	108.0	↑
Huntingdonshire	48.3	↓
South Cambridgeshire	48.4	↑
Peterborough	203.2	↑
<b>EAST OF ENGLAND</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>148.7</b>	<b>↓</b>

## OFFICIAL

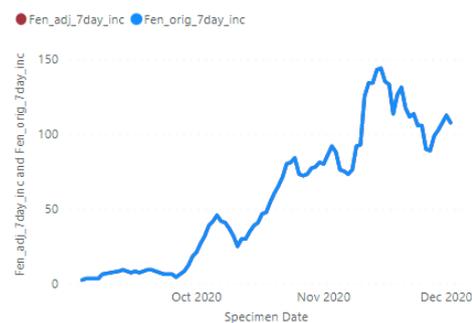
### Cambridge



### East Cambridgeshire



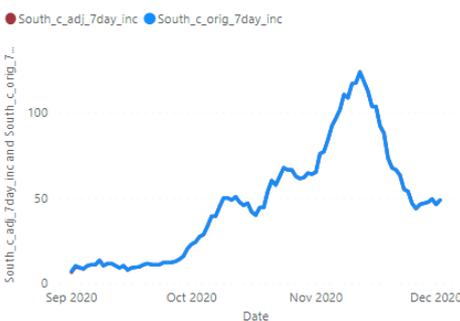
### Fenland



### Huntingdonshire



### South Cambridgeshire



### Peterborough



01/09/2020 02/12/2020

Case predicted numbers

## Mortality: Deaths which have occurred up to 20 November (and been registered by 28 Nov 2020)

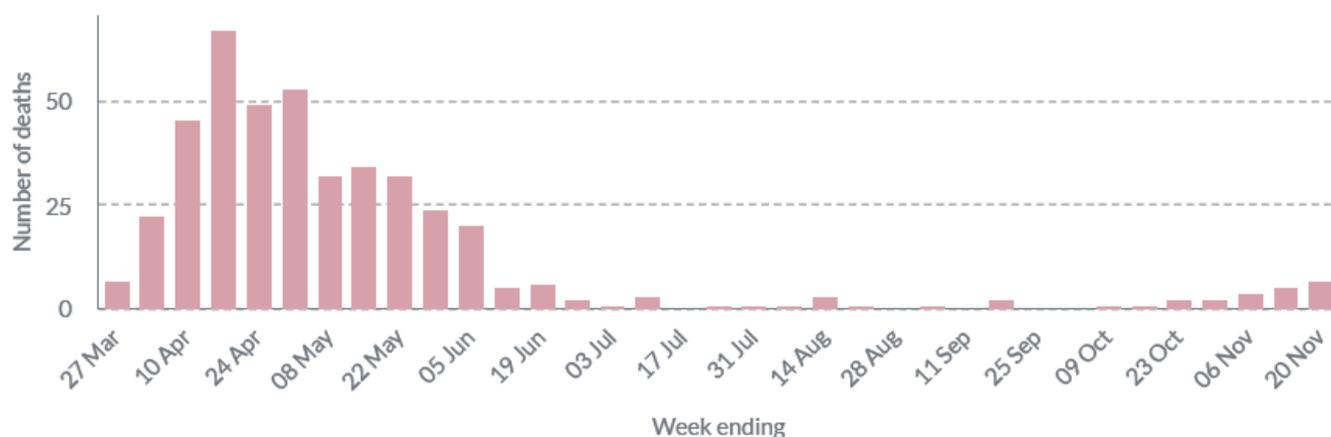
Covid-19 deaths for week ending 20 Nov

7 ↑ +2

Total Covid-19 deaths since 1 Jan 2020

436

### Number of Covid-19 deaths occurred by week - Cambridgeshire



## COVID-19 Vaccination Programme goes live in Cambridgeshire

Teams of trained vaccinators will start to vaccinate patients against coronavirus at Addenbrooke's Hospital and Peterborough City Hospital from this week (7<sup>th</sup> Dec) at the start of the biggest immunisation programme in history.

People aged 80 and over as well as care home workers will be first to receive the jab, along with NHS workers who are at higher risk.

A dedicated team from across our health and social care system have been working through the weekend of 5/6 Dec to prepare for the launch of the programme, with the first vaccinations happening later this week.

There are 50 hospital hubs in the first wave, including Addenbrooke's and Peterborough City Hospitals, and more hospitals will start vaccinating over the coming weeks and months as the programme ramps up.

They will be starting to call people who fall into the [priority groups](#) over from 7<sup>th</sup> December to book appointments. Over the coming weeks they will be extending deliveries to local vaccination services, and hope that later this month the MHRA will allow batches to be split, meaning that vaccination teams can go into care homes to vaccinate those who can't go to other services.

We all can really help the NHS deliver this effectively to those who need it most. The NHS asks:

1. we will contact you when it's the right time to come forward, so please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine before then;

2. please act on your invite when it comes, and make sure you attend your appointments when you arrange them;
3. and of course, please continue to abide by all the social distancing, wearing of face masks and hand hygiene guidance, which will still save lives.

You can find out more about the COVID-19 vaccination here:

<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/>

### **COVID-19 vaccinations and care homes: programme launch**

Helen Whately, Minister for Care, has written to care homes [for older adults], local authority chief executives, and directors of adult social services, outlining plans for getting the first COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech) to care home staff, from the first day vaccinations are available.

Earlier, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisations confirmed that adult social care is in its top priority groups for vaccination. Group 1 is 'residents in a care home for older adults and their carers' and Group 2 includes 'frontline health and social care workers'.

The letter advises that:

- The initial focus is on vaccinating care home workers and the over 80s
- Vaccines will be available from Tuesday 8 December 2020, initially in up to 50 Hospital Hubs across England

It also sets out a number of steps care home managers should take in preparation for the vaccinations:

- put together staff lists, including basic details (name, gender, date of birth, NHS number, GP details) for each staff member
- be ready to provide each staff member with a letter confirming their employment in the care sector
- keep staff records of vaccinations and report via the Capacity Tracker (as you do with flu vaccination)
- consider the covid-secure logistics of releasing staff to receive their vaccine, while maintaining staffing levels within their home. Practical and implementable plans should be in place from early next week
- take steps now to ensure that staff understand need for obtaining consent, so that they in turn can help residents and families to complete the necessary forms when a vaccine is ready to be delivered within a care home. Once issued, these forms will provide additional information about the vaccine they are receiving.

### **Covid cases in schools / Early Years Settings / Colleges**

For the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> November the following number of schools / colleges/ early years settings in each area had confirmed cases of Covid-19:

Cambridge City:	13
Huntingdonshire:	6
Fenland:	10
South Cambs:	10
East Cambs:	6
Peterborough:	33

NB - There are 335 schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, along with 1,207 early years settings and 9 post 16 colleges.

A total of 89 staff and 1,740 pupils in Cambridgeshire are self-isolating as a result of these cases, with 39 staff and 1,328 pupils self-isolating in Peterborough.

## **County Council pledges wide ranging winter support for more people than ever**

The County Council is launching a new scheme to support many families and individuals whose lives have been made more difficult by the COVID pandemic this year. More people than ever before will be supported - thanks to the imaginative way that the Council plans on using the Winter Support government grant. They will provide Winter Support Packages to families to make sure that, not only all children have access to food whether they are eligible for free school meals or in a range of other categories, but also that families and individuals who might struggle with other essential bills, such as utilities, can be supported.

The food support will come via a voucher sent to families automatically, using a system many schools are already using. Each eligible child will receive a £15 voucher for each week of the school holidays (two weeks at Christmas and one week in February). We will be using a system call Wonde which schools and parents will be familiar with.

Those eligible for the voucher will be those who receive:

- ❖ Funded Childcare and Education for 2-year-olds under the income based criteria (children aged 2)
- ❖ Early Years Pupil Premium under the income based criteria (children aged 3 and 4)
- ❖ Free School Meals (children and young people aged 4 to 16)
- ❖ 16-19 students in Sixth Forms eligible for Free School meals or for the 16+ bursary (young people aged 16 to 19).

In addition to the Food Vouchers, the scheme is also available to support these same families and individuals, as well as many more, with other immediate needs, including (but not limited to) other essential supplies and food, household energy and water bills and essential white goods. In addition to those listed above, those eligible for this additional support will include:

- ❖ Households who receive income-related benefits
- ❖ Households facing financial hardship – who councils are aware of
- ❖ Families identified as 'just about managing' by schools
- ❖ Anyone with an Education, Health and Care Plan
- ❖ Care Leavers
- ❖ Young Carers
- ❖ People with 'No Recourse to Public Funds' status – such as asylum seekers

To ensure they are reaching vulnerable families and individuals across Cambridgeshire, the County Council has also sent letters to parents with children in school. There is also a frequently asked question list.

The letters also provide further clarity on the eligibility criteria for early years and post 16 support to ensure the right children who need support are allocated vouchers. Similar letters have been sent to early years settings and colleges. As colleges have existing systems for allocating support, these have been used instead of the Wonde voucher system.

The County Council is investing in organisations that are already supporting families. Anyone in need of additional support can access it through this scheme using an online form. Cambridgeshire residents can fill out the form <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/winter-grant-scheme>

**Alternatively, you can call 0345 045 5219.**

## **Addenbrooke's 3 Update**

The Addenbrooke's (CUH) campus comprises a mixture of buildings that have been constructed over the last five decades. Approximately half of the buildings being used for the delivery of patient services are greater than 45 years old. The hospital has a significant maintenance backlog estimated at £103m to address essential maintenance and compliance. In 2010 the hospital agreed a masterplan for the redevelopment of the Addenbrooke's Hospital site. This plan was subsequently refreshed and updated in 2018. In 2020 the Trust established the Addenbrooke's 3 hospital redevelopment programme to oversee the major developments on the hospital site.

The ambition of the Addenbrooke's 3 programme is to deliver excellent services for patients in facilities that are modern, fit for the future and supportive of the integration of hospital and community services. To allow this they need to develop a strategy and plan for the replacement of the ageing buildings, many of which would cost more to refurbish than to replace.

The modernisation programme also offers the opportunity to build facilities that help integrate primary and secondary health across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System. It is a priority to provide health and care services closer to people's homes with more support to stay healthy and maintain independent living.

They will look at the ways in which people access healthcare. A great deal has been learned about ways of delivering accessible care during the response to Covid, such as greater use of video and telephone consultations and providing diagnostic testing in community settings. These models will be built on to ensure to only bring patients onto the CUH campus where necessary. This will not only bring care closer to patients' homes, it will also help to reduce the burden of traffic in and around the campus.

CUH is uniquely poised to revolutionise healthcare in hospitals, GP surgeries, the community, and in homes. The Trust plays a pivotal role in pushing forward the boundaries of what medicine can achieve and how it can be delivered more efficiently. Transformation of the workforce, digital technology and relationships with research and industry will be critical to maintaining this position, as well as drawing on the lessons learned from COVID19.

The Addenbrooke's 3 programme includes projects that span the short, medium and long term:

- ❖ Phase 1: Emergency dept./critical infrastructure – Through to 2021/2022
- ❖ Phase 2: Cancer research hospital – opening 2025/2026  
Childrens hospital – opening 2025/2026
- ❖ Phase 3: further development such as Acute Hospital - building from 2025 onwards.

## **Cambridgeshire launch £500K top-up to broadband vouchers for rural residents**

Residents and businesses in rural areas of Cambridgeshire are being urged to apply for funding to benefit from the fastest and most reliable fibre connectivity - before the money runs out. Connecting Cambridgeshire has secured £500,000 extra "top-up" funding to help premises with the slowest broadband cover the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections that will more than double their speeds. The Cambridgeshire top-up funding is part of Connecting Cambridgeshire's Keeping Everyone Connected work, using digital connectivity to help businesses and communities to recover from Covid-19, and will be used to rollout fibre broadband to the hardest-to-reach areas. Gigabit-capable means 1,000 megabits per second (1,000Mbps). Future-ready full fibre connections are faster, more reliable and cheaper to operate than traditional copper lines and provide a big leap forward in terms of speeds and reliability. Residents can choose to upgrade to 1,000Mbps or sign up to lower speed packages that match their requirements. Groups of rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps, can apply to the national Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme and pool vouchers worth up to £1,500 for homes and £3,500 for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) towards the cost of installing a new full fibre connection.

In addition, eligible rural properties getting less than 30Mbps will automatically receive a 'top up' to the voucher - offering an extra £1,500 per household or business towards the installation cost of gigabit-capable broadband. This means premises in group projects with the slowest speeds will get vouchers worth up to £3,000 per residential premise and up to £5,000 per business.

Group projects are when two or more residents or businesses get together to combine their vouchers towards the cost of connections. They will then be able to choose an internet package from a provider to suit their needs and budget.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important it is for everyone to have access to reliable, fast broadband. Being digitally connected is vital for staying in touch with friends and loved ones and is key to being able to work from home, while also helping to stabilise local businesses. It's encouraging to see Cambridgeshire putting extra cash behind the voucher scheme. **The deadline to apply for the scheme is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021** unless funding runs out before then as money will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Peter Hudson**  
**County Councillor**  
**Longstanton, Northstowe, Oakington, Westwick, and Over**