

## **Lockdown update from Anne Parry, your County Councillor**

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We are now in our second week of Lockdown and the news with regard to our district figures is that the number of cases appear to be levelling off, which is an encouraging sign. There have been just over 200 new cases testing positive recorded in the last seven days up from 1478 to 1691; so the rate of infection is down slightly from 164/100,000 to 161/100,000, but with sadly a further two fatalities. This compares to an infection rate of 256/100,000 in Warwick District which was 241/100,000 last week and North Warwickshire which is the highest in the county at 352/100,000.

The situation regarding the open 406 SWFT Hospital Beds has seen a slight decrease of Covid inpatients with 19 (22) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and four (5) patients in ICU with last week's figures in brackets. There are 61% of SWFT hospital beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients which demonstrates that other procedures and treatments are continuing however there are 5% beds occupied with confirmed COVID-19 patients and 24% beds occupied with suspected COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 10% beds.

The cumulative deaths across Stratford District from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) is now 12, with eight occurring in care homes and four in hospital, out of a total of 213 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period. The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 is now 21 from a total of 942 all cause deaths. These new figures take the cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district to 180 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire to 621; over the same period there have been 4643 non Covid-19 related deaths in Warwickshire and 1138 non Covid-19 deaths in Stratford on Avon District.

The key figures for me are not the number of confirmed cases - as the capacity of testing is extensive in this second wave compared to the first wave, but the hospitalisation figures - because the majority of people being infected are able to deal with their symptoms at home. The first time I started to receive the stats information was in the first week of May – six weeks into lockdown – and at that time my records indicate that there were 34 confirmed cases in hospital with two patients in ICU. According to scientists the first wave peak in the UK occurred around 8 April 2020 so let's hope we start to see further impact of the lockdown very soon.

The message however is very much loud and clear that if we want to enjoy Christmas and celebrate with our loved ones we must abide by the

regulations of the lockdown and keep carrying on with what we've been doing since the start of lockdown in order to see a significant decline.

***Support to Local Businesses***

SDC has received £2.7m to allocate to businesses which have been forced to close during the national lockdown. The scheme is similar to that which was administered earlier in the year and further information can be found [here](#)

In the meantime take care and keep safe.

Kind regards

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