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# COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Report

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## Public Health Directorate

# Introduction

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- ❑ This report is a summary of indicators which are used to understand the dynamics of the spread of COVID-19 on the Isle of Man.
- ❑ This report will be published each Thursday for data up to and including the previous Sunday e.g. 12<sup>th</sup> August is for data up to 8<sup>th</sup> August.
- ❑ The COVID-19 results are a combination of positive PCR and LFT tests.
- ❑ The report has been compiled by the Public Health Intelligence Team using data from Manx Care, the Civil Registry and the Lateral Flow Test (LFT) system.

# Wave Surveillance

- ❑ We continue to be in a fourth wave of COVID infection, driven by the omicron variant which remains the dominant strain, accounting for the majority of our cases.
- ❑ Cases have dropped this week across most age groups. To date we are not seeing spread into older age groups or significant rises in infection in children and young people following school reopening.
- ❑ Case ascertainment is, of course, dependent on patterns of testing and reporting so it is likely that there are more cases than are currently notified. This caveat has applied throughout the pandemic when COVID has been transmitting on Island, although the change to LFD self testing and self reporting may have impacted on that to an unknown extent. However, as the majority of omicron infections are mild, case numbers per se are now a less important measure than pressure on health and care services.
- ❑ We may still not have seen the full impact of changes in mixing since the end of the Christmas and New Year period so we cannot conclude that the rate of fall in number of cases, or trends by age group, will continue longer term.

# Wave Surveillance

In response to concerns regarding the omicron variant, from 30<sup>th</sup> November, arrivals testing requirements are as follows:

Any travellers who have only been within the Common Travel Area (British Isles, Ireland, Jersey and Guernsey) in the 10 days before arrival, will have to:

- **Manx Resident (regardless of vaccination status):** No entry exemption or permit required, but will need to complete a landing card and take an LFT within 12 hours of arriving on Island and submit the result online.
- **Non-Resident (fully vaccinated):** Will need to complete a vaccination exemption form, landing card and take an LFT within 12 hours of arriving on Island and submit the result online.
- **Non-Resident (not fully vaccinated):** Will need to apply for a Manx Entry Permit and, if approved, complete a landing card and take an LFT within 12 hours of arrival and submit the result online. A PCR test must also be undertaken within 48 hours of arrival – isolating until a negative result is confirmed. A day 6 follow-up test will also be required.

Until a negative LFT result is confirmed all travellers should avoid entering public buildings.

If the LFT result is positive, travellers must isolate immediately and report their result.

Any International Travellers (who have been outside the CTA in the 10 days before arrival) will have to:

- **Fully vaccinated traveller: From 00:01 on 11 January 2022** Will need to complete a vaccination exemption form, landing card and take a LFT within 12 hours of arriving on Island and submit the result online.
- **Non vaccinated/ not fully vaccinated traveller:** Will need to apply for a Manx Entry Permit and, if approved, complete a landing card. Will then isolate for 7 days, having a PCR test within 48 hours of arrival, and on day 6 before leaving isolation.

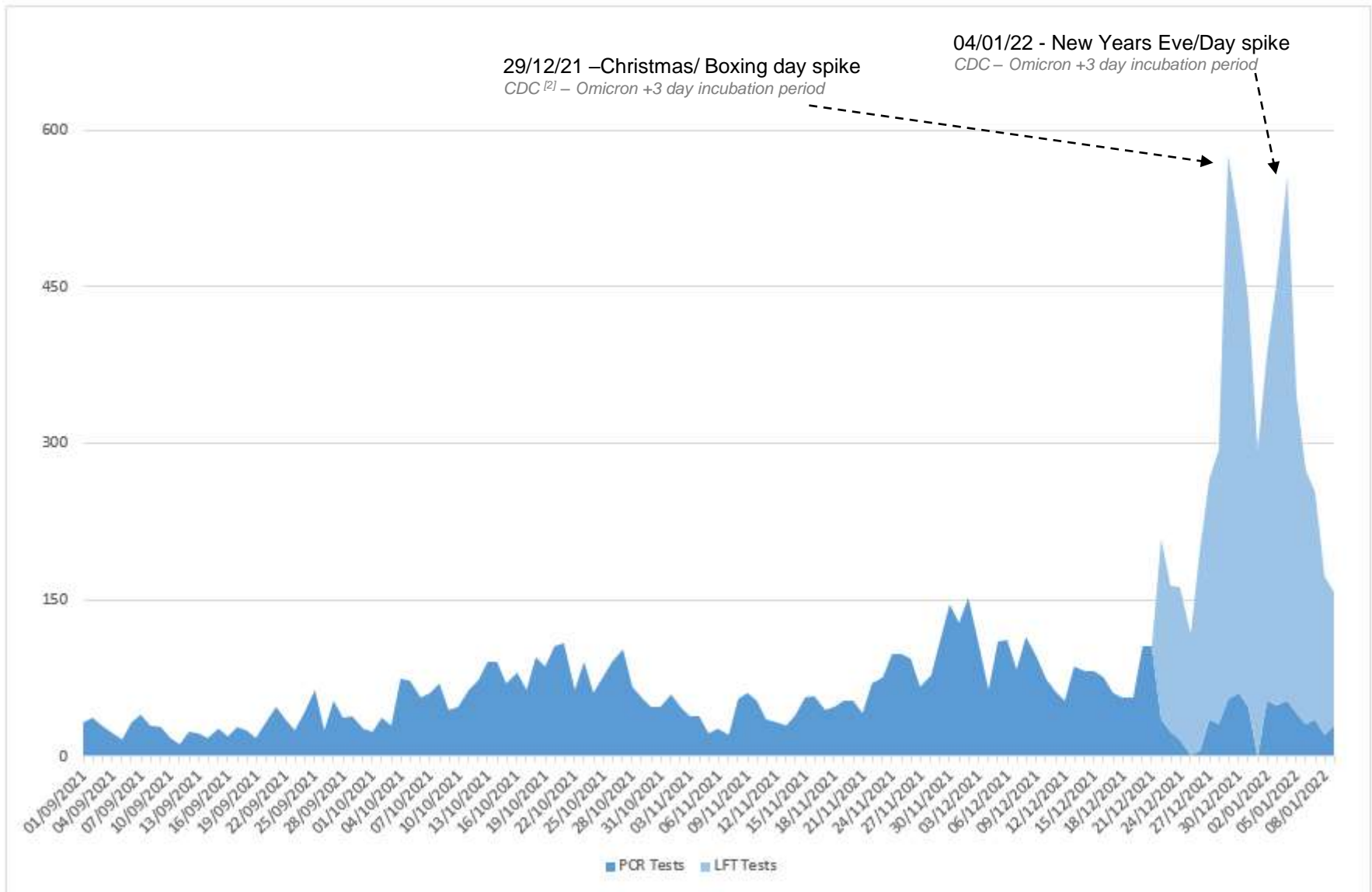
All PCR tests will cost £30.00 total per traveller.

# Key Points

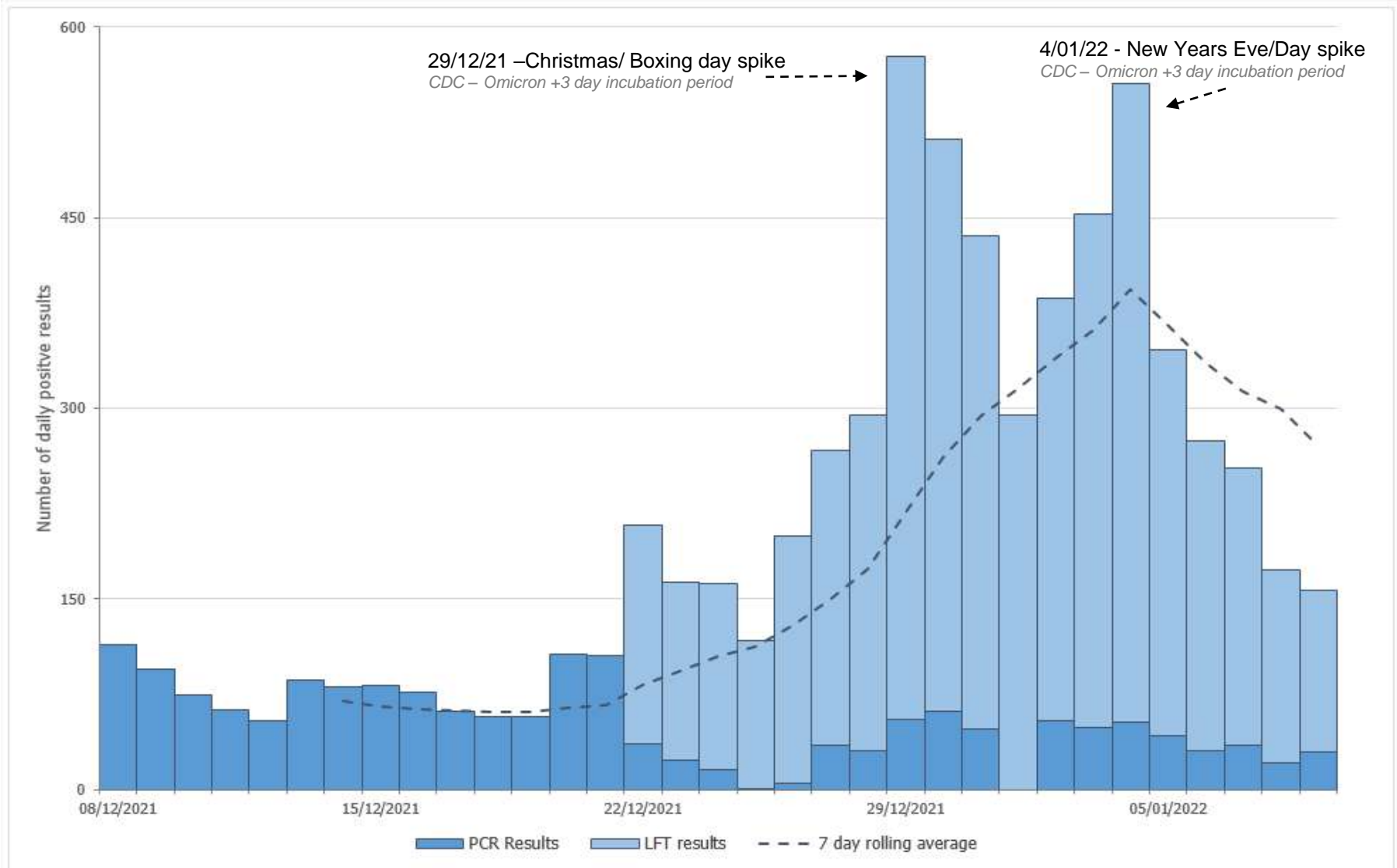
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- ❑ The current 7-day average for reported positive results is around 316.
- ❑ The current overall trend of reported positive results is decreasing.
- ❑ The effective reproduction number ( $R_t$ ) was 1.04 this week.
- ❑ The snapshot census of the Hospital shows 5 patients currently admitted with a COVID positive status.

# Positive COVID-19 Tests

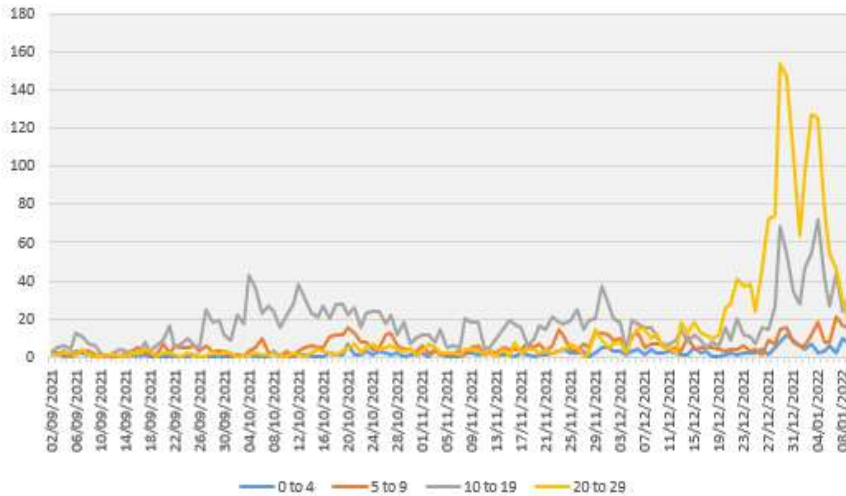


# Daily Positive Results – 4<sup>th</sup> Wave

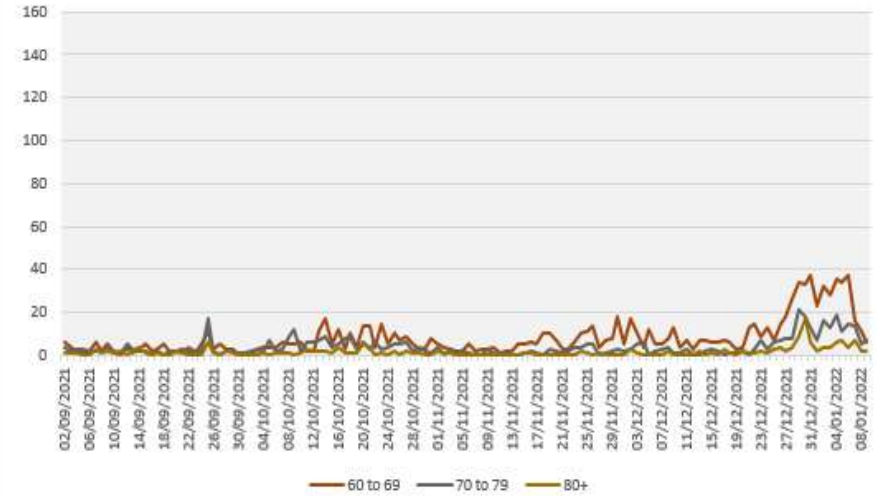


# Age Group Analysis

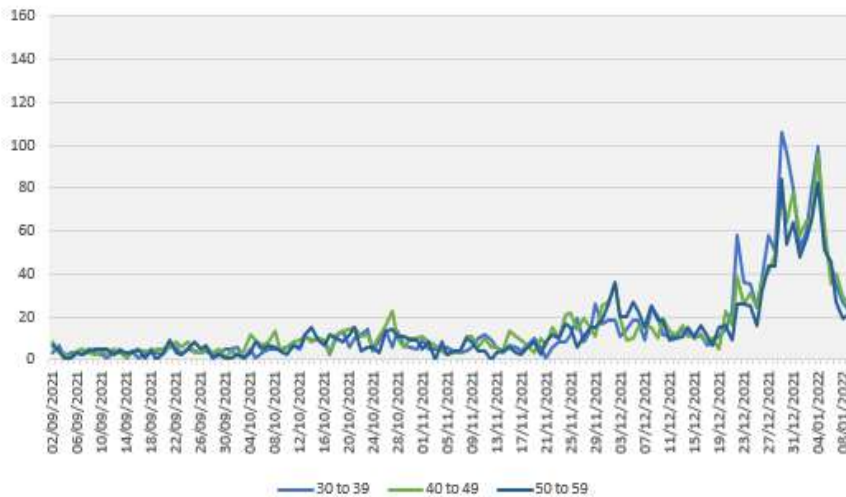
Daily positive LFT results & PCR cases - Age 0 -29



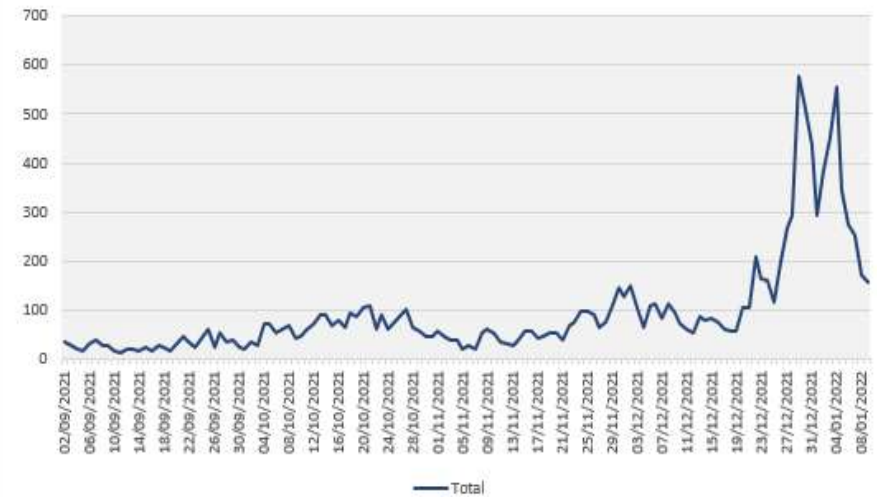
Daily positive LFT results & PCR cases - Age 60 +



Daily positive LFT results & PCR cases - Age 30 - 59

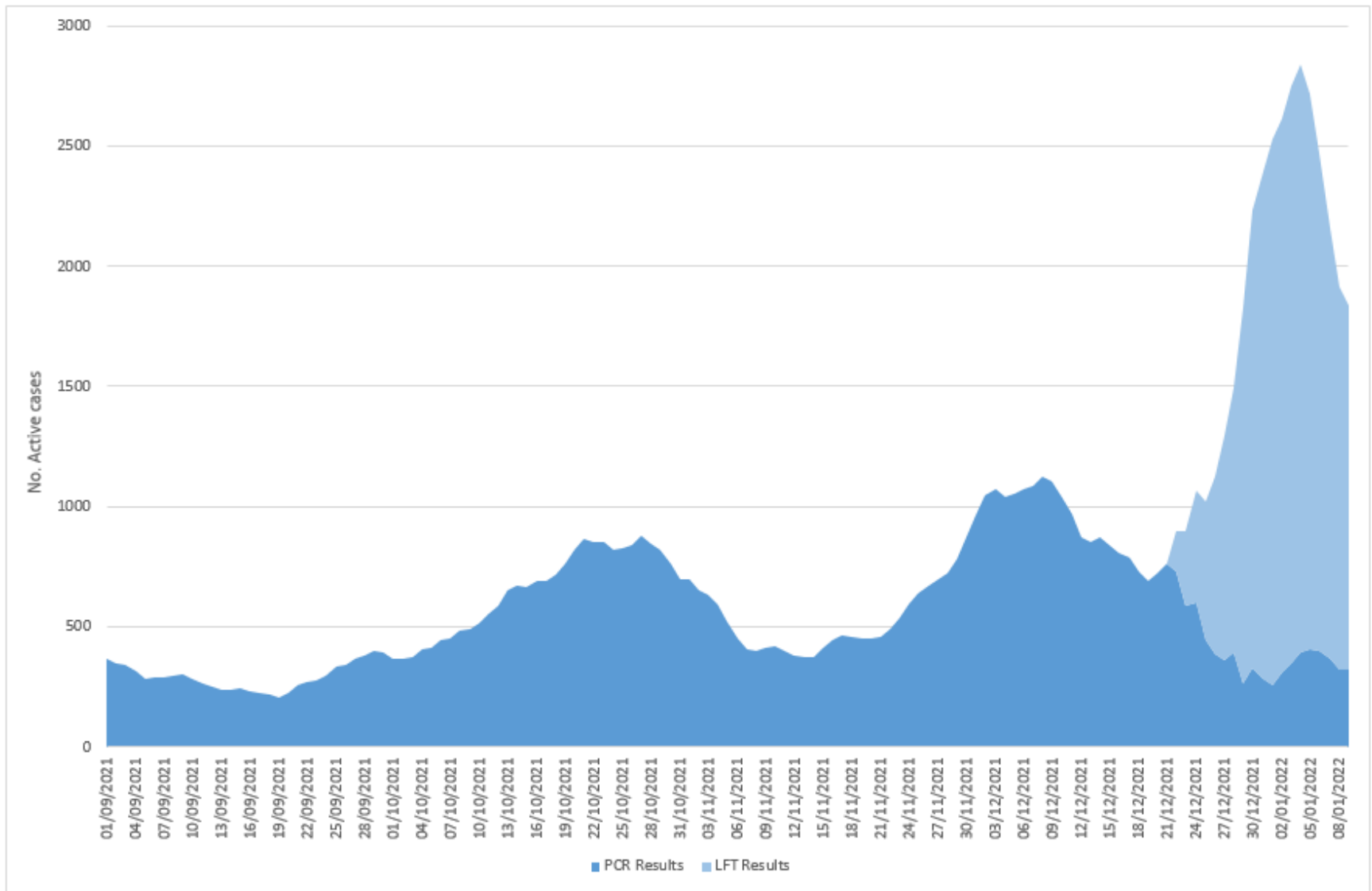


Total daily positive LFT results & PCR cases

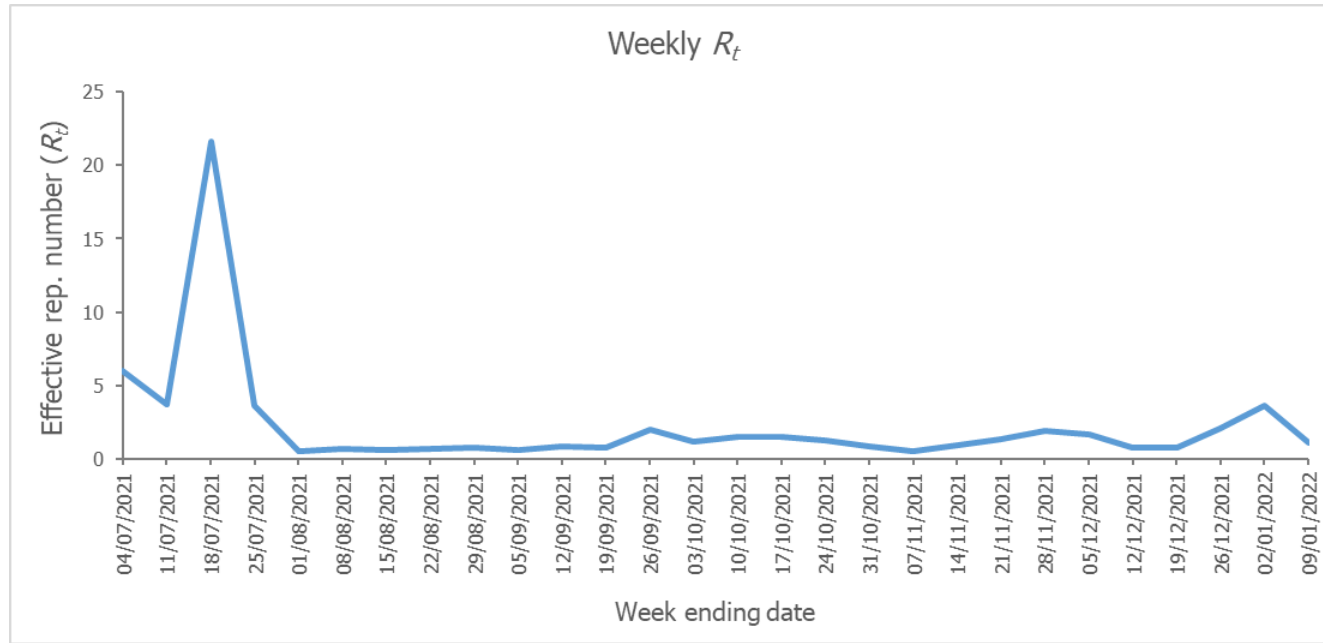




# Active PCR & LFT Cases



# Effective Reproduction Number ( $R_t$ )



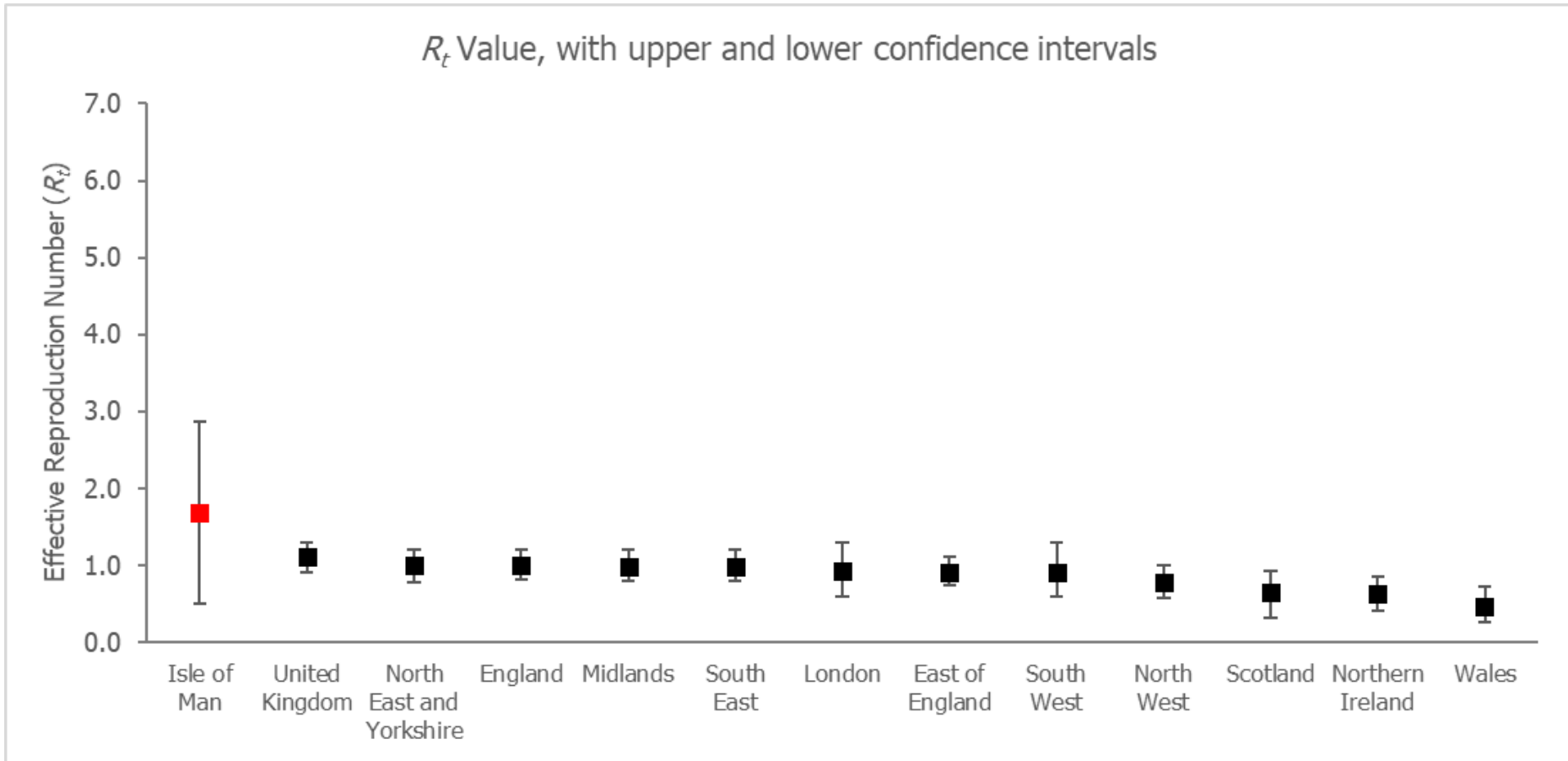
Latest 7 day  
 $R_t = 1.04$

- ❑ The Effective Reproduction Number ( $R_t$ ) represents the number of secondary infections generated by each case over time 't' (over a week as presented here) and can be dramatically modified by applying effective interventions.
- ❑ When  $R_t > 1$  there are more new infections than recoveries, thus the number of infected individuals in the population is increasing, while for  $R_t < 1$  the number of infected individuals must be decreasing for the opposite reason.
- ❑ The calculation of  $R_t$  is as follows<sup>[1]</sup>:

$$R_t(t_i) = \frac{\text{New Infections}}{\text{New Recoveries} + \text{New Deaths}}$$

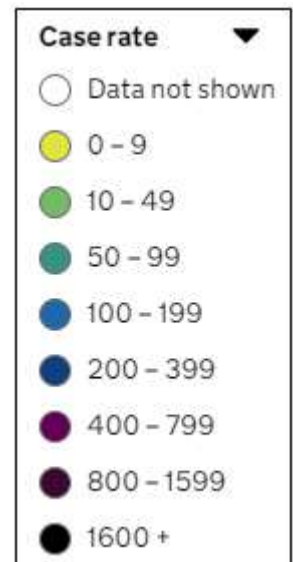
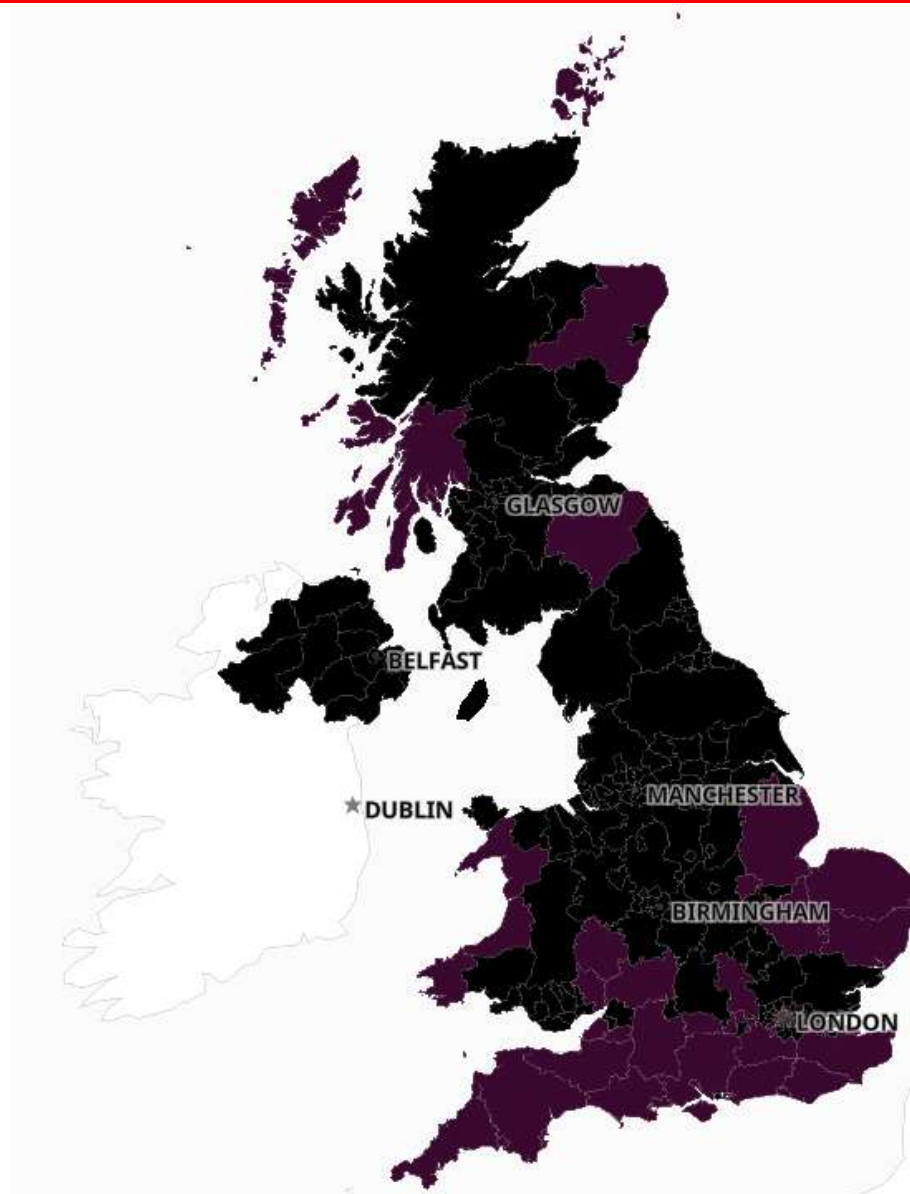
- ❑ The UK uses a more complex method of estimating  $R_t$  which we are not able to replicate here. The use of this simplified methodology limits the robustness of comparing our  $R_t$  value with UK estimates, however it provides a useful comparison between different time periods on Island. New Recoveries is calculated using the presumed 10 day recovery period from positive PCR test result.
- ❑ A full table of daily  $R_t$  values for the current wave is available in Appendix 1.

# $R_t$ Area Comparison



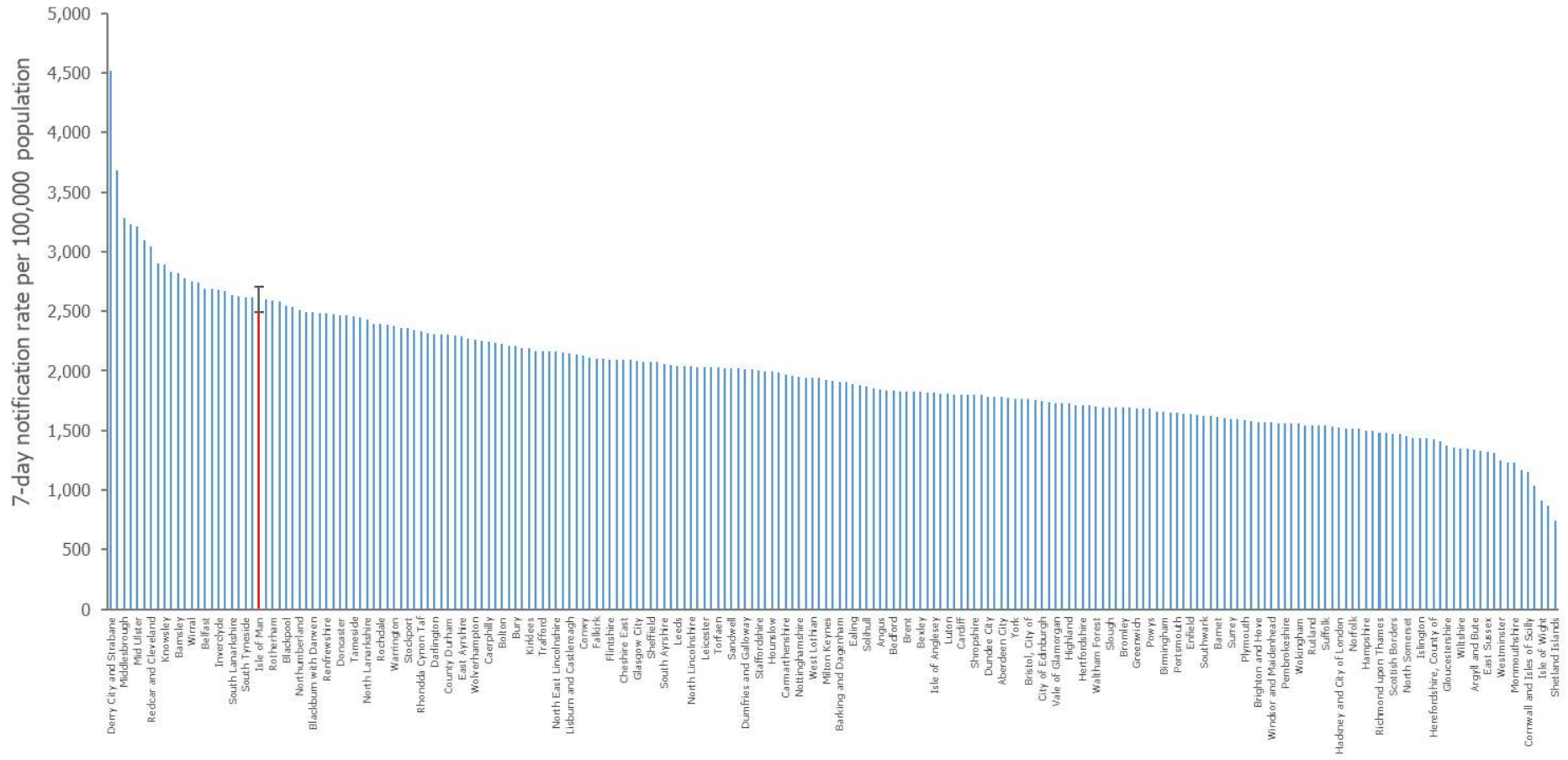
- ❑  $R_t$  value shown for Isle of Man is  $R_t$  for 09/01/2022
- ❑  $R_t$  values shown for United Kingdom areas are 7 day  $R_t$  values for 05/01/2022 (latest figures)

# 7-day Notification Rate Area Comparison



# 7-day Notification Rate – Upper Tier LA Comparison

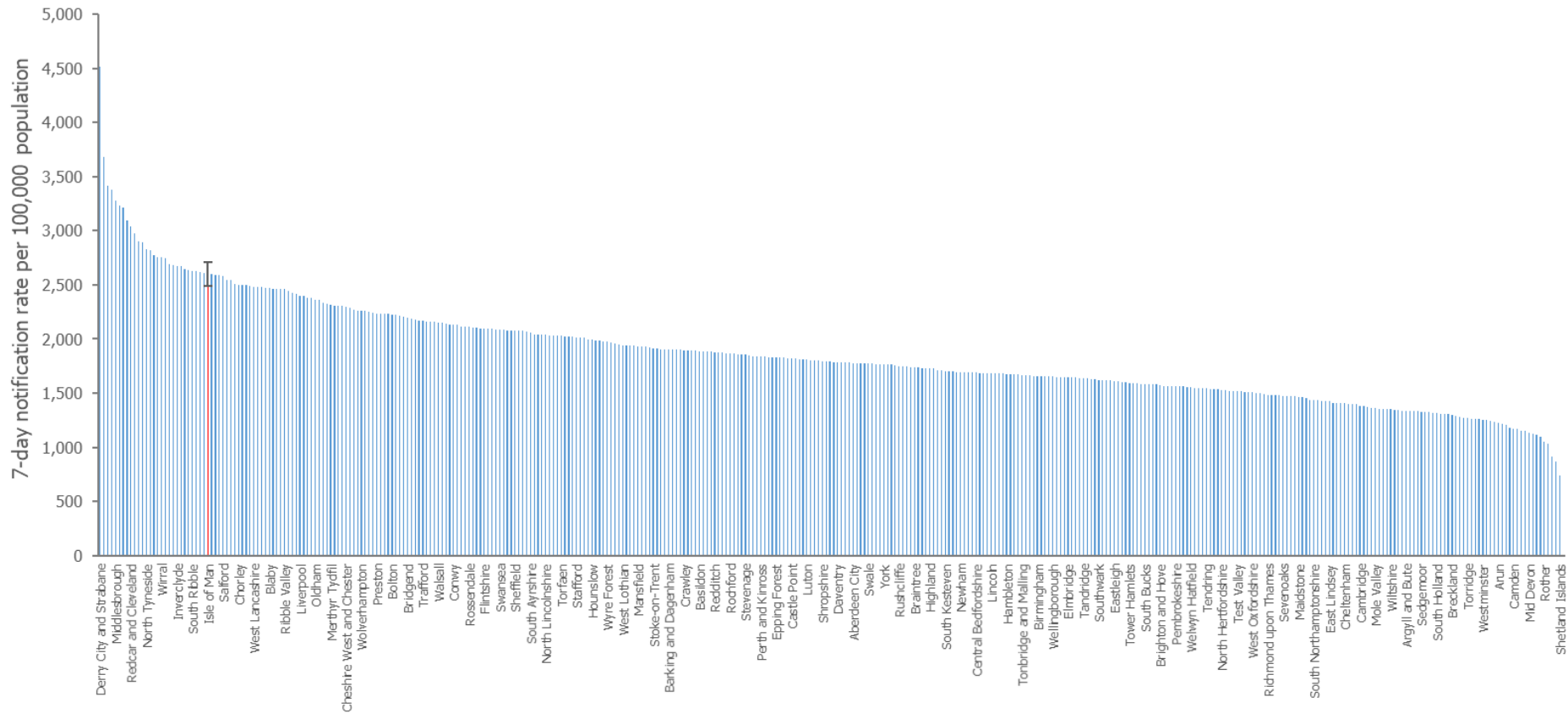
7-day notification rate - upper tier local authorities area comparison



The Isle of Man (shown in red), has the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest 7-day notification rate per 100,000 population when included in the upper tier local authorities of the UK.

# 7-day Notification Rate – Lower Tier LA Comparison

7-day notification rate - lower tier local authorities comparison



The Isle of Man (shown in red), has the 29<sup>th</sup> highest 7-day notification rate per 100,000 population when included in the lower tier local authorities of the UK.

# 14-day Notification Rate Comparison

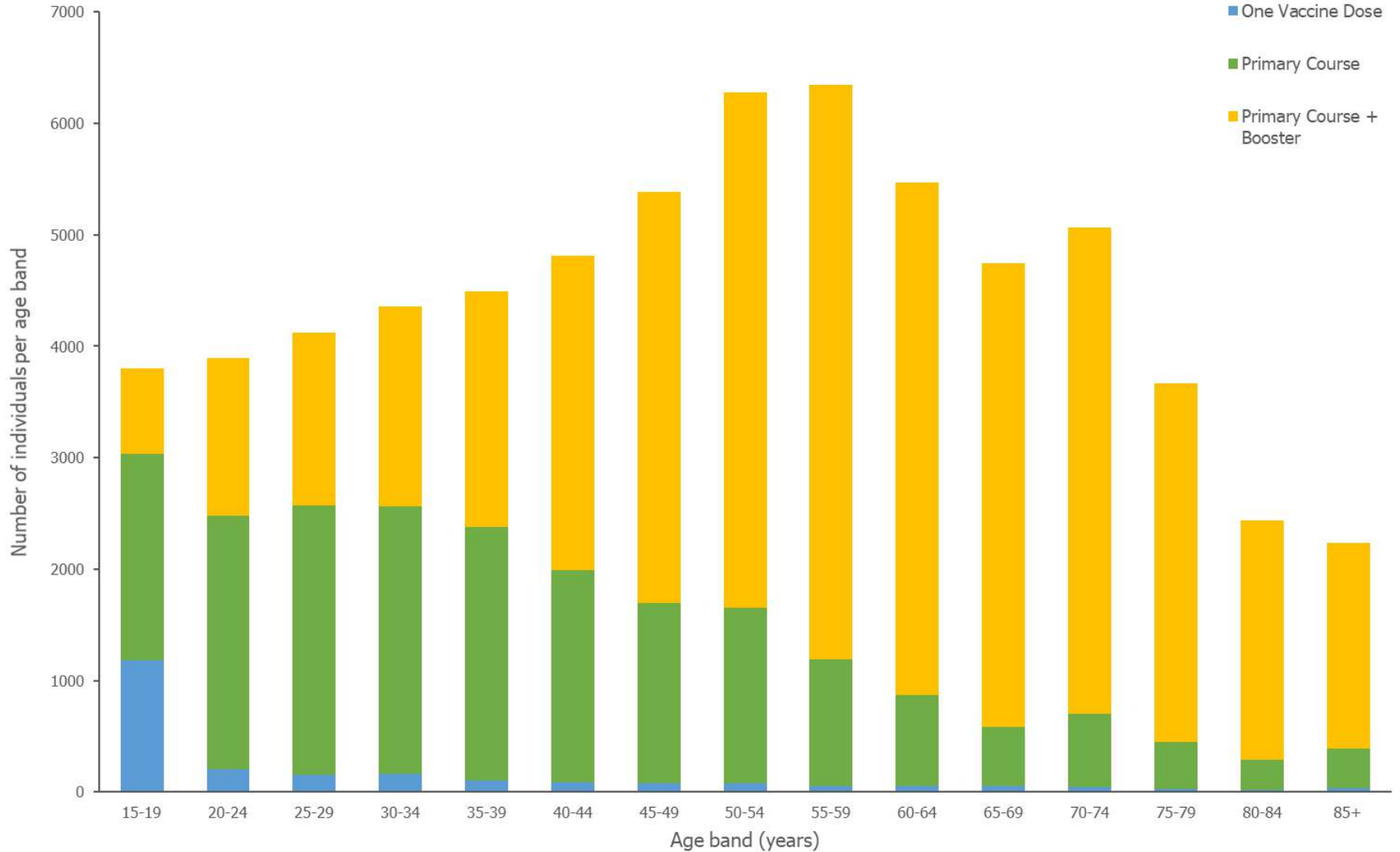
Year	Week number	Isle of Man			United Kingdom
		14 day rate	Lower CI	Upper CI	14 day rate
2021	36	617.41	612.23	622.60	727.08
	37	565.67	561.04	570.30	663.56
	38	660.93	654.07	667.78	643.48
	39	766.77	760.65	772.89	691.94
	40	874.96	867.84	882.08	778.05
	41	1136.04	1128.80	1143.29	805.89
	42	1357.14	1348.52	1365.75	852.05
	43	1303.04	1291.68	1314.39	936.14
	44	878.49	865.69	891.29	776.13
	45	666.81	660.02	673.60	697.62
	46	785.59	780.35	790.83	798.68
	47	1110.17	1099.81	1120.53	860.74
	48	1660.55	1645.83	1675.27	909.34
	49	1680.54	1664.71	1696.38	988.25
	2022	50	1299.51	1289.26	1309.77
51		1834.60	1807.69	1861.52	-
52		4497.13	4417.01	4577.25	2753.48
2022	01	5851.91	5781.44	5922.39	-

The 14-day rate is calculated by totalling new confirmed cases over the past 14-day period, dividing this number by the total population, and then multiplying by 100,000 to enable area comparisons.

Since the week ending 10/10/21, the Isle of Man has had significantly higher 14 day notification rates than the UK

# Vaccine Uptake and Coverage

Number of vaccinated individuals by age band and vaccination dosage





# Hospitalised Patients

This figure is a snapshot census of the cases in Hospital.

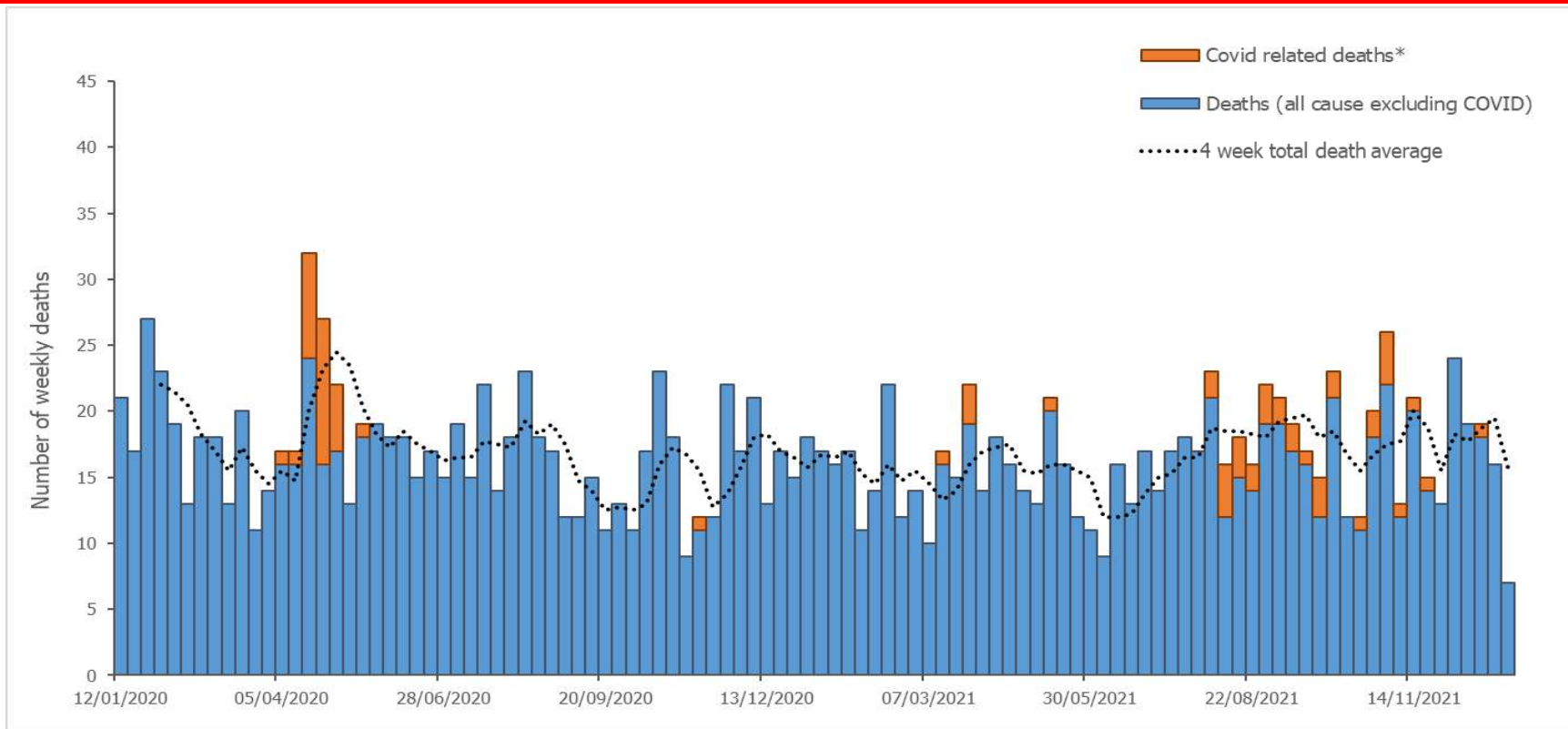
When broken down into vaccination status some of the numbers are 5 or below. Therefore, further sub-analysis of weekly figures cannot be produced due to the caveats and identifiable nature of small numbers.

## **SUMMARY**

<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>Vaccination Status of Hospital Admissions</b>	
<b>Fully Vaccinated (2+2 + Booster)</b>	
<b>Fully Vaccinated (2+2)</b>	40.0%
<b>Partially Vaccinated</b>	
<b>Unvaccinated</b>	60.0%

# Weekly Deaths – Whole Pandemic



*Note:* Death registrations are often delayed and therefore deaths occurring in a given week may not be input into the week of which death occurred until a later date, meaning figures are likely to change retrospectively as data is updated and the most recent week's numbers will be incomplete.

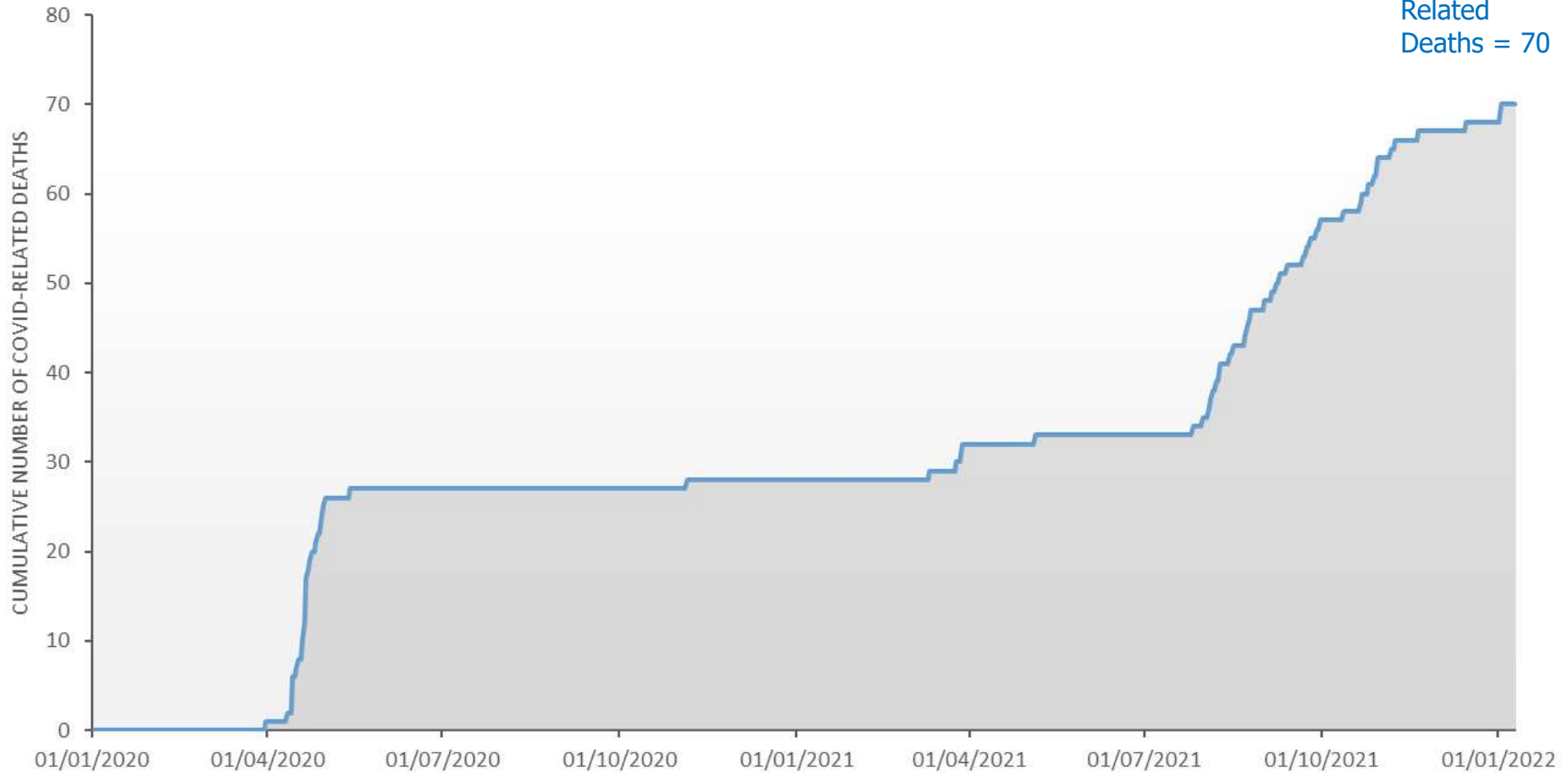
Weekly death data is 11 days behind the Weekly Surveillance Report's release date. This is to allow for death registrations to be received with any delays and stop an incorrect perceived 'sudden drop' in weekly deaths that would occur if an appropriate time period was not given to allow for death registrations to be received in due course.

\*COVID deaths are those where COVID-19 is mentioned anywhere within the death certificate. This differs from the definition used by Public Health England, who classify a COVID death as "people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and dies within 28 days of the first positive test result."

# Cumulative COVID-Related Deaths

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Cumulative  
COVID  
Related  
Deaths = 70



# Definitions

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## ❑ **Vaccination Status**

- One dose = those who have received only one dose
- Primary Course = those who have received a full course (two or three dose).  
Third dose, those with immunosuppression only.
- Primary Course + Booster = a full course plus a booster

# Appendix 1

Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$	Date	Daily $R_t$
01-Jul	6.00	20-Jul	11.67	08-Aug	0.67	27-Aug	0.54	15-Sep	1.63	04-Oct	1.76	23-Oct	0.99	11-Nov	0.61	30-Nov	2.74	19-Dec	0.60	07-Jan	0.86
02-Jul	2.67	21-Jul	13.14	09-Aug	0.73	28-Aug	0.79	16-Sep	0.59	05-Oct	1.14	24-Oct	0.67	12-Nov	0.67	01-Dec	3.12	20-Dec	1.43	08-Jan	0.30
03-Jul	6.00	22-Jul	9.55	10-Aug	0.64	29-Aug	0.34	17-Sep	0.70	06-Oct	2.24	25-Oct	1.09	13-Nov	0.77	02-Dec	2.19	21-Dec	1.69	09-Jan	0.31
04-Jul	5.00	23-Jul	1.13	11-Aug	0.76	30-Aug	0.51	18-Sep	0.86	07-Oct	1.13	26-Oct	1.13	14-Nov	1.05	03-Dec	1.38	22-Dec	3.85		
05-Jul	7.00	24-Jul	1.56	12-Aug	0.63	31-Aug	0.78	19-Sep	0.64	08-Oct	1.89	27-Oct	1.59	15-Nov	2.59	04-Dec	0.65	23-Dec	1.88		
06-Jul	0.67	25-Jul	1.35	13-Aug	0.48	01-Sep	0.68	20-Sep	2.00	09-Oct	1.15	28-Oct	0.71	16-Nov	2.15	05-Dec	1.11	24-Dec	2.00		
07-Jul	7.00	26-Jul	0.47	14-Aug	0.40	02-Sep	0.66	21-Sep	3.62	10-Oct	1.85	29-Oct	0.66	17-Nov	2.10	06-Dec	1.20	25-Dec	1.43		
08-Jul	6.00	27-Jul	0.52	15-Aug	0.65	03-Sep	0.77	22-Sep	1.52	11-Oct	2.74	30-Oct	0.44	18-Nov	0.87	07-Dec	1.24	26-Dec	2.62		
09-Jul	7.00	28-Jul	0.86	16-Aug	0.63	04-Sep	0.44	23-Sep	1.09	12-Oct	1.97	31-Oct	0.43	19-Nov	0.88	08-Dec	1.48	27-Dec	4.38		
10-Jul	2.57	29-Jul	0.48	17-Aug	0.81	05-Sep	0.33	24-Sep	2.33	13-Oct	3.03	01-Nov	0.94	20-Nov	1.00	09-Dec	0.86	28-Dec	5.16		
11-Jul	3.50	30-Jul	0.45	18-Aug	0.56	06-Sep	1.07	25-Sep	2.33	14-Oct	1.23	02-Nov	0.53	21-Nov	1.14	10-Dec	0.51	29-Dec	10.12		
12-Jul	2.75	31-Jul	0.31	19-Aug	0.92	07-Sep	1.05	26-Sep	1.32	15-Oct	0.96	03-Nov	0.64	22-Nov	2.16	11-Dec	0.48	30-Dec	4.82		
13-Jul	13.33	01-Aug	0.45	20-Aug	0.80	08-Sep	1.32	27-Sep	1.89	16-Oct	1.43	04-Nov	0.50	23-Nov	2.53	12-Dec	0.36	31-Dec	4.15		
14-Jul	19.60	02-Aug	1.22	21-Aug	0.64	09-Sep	1.17	28-Sep	1.42	17-Oct	1.07	05-Nov	0.24	24-Nov	2.45	13-Dec	0.82	01-Jan	1.41		
15-Jul	17.86	03-Aug	0.80	22-Aug	0.66	10-Sep	0.47	29-Sep	2.17	18-Oct	1.36	06-Nov	0.26	25-Nov	1.74	14-Dec	1.27	02-Jan	2.38		
16-Jul	150.50	04-Aug	0.51	23-Aug	0.93	11-Sep	0.38	30-Sep	0.74	19-Oct	1.91	07-Nov	0.31	26-Nov	1.60	15-Dec	0.74	03-Jan	2.80		
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# Data Disclaimer

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- ❑ While we have used reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of the data used within this report, data may be subject to change and historical amendment as new systems become established.
- ❑ The quality of data provided to Public Health by other organisations is the responsibility of the originating organisation.