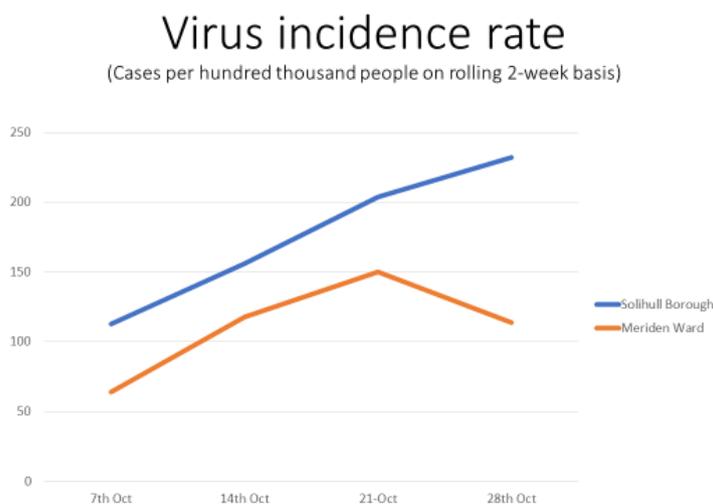


Virus news for Balsall and Berkswell Parishes

Dear Resident,

On Saturday 31st October The Prime Minister announced new measures to fight the rapid rise in Coronavirus rates in England. These new restrictions will apply for one month from Thursday 5th November ending on Wednesday, 2nd of December. It is too early to give full advice but it is clear that we are being asked to reduce to an absolute minimum our contact with others for 4 weeks. The current new Government guidance is to be found on the following link. www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november

Two weeks ago, I sounded an alarm that coronavirus cases were rapidly increasing in our area (Meriden Ward of the Borough) and that cases were continuing to increase across the Borough. The latest local data is shown below.



This local downward change in trend is probably the result of better social distancing actions by residents. This is marathon not a sprint so we need to keep it up.

Remember, careless social interaction costs lives

The evidence is clear. The disease is predominantly spread by people not following the rules, interacting with other households for social purposes and not socially distancing while at work. It is not coming from the schools. Of the 1002 cases in the Borough last week only 67 were in schools.

If we are to fight successfully this second surge in infections, it is imperative that everyone follows what the government now says. Bits of it might seem illogical and you might not agree with it all. However, as Leicester Football club showed in 2016, it is not those with the best players or best strategy that win, it is those with the best teamwork.

If you are in a high-risk group there will not be shielding this time but try not to see anyone outside your home. Remember, the local Coronavirus help team is there to help with shopping etc.

Call 07515 570 887 for help

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