



**ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY  
REVIEW BOARD  
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# ITEM 06

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## Covid-19 Update

### Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Board on the current progress of the pandemic, including the changes to national guidance.
- 1.2 To summarise the key actions that all individuals are encouraged to take to reduce risk.
- 1.3 To indicate the possible future progress of the pandemic.

### Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the update report

### Reason

- 3.1 To update the Board on the current situation and potential future expectations.

### Supporting information

- 4.1 On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the national approach to COVID-19 was updated and access to universal testing was removed. This means that we are now unable to accurately report the numbers or demographics of cases for the City.
- 4.2 Testing is now focussed predominantly on those for whom a positive test will alter the medical management of their condition and staff who work in Health and Social Care settings. This is set by national policy and is not subject to local interpretation.

- 4.4 The management of Coronavirus has now moved to national public health guidance, similar to other infectious diseases. This guidance helps us all to understand how to live safely with COVID-19 and focuses on the following areas:
- Ensuring that we take up any offer of vaccination when available
  - Letting fresh air in when we meet, or meeting outdoors where possible
  - Washing our hands regularly
  - Cover our coughs and sneezes, following the previous Catch it, Bin it, Kill it campaigns
  - Stay at home if you have symptoms until you no longer have a high temperature or no longer feel unwell
  - Wear a face covering if you can when you are in close contact with someone at high risk, or you are in a crowded or enclosed space and COVID-19 or other viruses are known to be circulating

The vaccination programme has been extended to offer a further booster to those over the age of 75 years, those who remain vulnerable despite vaccination due to medical conditions and care home residents; first doses are now also available for 5–11-year-olds.

## **Public/stakeholder engagement**

5.1 N/A

## **Other options**

6.1 N/A

## **Financial and value for money issues**

7.1 N/A

## **Legal implications**

8.1 N/A

## **Climate implications**

9.1 N/A

## **Other significant implications**

10.1 N/A

This report has been approved by the following people:

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