

Shropshire COVID-19

Outbreak Control Plan

Weekly Covid 7-day infection rate and outbreak briefing – 2nd March 2022

7-day infection rate

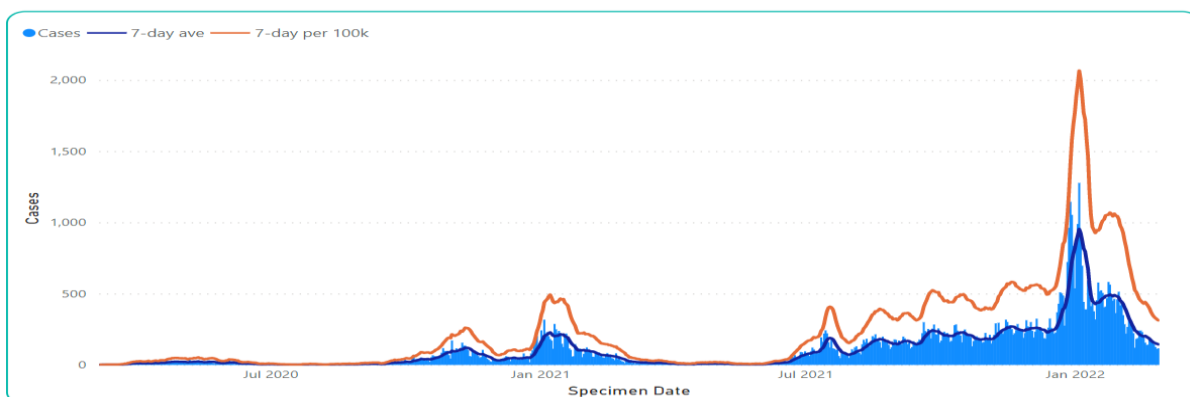
The [data published today](#) will show 1022 new cases reported for Shropshire during the 7 day period from 18th February to the 24th February, this compares to 1374 cases in the previous reported 7-day period from 11th February to the 17th February.

This gives a 7-day infection rate of 314.1 per 100,000 (compared to 239.6 for the West Midlands and 311.7 for England). This is down from 422.2 for the last reported week to 17th February.

COVID-19 Cases to Thursday, 24 February 2022



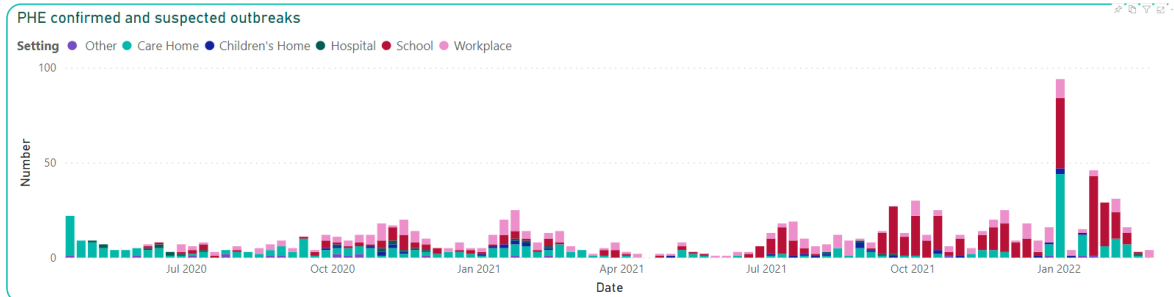
Data from reported positive cases is more up-to-date and therefore usually shows a more accurate picture, this shows a 7-day rate per 100,000 of **312.2** (with void cases removed) for the latest day that had a reasonable number of test results reported (**27th February**), although recent experience suggests that this is mildly understated as not all results for the preceding days will be available yet. The data is impacted by recent policy changes, particularly the removed need for confirmatory PCR, which may explain the recent sudden drop in reported cases.



Outbreaks

We are continuing to see a decline in outbreaks but are monitoring closely those outbreaks in vulnerable settings including the care sector.

Outbreaks to week ending Sunday 27 February 2022



Setting	New Exposure	New Outbreaks	Total
School	37	373	410
Care Home	67	255	322
Workplace	39	241	280
Children's Home	9	29	38
Hospital	4	22	26
Other	4	15	19
Total	160	935	1095

Testing

The latest available positivity rate (from 19th February) is 9.7%, up from 8.8% last week. Figures for the West Midlands show a similar trend in positivity rate (9.9%). The 7-day moving average of individuals tested per 100,000 population is 288.6, down from 408.7 in the previous week.

