

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Executive –15 September 2021

Subject: COVID Progress updates - Population Health and Economic Recovery

Report of: The Director of Public Health the Director of City Centre Growth and Infrastructure

Summary

This report provides the Executive with the monthly updates on the COVID-19 situation (including the latest version of the Manchester COVID-19 12 Point Plan for Autumn 2021) and an update on the Economic Recovery situation

Recommendation

The Executive is asked to note the updates.

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

There has been a positive short-term impact on the city's carbon emissions, as a result of reduced travel during the road map period. There are opportunities to accelerate the medium term move towards the low carbon economy through, for example, supporting investment in green technology business opportunities and employment.

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the Our Manchester Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	This unprecedented national and international crisis impacts on all areas of our city. The Our Manchester approach has underpinned the planning and delivery of our response, working in partnership and identifying innovative ways to continue to deliver services and to establish new services as quickly as possible to support the most vulnerable in our city.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	

A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Over the past few weeks Manchester has seen case rates fall and stabilise as set out in the table below;

7-days ending	Daily number of cases	7 day total number of cases	Rate per 100,000 population	7-day rate of change (%)
25/08/2021	283	1,727	310.8	-5.6%
26/08/2021	256	1,694	304.8	-6.3%
27/08/2021	216	1,673	301.0	-7.4%
28/08/2021	141	1,595	287.0	-12.7%
29/08/2021	161	1,563	281.2	-14.4%
30/08/2021	191	1,501	270.1	-14.7%
31/08/2021	293	1,541	277.3	-11.9%
01/09/2021	296	1,554	279.6	-10.0%
02/09/2021	290	1,588	285.7	-6.3%
03/09/2021	190	1,562	281.1	-6.6%

- 1.2 However the full impact of the return of children to schools and students to colleges and universities has yet to be felt and rates are expected to rise again throughout September.
- 1.3 In order to mitigate against this the COVID-19 12 Point Plan for the City has been refreshed. A summary of the 12 points is provided below and point 1 refers to our planned work with schools, colleges and universities. The detailed plan relating to each point is attached as appendix one.

1. Support early years, schools and colleges to remain open and operate as safely as possible, using effective infection control measures, testing, management of outbreaks and vaccination where appropriate. Ensure universities and other higher education settings remain open and operate as safely as possible using effective infection control measures, testing, management of outbreaks in campuses and student accommodation and vaccination where appropriate.
2. Protect the city's most vulnerable residents by reducing and minimising outbreaks in care homes and other high risk residential settings, including prisons.
3. Support workplaces and businesses to operate as safely as possible, using compliance measures and enforcement powers where necessary. Support work to keep our border safe at Manchester Airport.
4. Facilitate the recovery of the city by supporting the shift from regulatory to voluntary guidance for events, leisure and religious celebrations.
5. Ensure the needs of people and communities that are high risk, clinically vulnerable or marginalised are prioritised and addressed within the broader COVID response.
6. Co-ordinate communications activity to enable Manchester residents to live safely with COVID and make informed decisions, including around vaccination.
7. Deliver targeted community engagement that supports wider aims and objectives, ensuring that appropriate and culturally sensitive approaches are taken.
8. Ensure that decisions in respect of the direct response to COVID-19 and the wider recovery programme are informed consistently by high quality data and intelligence.
9. Continue to deliver the community testing model, with a focus on testing becoming part of 'living with COVID' and on underrepresented and disproportionately impacted groups.
10. Identify local cases of COVID early and provide a rapid response through effective contact tracing and outbreak management.
11. Ensure residents comply with any legal instruction to self-isolate and have the support to enable them to do so.
12. Work with the NHS locally to drive up vaccination rates among those groups with lower uptake, ensure second vaccinations are administered and support the roll out of booster vaccinations.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive note the report