Calderdale ranked as 'area of concern' after rise of coronavirus cases

Calderdale has been ranked as 'area of concern' with ninth highest coronavirus infection rate in the country according to the latest figures.

Over the course of the pandemic, Calderdale has been an area with relatively low cases of COVID-19 and sits in the lowest 25% of local authorities in England.

On Thursday 23 July the Government published its weekly figures on COVID-19 cases in each local authority area. Between July 9 and 15, there were 25.2 positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in Calderdale; the ninth highest rate in England for that week.

**What can you do to help contain coronavirus in Calderdale?**

We all have an important role to play and here are some things we can all do:

* Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water, or sanitise them using gel of at least 70% alcohol.
* Limit the time spent with people outside the household/bubble (a support bubble includes people from one other household who you regularly have close contact with).
* If you come into contact with people outside your household/bubble, stay two metres apart wherever possible.
* Wear a face covering, especially indoors where there are people outside your household/bubble. This means in shops, taxis and on public transport.
* If you get symptoms, stay at home for seven days, self-isolate and [book a test online](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/) (NHS). There are different ways you can get a test to suit your circumstances.
* If you are contacted by the Test and Trace service, follow the advice they give you. If you have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, you must stay at home for 14 days.
* Follow the information and advice about coronavirus at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

**Further information and reading**

Information on the situation in Calderdale and the answers to some frequently asked questions can be found at <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/outbreak-prevention-and-control-plan/cases-data#qa-3417>

Calderdale Outbreak Prevention and Control Plan: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/outbreak-prevention-and-control-plan>

Coverage from the Halifax Courier: <https://www.halifaxcourier.co.uk/health/calderdale-ranked-area-concern-ninth-highest-covid-19-infection-rate-country-2922599>