

HICovid19 digest (3 Nov 20)

Well that was hardly a surprise. As our government says: it follows the science. It just takes a week or so to do so.

We're in Lockdown 2 but for us it should be very different from Lockdown 1. This time it looks like our food shops will continue to operate normally with few of the difficulties of March. Although our pubs, restaurants and cafes must sadly close take-aways will continue.

Perhaps the big difference is that we know where we are in terms of infection. The current run rate (cumulative new infections/100,000 over the last 7 days expressed per 100,000 inhabitants) in Histon & Impington is well below 100. This means that as long as we all observe the rules, which we have generally done so well through the summer, we can continue to lead 'normal', although perhaps rather boring, lives. It is only 4 weeks after all and as long as the rate stays low we might be optimistic about December.

If anyone wants to see what's happening to infection rates locally and nationally go to the map on the daily update web-site at <https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/> and drill down.

The HICovid19 response team is now meeting weekly (on Thursday mornings) and has activated the street coordinator network and the Helpline support. However the thinking is, in light of the above, that these will be less used than they were during Lockdown 1.

If anyone does need any help for any reason they should contact their street co-ordinator or call the HICOVID19 helpline on 01223 320420.