

HICovid19 digest (26 Mar 21)

Our infection rate as measured by the number of new infections recorded over a seven day period appears to be stable. For the seven days to 20 Mar 21 it was back below 3 again having been up to 3 and 4 in the previous days. Statisticians and public health professionals will no doubt assure us that this sort of fluctuation is nothing to worry about. We're in the right zone!

Schools have been back for three weeks and although two infections have been reported it's understood that neither relate to students from Histon & Impington.

However this good news notwithstanding it's important to recognise that we are still in the very early days of relaxing the lock down, there will be a first relaxation on Monday, and there are still rules to follow. Tempting though it might be please do not second guess them. The basics of hands, face and space should continue to be observed.

On Monday we take a significant step forward:

- The rule of 6 for meetings outside returns but please remember that the social distancing rule still applies. So if you're standing in a circle that means a diameter of about 4m;
- The bonus is that two households of whatever size can also meet;
- Organised sport will be allowed and the Histon Hornets will be training and playing its first matches; and
- To support the activity on the Rec the public toilets will be reopened!

The big step 2 on 12 Apr 21 will see much more activity and it's great to hear that our pubs, restaurants and cafes are planning to reopen for outdoor service and that non-essential shops will also be open for business. The Parish Council want to support this as much as possible and is keen to hear from these businesses with ideas about how it might help. Please contact the Yvonne Murray at the Parish Council on 01223 237173.

In the meantime thanks again to all those take away businesses which have provided such service. We note how the recent freedom to sit and enjoy a take away coffee together in twos has made the deck overlooking the small lake in Vision Park a popular leisure destination!

The Covid19 response team continues to monitor the data which it's getting and this indicates that our community is coping rather well, we're looking after each other and demand for exceptional help and support appears to be minimal. However it is aware that problems might be hidden and encourages us all to stay alert and look out for each other.

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