

Hello Folks

Mixed news this week.

- For those who knew Don Moody I have to report the sad news that he died on Wednesday after a short illness, which I understand was not covid related.
- Thank you to all those who responded to my update on church renovation progress last week. One of the highest responses I have had.
- If you open the hyperlink below you will find that local corona cases are falling quite rapidly, but still highest in the 20 – 49 year olds, Chelmsford cases dropped by a third, and lots of other interesting stuff.

The latest Covid-19 data for Essex shows a continued decline in rates across all districts, although with the average case rate for the county standing at 196.9 per 100,000, it remains high.

Covid-19 data for Essex (excluding Southend and Thurrock) is published online here: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/local-outbreak-control-plan>

Media outlets are encouraged to use this latest data to ensure the most up-to-date and complete figures are shared with Essex residents.

Cases and rates

- In the seven days up to 4 February 2021, there were 2,933 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Essex. This is the latest date for which complete data is available.
- As of 4 February 2021, the weekly case rate for Essex is 196.9 per 100,000. This is the latest date for which complete data is available.
- As of 4 February 2021, the highest weekly case rates were in Harlow and Tendring, with rates of 235.4 and 273.5, respectively.
- As of 4 February 2021, the area with the lowest weekly case rate is Uttlesford with a rate of 135.8.
- Positivity rates are now below 10% in all districts.

With kind regards

D. Ralph Metson