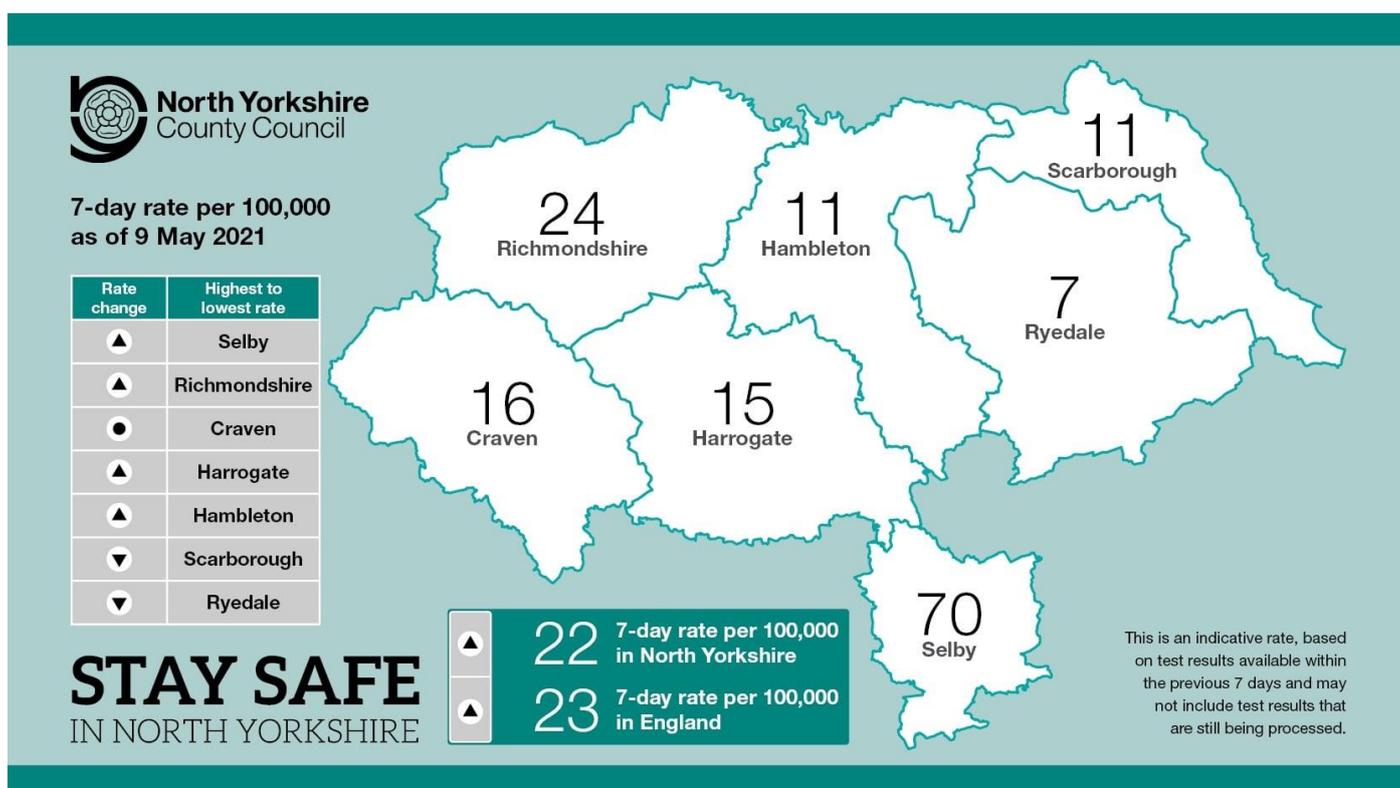


Parish Council's Weekly Briefing

14 May 2021

Welcome to this week's briefing with the latest key messages and COVID-19 update.

COVID-19 – THE LOCAL PICTURE



COVID-19 – THE NATIONAL PICTURE

On Monday (17 May) we will be at step three on the government's roadmap to normality. This means

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors.
- Six people or two households can meet indoors, with overnight stays allowed.
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings, receptions and other life events.
- The number of people who can attend a funeral will no longer be capped but determined by the size of venue.
- Up to 30 people are allowed to attend a support group or parent-and-child group (not counting under-fives).
- Care home residents are allowed up to five named visitors.

- Pubs, restaurants, bars and cafés are allowed to serve people indoors.
- Museums, cinemas, and children’s play areas can reopen.
- Theatres, concert halls, conference centres and sports stadiums can all reopen.
- Steam rooms and saunas may reopen.
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen.
- Adult indoor group exercise classes can restart.
- Face coverings are no longer recommended in secondary schools for pupils
- All remaining university students are eligible to return to in-person teaching.
- People will be able to [travel abroad to green list countries](#) without having to quarantine when they return.

Can I hug my family and friends?

- Yes, but people are being asked to be cautious, especially if the person you want to hug hasn't been vaccinated yet.
- The Prime Minister has said people should make their own choices when it comes to having close contact with friends and family and has urged people to consider how vulnerable someone is when deciding whether to give them a hug.

Cautionary advice from the government

We currently remain on track for step four on 21 June but cannot throw caution to the wind. There is no evidence yet that new strains are vaccine-resistant, so we must remain vigilant.

Remember:

- Continue to think about the vulnerability of loved ones.
- Outdoors is always safer than indoors.
- Keep getting tested regularly, even without symptoms.
- Continue to follow social distancing guidance when not with friends and families, including work places, pubs, restaurants etc.
- Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air.

Let's keep going. Everyone can play their part... together, we can beat this.

Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.