

# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

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- Speak to someone at the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus e-newsletter at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## There are four ways to book your free COVID-19 vaccination

If you're aged **25 or over**, or fall into one of the priority groups, you can book your COVID-19 vaccination appointment now:

1. Call **119** for free
2. Visit [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine)
3. Not registered with a GP? Email our local NHS on [nclccg.covid-19vaccine@nhs.net](mailto:nclccg.covid-19vaccine@nhs.net) or call Camden Council on the number below
4. Need support to book? Call the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**

## Why I had the COVID-19 vaccine

Zein Hussain is a Physician Associate at Central Camden Primary Care Network. He says: **"Being a Black man who works in healthcare, I was at much higher risk of getting COVID-19 so I had the vaccine to put a barrier in COVID's way and help keep myself safe. COVID has disrupted all of our lives so let's help prevent it spreading by getting the vaccine when it's our turn."**



## Have you visited one of Camden's Streateries yet?

Camden now has a range of Streateries, where you can meet others safely and enjoy dining in the great outdoors.

Streateries provide new space on the road for outside tables and chairs. This extra space means you can enjoy meeting others and dining outdoors safely. Taking up new space on the road also keeps the pavement clear for passers-by and wheelchair users. You'll find Camden's Streateries in:

- Belsize Park
- Charlotte Street
- Cleveland Street
- Doric Way
- Drummond Street (coming soon)
- Earlham Street
- Goodge Street
- Great Queen Street
- Pancras Road
- Regent's Park Road
- South Crescent
- South End Road
- Warren Street

Find out more, including the Council's plans to consult on more Streateries locations, at [streateries.commonplace.is](https://streateries.commonplace.is)



It's been wonderful to enjoy Camden in the sunshine as life has felt a bit more normal. And while we are feeling really hopeful, as more than 100,000 Camden residents have had one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and more than 60,000 people have had two doses (the full dose of protection), the pandemic is not over and we have seen cases triple over the last week. This is from a very low base but it is important we all take steps to keep Camden safe.

We need your help to make sure that we don't put all the progress we have made at risk. If you're out and about shopping, meeting friends, eating out, picking children up from school or going to work, you can get a regular rapid test. These are available for free at some pharmacies, you can order to your home, or visit one of Camden's free rapid test centres (see below). If you are over the age of 25 you can now book your vaccination, so please don't wait, the more of us who are vaccinated the better protection we have as a community to stop the spread of COVID-19. And lastly, please continue to be careful, meet outside if you can, keep a safe distance, and open windows and doors if you are meeting inside.

Finally, this week (7 to 13 June) is Carers Week. We know there are many more people carrying out a caring role because of COVID-19, for instance caring for relatives and friends who need support. We also understand how challenging this can be. Please know that there are a range of ways you can access support for the important role you play. Visit [camden.gov.uk/carersupport](https://camden.gov.uk/carersupport) for a list of support options, including for young carers.

**Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council**

## Rapid COVID-19 testing for people without symptoms

**"I'd rather take a test and know I'm COVID-safe than pass the virus to someone else. It's super easy to do, and helps keep those around us safe."** Amber Zeb-Khan, tested at Queen's Crescent

Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not show any symptoms. Get a rapid lateral flow test twice a week to check you're COVID-free, even if you've been vaccinated. To find your closest test site, home-test pickup or delivery options, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

If your test result is positive or you develop COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test within 2 days at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call **119**.



## Free electric bike hire for key workers

Camden Council has partnered with Lime to create great offers for Camden residents. Lime is offering all key workers, such as Local Authority, NHS and supermarket staff, free rides on their bikes.

For more information, visit [camden.gov.uk/LimeAid](https://camden.gov.uk/LimeAid) Anyone hiring a bike from the Council's Safe and Healthy Street area around Arlington, Savernake or Constantine Road, can also get 50% off, saving you money, helping the environment and boosting your health!



## APPLY FOR A RESTART GRANT BEFORE 30 JUNE

One-off payments of between £6,000 and £18,000 are available to support eligible non-essential retail, hospitality, accommodation, leisure and personal care businesses to reopen. To apply, visit [camden.gov.uk/how-to-apply-for-coronavirus-business-support-grants](https://camden.gov.uk/how-to-apply-for-coronavirus-business-support-grants) To check if your business is eligible, visit [gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-restart-grant](https://gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-a-coronavirus-restart-grant)