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SWANSEA BAY UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD AREA COVID-19 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: UPDATE REPORT FOR SWANSEA

DATE: 30 September 2020
SITUATION

There is a slowing in the ongoing increase in 7-day cumulative rates of COVID-19 infections and test positivity rates in Swansea. This trend is being watched to see if has arisen because of the usual reduction in testing activity over the weekend. Neath Port Talbot incidence has breached the red threshold and positivity rates in NPT continue to rise. Test Trace and Protect teams are managing the contact tracing efforts successfully in face of increased case numbers. Local restrictions are now in place for the City and County of Swansea and for Neath Port Talbot County Borough.

Testing capacity remains able to cope with local demand and has been expanded. Mobile Testing Units are now deployed and the initial sessions have been met with high demand for testing.

There is a low level of COVID infection in secondary care patients (5 cases).

Police report no change in the level of calls to service associated with COVID and a low level of anti-social behaviour.

	Swansea	NPT	Swansea	NPT	Swansea	NPT
	Cases per 100K per week		Positivity Rate		Case Numbers	
21/09	40.1	15.4	3.3%	1.3%	37	<5
23/09	50.6	18.1	4.0%	1.6%	41	8
24/09	63.6	29.3	4.7%	2.4%	28	19
25/09	82.2	34.2	5.8%	2.8%	58	<5
26/09	93.1	37.0	6.2%	2.9%	36	8
27/09	97.6	41.2	6.3%	3.2%	26	9
28/09	98.8	48.8	6.1%	3.7%	28	15
29/09	100.0	53.0	6.1%	3.9%	27	12

BACKGROUND

With the implementation of local restrictions in both counties within the Region we are now in a steady state in relation to the operation of TTP and of control measures.

ASSESSMENT

There has been a significant acceleration in case incidence in Swansea over the past five days. The most recent surveillance suggests some slowing of the increasing incidence in Swansea.

Data from the TTP team continues to demonstrate that social contact remains the single largest factor driving the increase in cases. That includes social contact outside of schools and workplaces that is creating apparent 'clusters' associated with those settings. Car sharing has been identified as contributing to a small number of workplace clusters.

There remains little evidence of secondary transmission for most of these clusters. However, secondary transmission is now identified for 5 clusters.

Two geographical areas within the Region have been identified as possible 'hot-spots' for infection. These are being monitored more closely to identify any underlying contributory factors.

The contact tracing service is operating as required and reporting that the time for results to be issued is improving slightly.

TATA Steel has a number of cases in two small clusters. The business continuity risk to the plant has been captured in the LRF risk register. The possibility of additional support to mitigate risk to a small number of business critical workers is being explored.

There is community resistance to the MTUs in some areas as they are perceived as bringing infected individuals into close-knit communities. This has been escalated by one community to their Westminster MP and the LHB will engage as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

There are no recommendations.

- **The next IMT will be held on Friday 2nd October**