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Doncaster COVID Control Board Threat and Risk Assessment (last reviewed 210721)

Doncaster COVID Control Board is coordinating multiagency command and control to endeavour to save life and minimise the impact and spread of COVID-19 in Doncaster.

This document captures our Strategic Threat & Risk Assessment against which partners are requested to update by exception.

Current impact scale:	Very high	High	Medium	Low
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AREA (in alphabetical order)	RISKS AGAINST WHICH IMPACT UPDATES ARE REQUIRED BY <u>EXCEPTION</u> TO THE COVID CONTROL BOARD	Doncaster Current Impact Rating
DATE REVIEWED		21.07.21
HEALTH SERVICE (Direct COVID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Covid related pressure on local health services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acute care pressures. ○ Community care pressures. ○ Mental Healthcare pressures. ○ Primary Care pressures. ○ Pharmacy pressures. ○ Palliative Care pressures. ○ PPE availability. • Management of outbreaks in health services and clinical settings 	MED
MANAGEMENT OF OUTBREAKS IN HIGH-RISK SETTINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of outbreaks in high-risk settings, including reducing transmissions within services, settings and the community • Development of Standard Operating Procedures for high-risk settings in development • Outbreak control plan in development 	HIGH
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the demand for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from both frontline responding organisations and the public limiting supplies. • Insufficient PPE available for critical services – especially the NHS and the care sector – resulting in a reduction in critical service availability. • Donations of PPE from non-traditional sources may not be of sufficient quality to protect staff. 	LOW
TESTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectiveness of the national programme locally. • Doncaster Sheffield Airport Regional Testing Centre. • Satellite Testing. • Mobile Testing Units. • Home Testing. • Key Worker Testing. • Wider population testing in accordance with government guidelines. • Impact of the national Care Home Testing programme on the staffing capacity of Care Homes; need for integration with local authorities to ensure ongoing monitoring and support to Care Homes. • Impact on public health • Surge Testing requirement 	HIGH

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CONTACT TRACING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased contact tracing requirements – impact on local health protection teams and local resourcing • Data availability and sharing limitations • The potential for localised outbreaks being undetected • Public unwillingness to comply with test and trace programme i.e. sharing of contacts and self-isolating as per the guidelines. • Impact on effectiveness of test and trace process and outbreak/incident management. • Impact on public health 	VERY HIGH
WELFARE OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE NEEDING TO SELF-ISOLATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased support required for those needing to self-isolate. Support may include the provision to home addresses of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food ○ Medication ○ Essential supplies • Social isolation, and resulting mental health issues. • Resilience of the Community & Voluntary Sector. • Working with new voluntary sector partners. • Management of spontaneous volunteers. 	LOW
INFECTION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL CAPACITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC resource is highly valued in managing outbreaks so need to ensure sufficient IPC capacity and resource in the system to react to outbreaks effectively. • There is a risk of lack of access to IPC resource if outbreak numbers increase. 	LOW
RESOURCING OF CORE IMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMT in place over next 12-18 months to manage local incidents/outbreaks across Doncaster which will require significant resourcing i.e. data and insight and communications. • Test and trace support grant used to provide core resource to IMT and ensure resilience and ability to deliver effectively over a long period. 	MED
OUTBREAKS ACROSS DONCASTER BORDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact in Doncaster should residents of neighbouring areas across the border contract the virus and enter Doncaster i.e. for social or school/work purposes or an out of area placement. 	LOW
FOURTH WAVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms in place to stand response activity up/adapt existing structures should a fourth wave occur. • Risk is implications of a fourth wave on resource and capacity for Doncaster Council and key partners • Impact on public health 	MED