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Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK

Simple summary

for

United Kingdom

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This document explains the key statistics presented on the **UK Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard**. It was last updated on Tuesday, 17 August 2021.

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Testing

Testing is where we do a test to see who has coronavirus. Some people are tested more than once.

There were **699,466** tests reported on 16 August 2021. This shows a decrease of **0.0%** compared to the previous 7 days.

Between 10 August 2021 and 16 August 2021, there have been **5,259,035** tests.

Cases

A confirmed case is someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.

26,852 new people had a confirmed positive test result reported on 17 August 2021.

Between 11 August 2021 and 17 August 2021, **206,946** people had a confirmed positive test result. This shows an increase of **5.6%** compared to the previous 7 days.

Vaccinations

Vaccines are currently given in 2 doses, at least 21 days apart.

47,369,418 people had been given a first dose by the end of 16 August 2021.

40,841,971 people had been given a second dose by the end of 16 August 2021.

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Healthcare

Some people with coronavirus have to go into hospital.

773 people with coronavirus went into hospital on 13 August 2021.

Between 7 August 2021 and 13 August 2021, **5,549** went into hospital with coronavirus. This shows an increase of **3.9%** compared to the previous 7 days.

There were **6,303** patients in hospital with coronavirus on 16 August 2021.

Some people in the hospital need to use a special device called a mechanical ventilator to help them breathe.

There were **918** coronavirus patients in hospital beds with a mechanical ventilator on 16 August 2021.

Deaths

There were **170** deaths within 28 days of a positive test for coronavirus reported on 17 August 2021.

Between 11 August 2021 and 17 August 2021, there have been **648** deaths within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test. This shows an increase of **4.2%** compared to the previous 7 days.

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