

ROTHERHAM COUNCIL 2021 COVID ROADMAP



THIRD STAGE
Autumn-Winter 2021

SECOND STAGE
Spring-Summer 2021

FIRST STAGE
Winter-Spring 2021

A guide to when our services will resume in line with the Government's Road Map out of Covid-19 Lockdown.

- ✓ To understand what may happen and when.
- ✓ To identify the associated risks and opportunities and to help frame effective responses.

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FIRST STAGE WINTER-SPRING 2021

Compliance:

- Promote continuation of Hands, Face, Space.
- Support ongoing national restrictions – potential for increased number of breaches / “vaccine jubilation”.
- Monitor self-isolation compliance.
- Significant impact on policing at each Roadmap Step.

Economy:

- Support reestablishment of outdoor economy.
- Support Covid-secure reopening of retail.
- Plan for a footfall increase, especially in outdoor locations.
- Coordinate ongoing business support packages.
- Workplace Covid testing.
- Public transport use increases – up to 30 per cent of pre-Covid levels, plus school transport.

Education:

- Safe reopening of schools.
- Teacher and pupil Covid testing.
- Helping children to catch up.
- Assessments for GCSE / A-Level.
- Start school recovery programme.
- Plan for university return after Easter.
- Support mental health issues.

Events:

- Local elections, including Ward, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Parish.

Health and Care:

- Support and promote vaccine roll out to all cohorts, and second doses.
- Address vaccine hesitancy / target areas of lower take-up.
- Coordinate symptomatic testing.
- Expand Care Home visiting.
- Manage workforce fatigue and increased staff annual leave.

Public Sector impact:

- Coordinate symptomatic and asymptomatic testing.
- Lead Contact Tracing.
- Review Outbreak Management Plans.
- Target stubborn pockets of infection.
- Coordinate surge testing for Variants of Concern.
- Reintegrate those shielding into society.
- Manage workforce fatigue and increased staff annual leave.
- Address funding challenges.

MARCH 2021

03/03 – Budget

08/03 – Roadmap Step 1a – Schools return. Can meet 1 other person outside

15/03 – National Bus Strategy published

23/03 – Anniversary of first lockdown

31/03 – Business Interruption Loan and Local Restrictions Supports Grants Close

29/03 – Roadmap Step 1b – Rule of Six outdoors. Outdoor sport. Minimise travel

APRIL 2021

05/04 – Easter

12/04 – Roadmap Step 2 – Retail and outdoor hospitality open. Self-contained accommodation open for UK stays

17/04 to 03/05 – World Snooker Championship DCMS pilot for spectators

15/04 – Phase 1 of vaccinations complete for top nine cohorts. Rollout starts for ages 18-49

MAY 2021

03/05 – May Day

06/05 – Local Elections

17/05 – Clifton Park Museum set to reopen*

17/05 – Further library services will reopen. Go to www.rotherham.gov.uk/libraries

31/05 – Spring Bank Holiday

The focus is on safe reopening of the economy and rebuilding confidence, while maintaining momentum in vaccinations, being vigilant against new variants, and ensuring Covid-secure environments – supported by balanced communications strategies with partners across all scenarios.

Worst case scenario:

- ✗ Resistant variants circulate.
- ✗ Vaccine take up falls.
- ✗ Very stubborn resistance in some places, with significant variations.
- ✗ Hospital capacity relatively static.
- ✗ Roadmap Step 2 re-openings delayed.
- ✗ Issues with compliance and civil unrest.

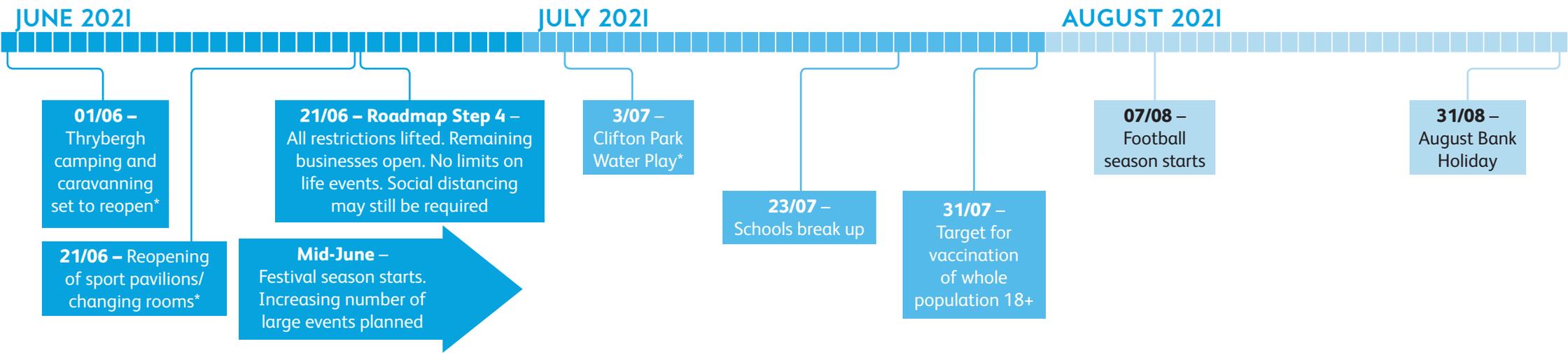
Better case scenario:

- ✓ Vaccination roll-out on track and effective.
- ✓ Reducing infection and transmission with stubborn pockets.
- ✓ Hospital capacity improving.
- ✓ Schools re-open and a number of restrictions lifted by mid-May.

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SECOND STAGE SPRING - SUMMER 2021

<p>Compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support ongoing national restrictions - potential widespread compliance reduction / “vaccine jubilation”. • Monitor self-isolation compliance. • Potential for increased protests / antisocial behaviour. • Significant impact on policing at each Roadmap Step. • Visitor hotspots. • Plan for potential Autumn restrictions. • Courts backlog. 	<p>Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-establishment of Covid-secure indoor economy. • Domestic tourism increases. • Coordinate ongoing business support packages. • Return of more people to work premises. • Impact of business failure and job losses. • Workplace Covid testing. • Public transport use increases – up to 50 per cent of pre-Covid levels. 	<p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support schools to be Covid-secure. • Maintain testing regime. • Catch-up programmes / plans for holiday learning. • Assessments for GCSE / A-Level. • Support mental health issues. • Plan for new School and University year from September 2021. 	<p>Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer fetes and galas. • More large scale events / festivals / large gatherings. • Planning for football season. • Potential for illegal events. • Policing requirements. • Covid-secure impacts. • Safety Advisory Group assessments required – core principles for events. 	<p>Health and Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of vaccine programme for younger adults and delivery of 2nd doses. • Planning for potential Winter vaccination booster and winter pressures. • Address vaccine hesitancy / target lower take-up. • New Care Home visit regimes. • Manage workforce fatigue and recruitment. • Restoring NHS Services inclusively. 	<p>Public Sector impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate symptomatic and asymptomatic testing. • Increased localisation of Contact Tracing. • Coordinate surge testing for Variants of Concern. • Pressures from emergence of stored up debt, housing, domestic abuse and loneliness issues. • Address budget / funding issues.
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The focus shifts to rebuilding confidence while ensuring Covid secure environments for staff, customers, visitors, and passengers.

Worst case scenario:

- ✗ Vaccination rollout and take up stalls.
- ✗ Variants of Concern.
- ✗ Pressure on NHS continues.
- ✗ Prevalence falls but remains above summer 2020, with very stubborn hotspots.
- ✗ Public compliance falls with increasing protest/disorder.

Better case scenario:

- ✓ Vaccination rollout on track.
- ✓ Reducing rates of transmission and stable in the region.
- ✓ Rule of six and mask-wearing continue into the summer.
- ✓ Economy opens fully and staycations boom.
- ✓ Schools and universities open as usual.

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THIRD STAGE AUTUMN- WINTER 2021

Compliance:

- Messages to support some national measures (e.g. hands/face/ space/masks)
- Promote individual responsibility.
- Contingency planning for new restrictions.
- Compliance fatigue.
- Potential for protests against masks / restrictions.
- Potential for new travel restrictions.
- Mutual aid needs.

Economy:

- Long-term recovery plans implemented.
- Levelling up pressures.
- Demand for training.
- Rethink the role of High Streets / City Centres and implement recovery measures. Balance of safety and confidence.
- Hybrid working.
- Potential for ongoing business failures / high unemployment.
- Furlough ends.
- Public transport use increases – up to 70 per cent of pre-Covid levels.

Education:

- Safe management of schools and colleges.
- Catch up programmes.
- Safe return of students.
- Planning for long-term educational achievement impact of Covid.
- Rethink education delivery in light of any further disruptions.

Events:

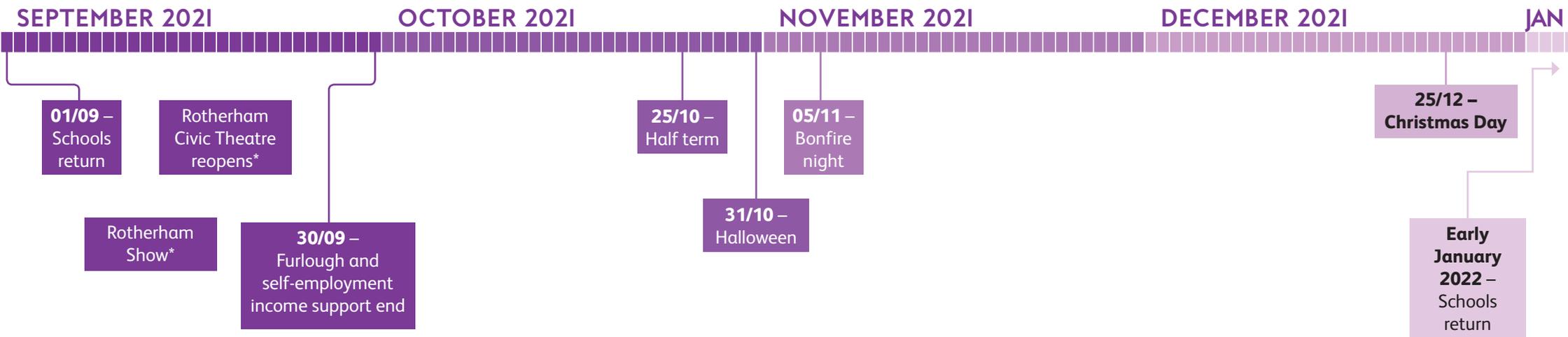
- Football season.
- Dark nights (Halloween / Bonfire Night).
- Policing of larger events.

Health and Care:

- New winter plan.
- Plan for a rise in respiratory illness / winter pressures.
- Promote vaccine take-up (Covid and Flu).
- Catch up / rebalancing of NHS services.
- Embed a new normal in the care sector alongside recruitment and training issues.
- Potential care home closures.
- Health and Care funding pressures.

Public Sector impact:

- Manage local surges and outbreaks.
- Maintain testing infrastructure.
- Address widening inequalities.
- Increase in debt levels, food and fuel poverty, and homelessness – increasing demand for welfare and community support.
- Reprioritise services and embed new ways of working.
- Address medium-term funding shortfalls.
- Leave and sickness absence surge risk.



The focus is now firmly on living with Covid as part of the overall health picture and winter pressures, on recovery and longer-term thinking about changes in service delivery, and on tackling inequalities. We are now operating within a new paradigm – having moved from pandemic to endemic.

Worst case scenario:

- ✗ Coming out of lockdown too soon.
- ✗ A succession of new variants maintains transmission – prevalence is increasing again with fears about resistant variants.
- ✗ Falling vaccine take-up with widespread boosters needed.
- ✗ Pressure to delay opening of schools/universities.
- ✗ New restrictions inevitable.
- ✗ High business attrition.
- ✗ Unemployment rising steeply.
- ✗ Support at 2020/21 levels not affordable.

Better case scenario:

- ✓ Vaccine rollout complete and effective.
- ✓ Vaccine booster for old/vulnerable.
- ✓ Prevalence reduced.
- ✓ NHS functional, albeit with backlogs.
- ✓ Beginnings of real recovery.

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