Latest numbers on COVID-19 in the UK – 26 May 2023

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With many thanks to Bob Hawkins for his help in collating the data
Vaccines
Coverage of Spring 2023 Booster Doses by Category
England: Week Ending 9 Apr – 21 May 2023
(Source: UKHSA Flu and Covid surveillance report using ONS Mid-2021 population estimates)

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Autumn 2022 Booster Coverage by Age Group in England
4 Sept to 2 Nov, 2022
(Source: Covid Dashboard and ONS 2020 Population Estimates)

https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/
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Percent of 75 to 79 Year Olds Vaccinated by Ethnicity in the Last 3 Months, 3 to 6 Months, More than 6 Months, and Unvaccinated: England – May 21, 2023
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Press release
People urged to get COVID-19 jab before offer ends

The offer of a first or second dose of COVID-19 vaccine will end on 30 June 2023 for most people.


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Hospitals and deaths
Number of daily hospital admissions with Covid in England Mar 2022 to 22 May 2023

Data from https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/
Number of people in hospital with Covid in England by primary reason

Data from https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/
Daily Occupied Mechanically Ventilated Beds for England
1 May 2021 – 24 May 2023
(Source: Covid Daily Update)

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Number of deaths with Covid on the death certificate by week registered in England and Wales July 2021 to 12 May 2023

Data from: England and Wales: www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredweeklyinenglandandwalesprovisional/latest
Variant update
New routine UKHSA report!
Current lineages in the UK: UKHSA variant report to 18 May 2023

Omicron XBB lineages dominate (>80%).
A few are growing but not fast enough to be massively concerning

Long term sickness
Number of people aged 16-64 in the UK not seeking employment due to long term sickness

https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/may2023
Young people
Percent of Year 13 pupils’ days schooling missed due to Covid in 2021-2022 Academic Year for England
(Source: Sutton Trust report on A levels and University Access 2022 – Aug 2022)

Percent of Missed Sessions for Year 11 Pupils for 2020/21 and Autumn 2021 Terms by Disadvantage Status for England

(Source: Education Data Lab Report on How much in-person teaching have Year 11 Missed– Jan 2022)

https://ffteducationdatalab.org.uk/2022/01/how-much-in-person-teaching-have-year-11-missed/
SUMMARY

• Spring boosters are underway for the over 75s and immunocompromised – drop off in uptake compared to last time, especially among ethnic minorities

• Hospitalisations and deaths falling – at lower levels now that they’ve been for a long time. “Arcturus” variant still growing, but unlikely to cause a big wave.

• Record number of people aged 18-64 not looking for work due to long term sickness

• The pandemic caught young adults aged 16-24 at a particularly important time of life – transition between school and university/work and transition to adulthood and independent living.