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REPORT TITLE Health Protection update from the Director of Public Health	
REPORT OF Director of Health and Wellbeing	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Health and Wellbeing Board	DATE 17 th December 2025
SUMMARY OF REPORT This report provides an update on health protection issues and epidemiology in Camden. Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report. Contact Officer: Alison Quinn Senior Strategist Health Protection London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG Alison.Quinn@Camden.gov.uk	
RECOMMENDATION The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the contents of the report.	

Signed:



Kirsten Watters

Director of Health and Wellbeing and Statutory Director of Public Health

Date: 5th December 2025

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. An update on health protection issues and epidemiology in Camden. Note this paper presents the latest data available as of 28th November.

2. Areas of Focus

Winter Respiratory Viruses (week 47 data – 27th November 2025)

- 2.1. Influenza has been circulating in the community since the start of November, which is an earlier than usual start to the flu season. As of 27th November, influenza activity continues to increase but is still at low levels overall.
- 2.2. The main circulating strain of flu this year is called influenza type A (H3N2), which is usually associated with worse flu seasons. An assessment of vaccine effectiveness by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows that this season's flu vaccines still offer effective protection against severe flu - children are 70-75% less likely to attend or be admitted to hospital with flu if vaccinated. Adults are 30-40% less likely to be admitted, which is similar to the effectiveness in most flu seasons. Communications have been widely shared and promoted with eligible groups in Camden encouraging them to receive their flu vaccine as soon as possible. Vaccine uptake is tracking similar to previous seasons.
- 2.3. COVID-19 activity has decreased across most indicators for week 47 and is circulating at baseline levels. COVID-19 vaccines this year have been more targeted to those at severe risk of illness (over 75s rather than over 65s, as well as those with a weakened immune system or living in care homes). RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) activity has increased and is circulating at low levels.

Norovirus (causes diarrhoea and vomiting)

- 2.4. Norovirus activity has varied in recent weeks but remains within expected levels with rates highest among children aged 0 to 4 years.

Measles

- 2.5. The latest measles epidemiology report (19th November 2025) shows that the last reported case of measles in Camden was in July 2025. Prior to that, 21 confirmed cases were reported in Camden in 2025. This is similar to the number of confirmed cases reported in other boroughs in North Central London.

Adverse weather (cold weather)

- 2.6. The first yellow cold health alert was issued for London this Winter and was in place from 12pm on 17.11.25 to 8am on 22.11.25. Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) provisions were put in place in Camden after an alert was issued on 21.11.25.

3. Comments of the Director of Finance

- 3.1. The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of the report and has no comments to add to the report.

4. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 4.1. The Borough Solicitor has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no comment to make at this time.

5. Environmental Implications

- 5.1. There are no environmental implications to the contents of this report.

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