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REPORT TITLE Health Protection Update from the Director of Public Health	
REPORT OF Director of Public Health	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Health and Wellbeing Board	DATE 11 th March 2026
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>This report provides an update on health protection issues and epidemiology in Camden.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Alison Quinn Senior Strategist Health Protection London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG Alison.Quinn@Camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the contents of the report.</p>	

Signed:



Kirsten Watters
Director of Health & Wellbeing and Statutory Director of Public Health

Date: 2nd March 2026

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 2nd March.

2. Area of Focus

Winter Respiratory Viruses (week 8 data, 16 February - 22 February 2026)

- 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 22nd February, influenza activity and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) activity continue to fall and are both at baseline levels. COVID-19 showed mixed trends and is also circulating at baseline levels. No recent outbreaks of respiratory like illness have been reported in our care homes in Camden.

Norovirus (data between 26 January - 8 February)

- 2.2. Norovirus causes diarrhoea and vomiting and is sometimes referred to as the winter vomiting bug, although it can occur around the year. Norovirus activity has been higher than usual this winter and remains high but has stabilised in recent weeks.
- 2.3. Activity has now returned to expected levels for this time of year when norovirus activity usually peaks.

Measles (Up to 25th February)

- 2.4. The latest data shows that measles cases have continued to increase in London. The burden of disease has been seen in Enfield (51 confirmed cases in the past 4 weeks). The outbreak is mostly affecting unvaccinated children under 10 in schools and nurseries. The outbreak has led to some children having to be hospitalised. No recent outbreaks have been reported in Camden, and we have shared communications about the local increase in measles cases and messages on how to access MMR/MMRV (Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella) catch-up via social media, digital screens, e-newsletters, WhatsApp channels and updated webpage.

Adverse weather (hot and cold weather)

- 2.5. The council is planning a severe weather and climate resilience workshop which will take place on the 16 April. Members of the health and well-being team will be presenting on the health effects of hot and cold weather and facilitating at the workshop.

3. Finance Comments of the Director of Finance

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

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

5. Environmental Implications

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

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