

### COVID-19 Update Dr Mark Cunningham-Hill Medical Director NEBGH





#### Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people



Shown is the rolling 7-day average. The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.





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#### Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths per million people



Shown is the rolling 7-day average. Limited testing and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death means that the number of confirmed deaths may not be an accurate count of the true number of deaths from COVID-19.





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### **New Variants**

- B.1.1.7 UK
- B.1.351 South
   Africa
- Maybe another one in US





## **Spread of New Variant in England**

Proportion of Pillar 2 COVID-19 cases with SGTF among those tested in TaqPath Labs, by Local Authority



https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attac hment data/file/950823/Variant of Concern VOC 202012 01 Technical Briefing 3 - England.pdf





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### **UK Variant**

- Attack Rates 10%-70% higher<sup>1</sup>
- Attack rates are higher in children especially 0-9 years
- Adds +0.4 to +0.7 to Rt/R0<sup>2</sup>

 1.https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/950823/Variant\_of\_Concern\_VOC\_202012

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 2. https://www.ssi.dk/aktuelt/nyheder/2021/spredning-af-den-engelske-virusvariant\_5\_1\_2021



#### B.1.1.7 Lineage Cases in the United States\*+ Total Cases: 63



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#### **UK Approach**

- Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine schedule is for second dose
   21 days after the first dose
- UK are delaying second dose to 12 weeks with aim of vaccinating more people with at least one dose to minimize death toll
- They are also saying if needed can mix-n-match vaccines





#### **Biden Administration**

- Considering not holding in reserve second doses but go ahead and vaccinate as many as possible:
  - Impact spread and new case rates
  - Protect healthcare systems from overload
- However, different from the UK as not planning to delay administration of the second dose – improving supplychain a key factor









## **NY Vaccine Strategy**

- NYS Updated Vaccine Strategy
  - High risk HCW
  - All who have patient contact
  - Nursing homes
  - Over 75
  - Police, fire, correctional staff, teachers, in-person university lecturers, grocery employees.....



1a and 1 b – no details on 1c



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# Questions

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