Infections have risen again in England in recent weeks and R is above 1 in the UK

Source: ONS COVID-19 Infection Survey, 18 December 2020 and SAGE/Government Office for Science, 18 December
Over the last two weeks UK case-rates have increased by more than 50%

29 November
UK average: 145

13 December
UK average: 222

Source: https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/
New Covid related daily hospital admissions in London, the East of England and the South East are rising quickly

Source: https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/
Case-rates in the areas moving to Tier 4 are higher than in England as a whole and rising fast.

Case-rates are the number of positive tests per 100,000 resident population per week.

Source: https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/
ONS data shows that the proportion of the new variant is increasing.

Percentage of cases that are positive for ORF1ab and N genes:

- **London**
  - Week 18-Nov: 28%
  - Week 9-Dec: 62%

- **South East**
  - Week 18-Nov: 28%
  - Week 9-Dec: 43%

- **East of England**
  - Week 18-Nov: 23%
  - Week 9-Dec: 59%

Source: ONS Infection Survey ad-hoc data release 19-Dec