**REPORT FOR PEBMARSH – COVID-19 UPDATE – 4th March 2021**

 Hello everyone. A brief update on Covid numbers for Essex. Case numbers continue to reduce across the County. No graphs for you this time but as of 24th February the cases per 100,000 are:

Basildon 65.7

BRAINTREE 77.3

Brentwood 90.9

Chelmsford 65.0

Colchester 109.9

Harlow 93.0

Maldon 64.7

Tendring 94.2

Uttlesford 36.2

As far as testing is concerned there was a 3.5% positivity rate for Braintree District which is really good.

This is all going in the right direction but there is a feeling that, in some parts of the country, people are thinking “job done”. The lower numbers combined with the successful vaccination programme are lulling some into a false sense of security.

Please don’t let that be us! The message from Dr Mike Gogarty, supported by his colleagues, is to stick with the restrictions, follow the rules and, hopefully, we will be through the worst by late spring.

Have a lovely weekend. Stay safe. Best wishes

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