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To all residents of Downley

This afternoon, Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, has declared a 'Major Incident' amid fears that the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, fuelled by the new, far more transmissible COVID-19 variant, could overwhelm our county's already overstretched local health and social care services. Mr Tett states:

"I completely understand that most people are continuing to follow the Government's guidance. However, frankly some are not. It would be quite tempting to see the announcement of the new Oxford vaccine as meaning the Pandemic is nearly over and we can relax. IT IS NOT OVER and we CERTAINLY CANNOT RELAX OUR BEHAVIOURS."

Following an emergency Downley Covid Action Group Meeting this evening, on behalf of the Downley Parish Council, I am requesting that we all follow the Tier 4 guidance currently in place.

Infection rates in Buckinghamshire are now amongst the highest in the UK (514 cases per 100,000 people from 20th-26th December 2020 (covid-dashboard.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)), an increase of 715 compared with the previous week.

Due to excessive mixing of households over Christmas, rates within Downley have increased and we are urging everyone to behave responsibly over the coming days and especially on New Year's Eve.

- **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**
- **NO MIXED HOUSEHOLD NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES**
- **STAY SAFE**

Kind Regards
Moyra Lazenby
Chairman Downley Parish Council