

Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #15

Dear colleagues,

We are progressing well with our rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination plan across Derbyshire, with 15 primary care network sites now set up and delivering vaccinations. I was particularly proud to see colleagues at Derby Arena and Royal Hospital Chesterfield collaborating to carry out an extra day's vaccinations on Sunday.

At the weekend, Swadlincote became the most recent site to begin vaccinations, while the team working out of the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield also began vaccinating at Wheatbridge Surgery.

Nationally, nearly 3.4 million people have now received a vaccination, and we are playing an important part in this life-saving programme. However, please would colleagues not share any statistics unless they have been provided by NHS England; it is vital that any numbers we publish on websites or social media are presented in a way which is consistent with national standards, otherwise we run the risk of confusing the public.



Best wishes and stay safe,

Dr Steve Lloyd Medical Director NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG

Latest developments

Mr and Mrs Shakles were the first people to be vaccinated at the Swadlincote site, which began work on Saturday and is our last PCN-led vaccination site to be set up. See photos of them below.

At the weekend Derby Arena was able to carry out a day of vaccinations at short notice when it received an extra supply of vaccine. The team worked extra hours to contact patients on Saturday and then set up and carried out the vaccinations on Sunday.

Several GP practices have begun carrying out home visits to carry out vaccinations of patients who are unable to leave their homes.

Daily statistics



Next steps

Work has begun on the next phase of the rollout, especially increasing the capacity of Derby Arena to book vaccinations for patients across the county. The site is currently acting as PCN site, but will soon be able to cater to this larger cohort of patients.

Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

When Will I Get My Vaccine?

A document summarising who, when and where patients can expect to receive their vaccine has been published in response to a recent flood of queries from patients wanting to know when they can have their vaccine. "When will I get my vaccine?" is possibly one of the most frequently asked questions the NHS is being asked in relation to the COVID-19 vaccine programme.

The document explains which priority groups the NHS is currently vaccinating and where. It also explains which Primary Care Networks (clusters of GP practices) are currently vaccinating, and from where. The website also features frequently asked questions (FAQs) and can be found at joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/public-info-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

Do I still have to follow social distancing rules if I've had the vaccine?

- Yes, this is really important. If someone is vaccinated they should still follow social distancing rules to protect themselves and others.
- That's because no vaccine is 100% effective and it is not yet clear if immunisation will stop
 people catching and spreading coronavirus, even though it protects against severe illness and
 death.
- It's also worth remembering that it takes a few weeks after vaccination before you are protected.
 For the Covid vaccines currently available in the UK, two doses, spaced weeks apart, are recommended to give the best protection.
- However, you can have close physical contact with someone you have formed a support bubble with.

Here's some <u>further information on what you can expect after vaccination</u>.

Do healthcare staff who have had the COVID vaccine still need to wear PPE?

- Yes, this is really important. All of our infection prevention and control guidance will remain in place.
- All healthcare staff must continue to comply with this guidance, whether they have been vaccinated or not.
- Further research is being undertaken about whether people will be able to asymptomatically transmit the virus once they have had the COVID vaccine.

Media

Mr and Mrs Shakles receiving their vaccinations at the Swadlincote site on Saturday.





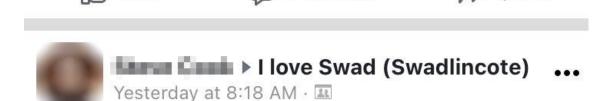


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Over the weekend, a local Facebook page group received positive comments regarding the vaccination rollout in Swadlincote.



Comment

Ive got to give a shout out to all the staff at the derby arena supporting the Covid vaccination rollout. I took my 84 year old mum yesterday. We were there and back in an hour. Every single staff member we came in contact with were superb. Super efficient and friendly. Nothing was too much trouble. My mums not great on her feet and it was quite a distance to walk so they got her a wheelchair for me to wheel her through. If any of you work there you should be proud of yourselves.



Hospital Hubs

The hubs launched on 8 December and have been working at pace to deliver vaccines to the priority groups described nationally as:

- Patients in the 80+ cohort
- The most vulnerable care home staff
- Health staff in priority and most vulnerable groups

From the start they have worked through a challenging schedule but have utilised their stocks on schedule and continued to achieve the same level of performance on their vaccine re-ordering cycles. One of the immediate challenges is to ensure that vaccinators are included as a priority group to ensure that we protect those who maybe most at risk.

The Next Edition

My next update will include:

- Other latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net. We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within three working days.

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