

Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #18

Dear Colleagues,

Thursday was another day of encouraging progress in the COVID-19 vaccination programme, as colleagues across so many different organisations continued to work hard delivering this life-saving vaccine.

The NHS has published new, more detailed statistics on the roll-out, and we're continuing to work hard on vaccinating those identified as being the highest priority.

It is certainly heartening to see that the official R number is coming down and is now between 0.8 and 1.0. The growth rate is changing by between -4% and -1% every day, which means the number of new infections is shrinking by between 1% and 4% every day.

Teams working in the Peaks and other parts of the county responded well to concerns about the effect of Storm Christoph, as floods affected various towns.

As always, I would be extremely grateful if you could share this update as far and as wide as possible. Thank you in advance of your cooperation.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Dr Steve Lloyd Medical Director NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG

Latest developments

Storm Christoph caused multiple flood alerts across Derbyshire, with <u>flooding reported in Matlock and</u> <u>Bakewell</u>. However, the vaccination site at Newholme Hospital in Bakewell continued to administer vaccinations, and other sites were also prepared to deal with the threat of floods.

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Supply of vaccines continues to be the major challenge for the whole vaccination programme, with teams set up all across the county to deliver the vaccines to patients. We ask that people remain patient, and wait to be offered an appointment.



Daily statistics

UK Summary

See the easy read summary for the UK.
People vaccinated up to and including 21 January 2021
First dose: 5,383,103
Second dose: 466,796
View vaccination data
Estimated R number
0.8 to 1 with a daily infection growth rate range of -4% to -1% as of 22 January 2021



Next Steps

The teams at Derby Arena are continuing their work to prepare for the opening of the mass vaccination centre, while also running a busy PCN site in the same space. The new centre will be a significant turning point for the county as we will be able to dramatically increase vaccination rates in our largest urban area.

Work is also underway on potential extra hospital hubs and we expect three pharmacy-led vaccination sites to open very soon.

Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

Do I to have a test for COVID-19 before you have a vaccine?

- No. You are not required to have a test prior to your vaccination,
- However, if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 infection you must follow government guidelines and not attend the appointment.
- You should follow advice you have been given to re-book your appointment.

Once vaccinated, can I stop wearing a mask/social distancing?

- No. While the vaccination prevents the development of the infection in around 90-95% of people, there is still a chance of contracting the virus or transmitting it to other people.
- It is therefore very important to continue wearing a mask, social distancing and practicing good hand hygiene.
- This is especially important frontline healthcare workers who receive the vaccine. Continue to

follow the guidelines and rules on hygiene and use of PPE.

For more information on who will receive their vaccine and when, please see the <u>When will I get my</u> <u>COVID-19 vaccine?</u> document on the JUCD website



My next update will include:

- Weather update
- Other latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: <u>ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net</u>. 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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