

Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #26

Dear Colleagues,

We continue to vaccinate patients across the county despite the weather which has been challenging in some parts of the county and particularly so today.

Today also saw Prime Minister Boris Johnson visit the unique COVID-19 vaccination facility at Derby Arena where we have a Local Vaccination Service and Vaccination Centre operating together under one roof. One side is a local vaccination service, run by 30 GP practices for local people, and the other is a vaccination centre, managed by Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) NHS Foundation Trust.

Mr Johnson met clinical directors, staff and volunteers working at both sites, praising the work done by all the teams in delivering thousands of vaccinations since operations began at the Arena on January 7. The pictures below give a flavour of the visit.

In another development the Downing Street briefing this evening has seen the health secretary announce that any over-70s in England who haven't had a jab should contact the NHS to get their vaccine. There will be more information to follow on this.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Dr Steve Lloyd Medical Director NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG

Latest developments

Dr Rick Meredith, pictured on the left of Mr Johnson and who has come out of retirement to take on the role of clinical lead for the vaccination centre, said it was important to recognise the efforts of the hundreds of people involved: "We have a lot of retired people – including former medical directors, surgeons and community NHS staff – who have come out of retirement specifically to help with the vaccination effort. Many of us feel it is the most fulfilling work we have ever done in our professional lives."

Dr Drew Smith, from Wilson Street Surgery in Derby pictured on the right of Mr Johnson is leading the GPled service and he said: "The Prime Minister's visit today is in part recognition of the monumental efforts of general practice and primary care teams to provide vaccinations for our patients as quickly as possible." Dr Smith, who is also maintaining his regular clinical duties, said: "The Prime Minister reinforced the message that we should continue to vaccinate as many people as possible, working our way through the cohorts of patients to collectively beat the virus."

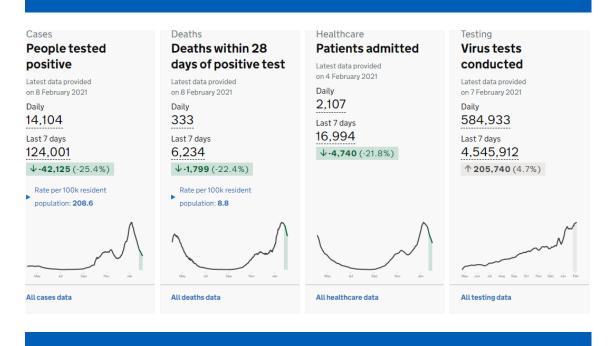








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FAQs

Is there an official definition of what defines a person as extremely clinically vulnerable?

Yes. Those with the following conditions fall into the clinically extremely vulnerable group:

- solid organ transplant recipients
- people with specific cancers:
 - o people with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy
 - people with lung cancer who are undergoing radical radiotherapy
 - people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow, such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma, who are at any stage of treatment
 - o people having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
 - people having other targeted cancer treatments that can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
 - people who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
- people with severe respiratory conditions, including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- people with rare diseases that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell)
- people on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection
- adults with Down's syndrome
- adults on dialysis or with chronic kidney disease (Stage 5)
- · women who are pregnant with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired
- other people who have also been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, based on clinical judgement and an assessment of their needs. GPs and hospital clinicians have been provided with guidance to support these decisions

More information

For more information go to the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website here.

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: <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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