

COVID-19 Vaccination Briefing: 19 March 2021

In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, we have offered the vaccination to all our care homes and contacted all our patients in the top priority cohorts too, with the vast majority having had their first jab.

In our local area we now run 36 vaccination clinics including 23 Primary Care Sites, four Hospital Hubs, seven Large Scale Vaccination Centres and two Pharmacy Vaccination Sites.

All sites that are currently live are now listed on the CCG website [here](#). Click on the blue tab labelled 'Which vaccination sites are now open in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?'

Latest vaccination figures

We have now delivered a cumulative total doses of 349,421 in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (based on [data up to 14 March 2021](#)).

The vaccination data is published by lower tier authority level, MSOA area and constituency area. It also shows the uptake rates for residents and staff in Older Adult Care Homes; Social Care Workforce; and NHS Trust Frontline Health Care Workers in the NHS Electronic Staff Record (ESR).

Bookings now open to those aged 50 and over

People aged 50 and over can now book an appointment to receive their COVID-19 vaccination at an NHS vaccine centre or pharmacy-led service via the National Booking Service website by clicking [here](#), or calling 119 if they can't access the internet.

Which cohorts are we currently vaccinating?

As per national guidance, we are currently vaccinating people in JCVI cohorts 1 through to 9.

You can find out more about the JCVI cohorts here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020/joint-committee-on-vaccination-and-immunisation-advice-on-priority-groups-for-covid-19-vaccination-30-december-2020>

Second doses

The first dose of both the Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine offer good levels of protection, but to get maximum protection from COVID-19, everyone will need to get a second dose, so we are urging people to come back for it when they are contacted or if they have an appointment booked.

If people have booked via the National Booking Service, they will have been invited to arrange their second dose appointment at their time of booking. If they need to change this appointment, they can do so by visiting the National Booking Service website or by calling 119.

If people had their first dose at a GP Practice, they will be contacted by their GP Practice to book their second dose no sooner than ten weeks after their first. They do not need to do anything further to secure their appointment, and there will be sufficient vaccine to ensure their second doses take place as planned.

Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine concerns

Following on from recent media reports relating to concerns about the safety of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine, we wanted to share with you the official statements on the matter and

reassure you that we are continuing to deliver vaccine safety and confidence messages to our local community.

The MHRA confirmed on Thursday 18 March, following a rigorous scientific review of all the available data, that the available evidence does not suggest that blood clots in veins (venous thromboembolism) are caused by COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca. You can read the [full release here](#).

Professor Anthony Harnden, Deputy Chair of the JCVI, has also said: "Safety is paramount and we have been monitoring this issue closely. The UK has administered 11 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine and there has been no demonstrable difference in the number of blood clots since the vaccine was introduced.

"The vaccine has been rigorously tested for safety and approved by the European Medicines Agency, MHRA and WHO, so people should continue to take it."

Vaccine supply

From the start of the programme, the NHS has successfully adjusted to week-to-week vaccine delivery in the light of fluctuations in supply. This week and next we are seeing significant increases in vaccine supply, but we have been notified that from 29 March there will be a significant reduction in supply available from manufacturers for approximately four weeks, meaning volumes of first doses will be constrained.

It is important to note that all second dose allocations have been held and will continue to be delivered as planned by vaccination locations across our area. Any appointments for first vaccination already booked will also continue as planned.

We will use this time to focus on vaccinating those in cohorts 1-9, who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, as well as delivering to the agreed schedule a significantly increased number of second doses, which double from the beginning of April.

You can read the full letter relating to the supply constraints [here](#).

What can the public do to support the campaign?

NHS staff are doing an incredible job to deliver the vaccination programme, at the same time as continuing to be there for everyone who needs care.

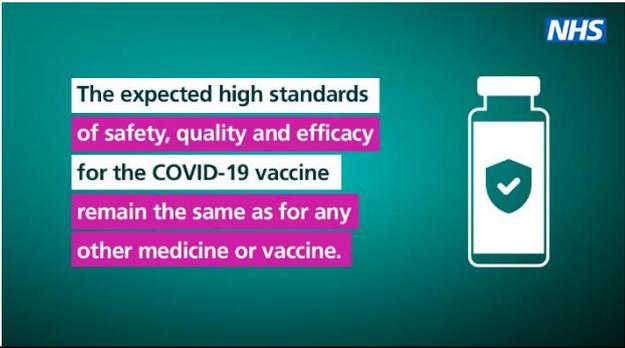
The public have an important part to play to help them do this:

- unless you are over 50, an eligible carer, or Clinically Vulnerable, please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you when it is the right time;
- when we do contact you, please try to attend your booked appointments at exactly the time you're asked to, so that we can avoid queues and maintain social distancing;
- and whether you have had your vaccine or not, please continue to follow all the guidance in place to control the virus and save lives.

Support us on social media

We regularly post about the COVID-19 vaccination programme on our [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts. Please do follow us to stay up to date with the latest information.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us share some of the key messages around the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Please feel free to use the messages below on your own social media channels.

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<p>The #COVIDVaccine has the same expected high standards of safety, quality and efficacy as other medicines and vaccines. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine — visit NHS.uk/CovidVaccine.</p>	 <p>The expected high standards of safety, quality and efficacy for the COVID-19 vaccine remain the same as for any other medicine or vaccine.</p>
<p>If you have family or friends who are in a priority group for the #COVID19 vaccination, you can help them by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging them to book their appointment • planning their visit to a vaccination site • sharing official advice from the NHS <p>More: https://nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/</p>	 <p>Covid-19 vaccine How to help your friends and family in priority groups Find out more at nhs.uk/CovidVaccine</p>
<p>We are starting to deliver second vaccine doses.</p> <p>If you are waiting to receive an appointment for your second dose, please do not contact the NHS. You will be contacted when it is your turn. It is very important that you do attend for your appt when it is offered.</p>	 <p>Vaccination is one of your most effective defences against COVID-19</p>

To find out more about the vaccination programme locally please visit:
<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/>