

# COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit

Thursday 8 September 2022

## A message to community leaders

Dear colleagues and community representatives,  
We have produced this toolkit to provide you and your communities with the most up-to-date information regarding the vaccine. We would welcome trusted community settings and representatives to support with undertaking informed face to face conversations with families and residents to help understand their concerns around vaccinations and address misinformation. This toolkit has been created to support by providing the information you need to undertake these conversations effectively. We are keen for this resource to undergo ongoing development, so please share any feedback around what you would like to be included by emailing [nnicb-nn.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:nnicb-nn.engagement@nhs.net)


Kindly note that the information in this toolkit is accurate as of Thursday 8 September 2022.

We thank you in advance for your assistance and support. If you would like to change your details or stop receiving these updates, please email [nnicb-nn.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:nnicb-nn.engagement@nhs.net)

Kindest Regards,  
NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire


## Key Messages

- 1 . An Autumn Booster jab will be offered to everyone aged 50 and over as well as those who are at highest risk from serious illness such as pregnant women and people with long-term health conditions as well as frontline health and social care workers.
2. Adults aged 75 and over, residents in care homes for older people, frontline health and social care workers and those aged 5 and over with a severely weakened immune system are currently eligible to book an Autumn Booster vaccine.
3. Those eligible will be able to book an appointment three months after their previous dose by calling 119 or through the **NHS website**.
4. Those who have not yet taken up the offer of a first or second dose can book an appointment **online**, by calling 119 or walk into certain sites – find your nearest walk in site **here**.



**EY UP  
NOTTS!**

**AGED 75+ OR  
A FRONTLINE  
HEALTH &  
SOCIAL CARE  
WORKER?**



**AUTUMN  
BOOSTERS  
AVAILABLE  
NOW**



# Key updates

## Autumn Booster Programme

Adults aged 75 and over, residents in care homes for older people, frontline health and social care workers and those aged 5 and over with a severely weakened immune system can book an Autumn Booster vaccine.

The Autumn Booster programme offers the most vulnerable members of the community a chance to top up their immunity ahead of Winter because Covid-19 is more serious for older people and those with a weakened immune system.

The NHS will contact those who are eligible to make a booster appointment. The NHS will prioritise those whose clinical need is greatest, as it has throughout, starting with those who have had a bigger gap since their last dose, then working through the cohort to invite others who have waited less time.

The Autumn booster will be offered to the following groups:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group, as set out in the **Green Book**
- Persons aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 16 to 49 years who are carers, as set out in the **Green Book**.

Those eligible will be able to book an appointment three months after their previous dose by calling 119 or through the [NHS website](#).

Please accept the vaccination that is offered to you as soon as you are able to – it is important to have your booster and build up your protection against severe illness before the winter.

## The importance of the Autumn Booster

COVID-19 is more serious in older people and in people with certain underlying health conditions which is why the offer of a booster jab is important – it is topping up their immunity.

The vaccine that will be used this autumn offers protection against both the original virus and the Omicron variant.

This winter it is expected that many respiratory infections, including COVID-19 and flu may be circulating at high levels – this may put increasing pressure on hospitals and other health care services.

For these reasons, people aged 50 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 5 years and over in clinical risk groups are being offered an autumn booster of COVID-19 vaccine.

A booster will also be offered to front-line health and social care staff, those who care for vulnerable individuals and families of individuals with weakened immune systems.

As the number of COVID-19 infections increases over the winter, this booster should help to reduce your risk of being admitted to hospital with COVID-19.

## Reminder of eligibility

### **Booster Vaccinations**

Booster vaccine doses are available on the NHS for people over 16 who have already had 2 doses of a vaccine. You are eligible for a booster dose after 3 months after you had your 2nd dose.

There are a number of sites across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire delivering the booster jab. You can book an appointment on the [NHS website](#) or by calling 119.

### **Third doses for people who are immunosuppressed**

If you had a severely weakened immune system when you had your first 2 doses of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, you will be offered an additional primary dose (3rd dose) before your booster.

The first 2 doses may not have given you as much protection as they can for people who do not have a severely weakened immune system. An additional primary dose may help give you better protection.

People with a severely weakened immune system include those who had or have:

- a blood cancer (such as leukaemia or lymphoma)
- a weakened immune system due to a treatment (such as steroid medicine, biological therapy, chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
- an organ or bone marrow transplant

- a condition that means you have a very high risk of getting infections
- a condition or treatment your specialist advises makes you eligible for an additional primary dose

You'll usually be offered an additional primary dose at least 8 weeks after you had your 2nd dose. You can get a booster dose from 3 months after your additional primary dose. If it has been at least 3 months since you had your booster dose, you can also get a spring booster.

If you think you're eligible for an additional primary dose but have not been contacted, speak to a GP or your hospital specialist. Book your vaccine or find a walk in clinic on the [NHS website](#).

### **How to get a first or second dose appointment**

If you are aged 16 or over you can book by visiting the [NHS website](#) or by calling 119. You can also [walk in to some of our clinics](#) without an appointment.

### **Housebound vaccinations**

If you are a housebound resident, [please click here](#) for details on booking your Covid-19 vaccination appointment.

If you or someone you know is a resident in a care home, they will be vaccinated by our vaccination roving team or a GP. Your care home will have more information on when this will be.

## Stay updated with the COVID-19 vaccines

Further information on the COVID-19 vaccination programme can be found including on:

- [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Vaccination Sites](#)
- [Fertility or pregnancy](#)
- [Mobile vaccination service in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire](#)
- [Vaccination programme for Housebound residents](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccinations abroad](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination status information](#)
- [Frequently asked questions and information](#)



## Progress across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

Latest figures show in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire 2,579,584 vaccinations have been administered since the start of the programme.

You can access the latest local and national vaccination statistics on this [NHS website](#).

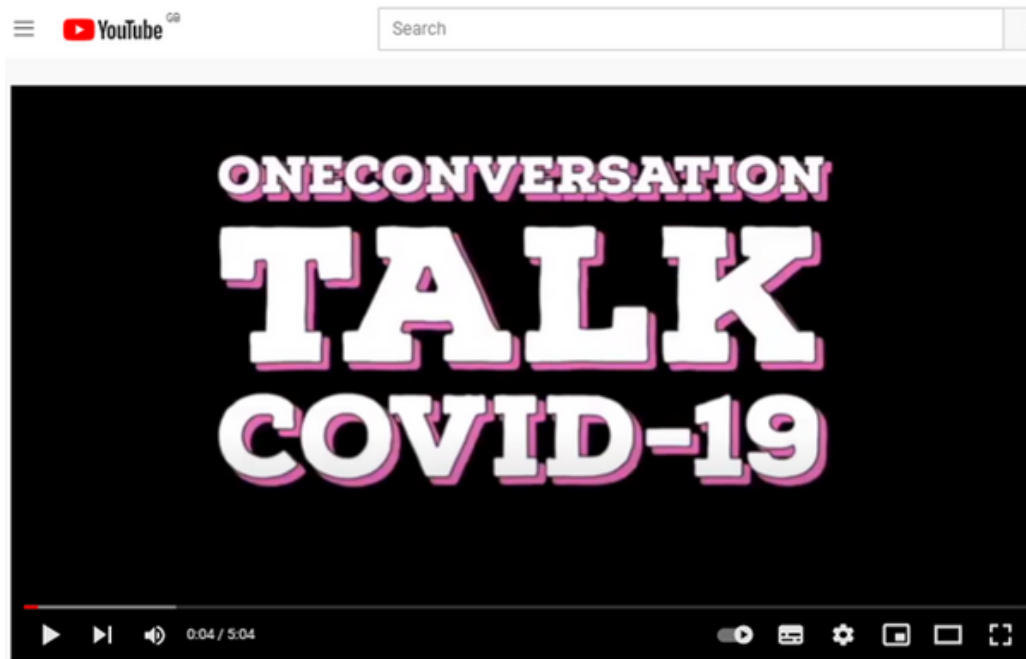
## Accessible Information

Information on the COVID-19 vaccination and the booking process can be accessed on our [NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire website](#) in various languages.

Translated leaflets are available for the:

- [guide for adults on the COVID-19 vaccination](#),
- [guide for all women of childbearing age, pregnant or breastfeeding](#)
- [what to expect after a vaccination](#).
- [vaccination information for people without an NHS number](#)

Information in British Sign Language (BSL) can also be accessed [here](#).



A short film to support people with a learning disability and autistic people to get the Covid-19 vaccination, busting the myths, showing how easy it is to get your vaccination and top tips for staying safe.



Easy read information can be accessed on:

- [Information about attending for a vaccination](#)
- [What to expect when you check in for your vaccination](#)
- [Questions you will be asked about your health](#)
- [Information about possible side effects of vaccination](#)
- [Waiting after your vaccination](#)
- [Thank you](#)

## Flu vaccine

Flu vaccines are available to all **eligible people** – ensuring protection against two dangerous diseases as we head towards the autumn and winter.

These are available to book via community pharmacies and GPs.

Health bosses are encouraging **eligible people** to book a flu jab.



The advertisement features a black background. On the left, there is a grid of 20 green, spiky virus particles arranged in four rows of five. In the third row, the third particle from the left is replaced by a single orange, spiky virus particle. Below this orange particle is a white lightning bolt icon. In the top right corner, the NHS logo is displayed in white. The text 'GAME OVER FOR FLU THIS WINTER' is written in a white, pixelated font. Below this, the text 'If you have a long-term health condition, get your free flu jab from your GP or pharmacist today.' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

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THIS WINTER**

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## Other key resources

### **Further enquiries**

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is working closely with the local councils during the pandemic. The County Council are supporting us with managing requests for information and assistance related to the vaccine rollout so if you have any questions that are not answered by the information here please contact [enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk) or call 0300 500 80 80.

### **Inequalities Small Grants Fund**

The inequalities small grant is an opportunity for Community and Voluntary sector organisations to access small pockets of funding to combat inequalities and strengthen capacity of communities to live safely with COVID-19. To read more and apply, **[please click here.](#)**