

Latest update on Covid-19 spring vaccinations

Dear colleagues and community representatives,

We have produced this update to provide you and your communities with the most up-to-date information regarding the spring covid-19 vaccine.

The Spring Covid-19 Vaccine

This latest vaccination, is being offered to those considered most at risk, following advice from the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

The spring booster is being offered to:

- everyone aged 75 years and over
- residents in **care homes for older adults**
- people aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system (immunosuppressed).

Eligible individuals will be able to book a vaccine from around 6 months after their previous dose.

The vaccination is available through a mixture of walk-in and booked appointments at pharmacies, GP sites, designated health centres and hospital hubs across the city and county. You do not need to wait for an invitation, if you are eligible, you can book an appointment straight away. **The last spring vaccination appointments will be offered on 30 June.**

You can find out about the ingredients in the vaccines currently available in the UK by reading this [guide to the use of human and animal products in vaccines on GOV.UK](#). If you have any concerns, you can speak to our friendly team of vaccination staff for advice.

How to book

People can book an appointment:

- On the [NHS website](#)
- Via the NHS App
- By calling 119
- From a walk-in site without an appointment. Find your nearest walk-in sites on the [NHS website](#).

Who is eligible

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- everyone aged 75 years and over
- residents in **care homes for older adults**
- people aged 5 years and over with a weakened immune system (immunosuppressed).

People who have a weakened immune system (immunosuppressed) can include those who had or have*:

- A blood cancer, such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma
- An organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant
- HIV infection at all stages
- A genetic disorder affecting the immune system
- A treatment such as steroid medicine, biological therapy, chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- Certain medicines that increase your risk of infection, such as azathioprine, dexamethasone, prednisolone, ciclosporin or mycophenolate (depending on your dosage)
- A long-term immunosuppressive treatment for conditions such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, scleroderma and psoriasis

*The above list is a summary and does not cover everything. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, talk to your GP or consultant.

First and second doses

People who have not yet received a 1st and 2nd dose of the Covid-19 vaccinations will still be able to receive this – however, following JCVI advice, **availability of these vaccines will conclude at the end of the spring campaign on 30 June 2023**. After 30 June, the NHS offer will become more targeted to those at increased risk, usually during seasonal campaigns.

Key messages

- There are more than 40 vaccination sites in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire which are open and offering vaccinations to those who are eligible. In Nottingham and Nottinghamshire there are around 135,000 people who are eligible for the spring vaccine.
- People can book an appointment on the [NHS website](#), via the NHS App or by calling 119. Or you can also get a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine from a walk-in site without an appointment. People can find their nearest walk-in sites on the [NHS website](#).
- It's very important that those who are most at risk top up their immunity so they are fully protected.
- The offer of a first and second dose runs out on 30 June so if you haven't had a vaccine yet, make sure you get your vaccinations before that date to give yourself protection from Covid-19.

Finally

Please find attached some useful social media assets and for you to share with your own networks.

If you would like any more information, please contact us on nnicb-nn.engagement@nhs.net

Kind regards,

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB