



COVID-19 NATIONAL VACCINATION PROGRAMME

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This is the biggest vaccination programme the NHS has ever undertaken.

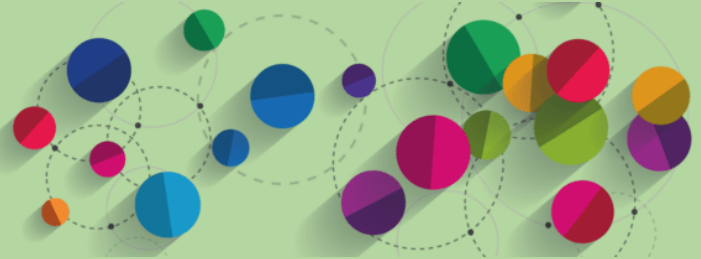
The NHS is well-used to delivering millions of vaccines a year, and is moving quickly to roll out this vaccine to those who need it.

The large increase in cases seen in hospitals, and the emergence of a new variant of the virus shows that we cannot let our guard down now.

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.

You have an important part to play to help them do this:

- unless you are aged 64 or over, eligible for Carer's Allowance, or Clinically Extremely 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 attend your booked appointments at exactly the time you're asked to, so that we can avoid queues in the cold weather;
- 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.



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First phase priority groups



Priority	Risk group
1	80 yrs Residents in a care home for older adults and Staff working in care homes for older adults
2	75 yrs All those 80 years of age and over and Frontline health and social care workers
3	70 yrs All those 75 years of age and over
4	65 yrs All those 70 years of age and over and Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 16 years of age)
5	60 yrs All those 65 years of age and over
6	55 yrs Adults aged 16 to 65 years in an at-risk group* **
7	50 yrs All those 60 years of age and over
8	55 yrs All those 55 years of age and over
9	50 yrs All those 50 years of age and over
10	50 yrs Rest of the population (to be determined)

* Blood cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma); diabetes; dementia; a heart problem; a chest complaint or breathing difficulties, including bronchitis, emphysema or severe asthma; a kidney disease; a liver disease, lowered immunity due to disease or treatment (such as HIV infection, steroid medication, chemotherapy or radiotherapy); rheumatoid arthritis, lupus or psoriasis (who may require long term immunosuppressive treatments); have had an organ transplant; had a stroke or a transient ischaemic attack (TIA); a neurological or muscle wasting condition; a severe or profound learning disability; a problem with your spleen, eg sickle cell disease, or you have had your spleen removed; are seriously overweight (BMI of 40 and above); are severely mentally ill.

** Unpaid carers: Adult carers – those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill.