

Dorset COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update Dec 13, 2021

We're expanding the vaccination programme

- The Dorset health and care system is pulling out all the stops to expand the vaccination programme as quickly as possible following the Prime Minister's announcement late Sunday.
- Please be patient while we get everything in place – this is a monumental effort as the NHS continues to deliver the largest vaccination programme in our history.
- Our vaccine teams continue working hard to get jabs in arms across Dorset.

How and where to get your booster jab

- The best way to get your vaccination at a time and place that suits you is to book ahead.
- You can either wait for your GP practice to contact you or book via the [national booking service](#) (NBS) to get your booster at a larger centre or pharmacy.
- Local GP-led vaccine services are offering the vaccine to the most vulnerable, so that they are invited to get their booster first.
- We are now running two vaccination centres in Dorset – Vespasian House, Dorchester and King's Park Hospital, Bournemouth. They have appointment slots for both children and adults.
- Both centres are very busy and walk-in availability is very limited – please make an appointment using the National Booking System.
- You can also get your vaccination at many pharmacies. There are now more than 30 sites in Dorset offering vaccinations. <https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/vaccinations/sites/>

It's busy – keep trying, be patient and be kind

- We continue to see very high demand for boosters as the number of eligible people increases.
- We know that some people have had difficulties booking their booster appointments.
- We're working extremely hard to increase availability so please be patient. You will still have good levels of immunity if you receive the booster a little later.
- Our centres are very busy so please keep trying as appointments are being added all the time. If a local venue isn't showing on the system, it may be full – please check again later as appointments are being added all the time.
- Our staff are working extremely hard to support local communities – please show them the respect and kindness they deserve.

How you can help

- There's still time for people to get a first or second dose of the vaccine. Do encourage those who have not had theirs to come forward.
- We need more vaccinators – if people have appropriate experience, we offer training, and we'd love to get you on board the largest NHS vaccination programme in history. Find out more and apply today: <https://joinourdorset.nhs.uk/vaccinators/> Please share our campaign.
- We'd like to thank everyone for supporting the continuing roll out – staff, volunteers, and the public. Thank you.
- The vaccine provides good protection against serious illness, but please continue to do what you can to help reduce transmission of COVID-19.

We hope this briefing is helpful. We very much welcome feedback. If you have any further questions, please contact us at communications@dorsetccg.nhs.uk

- Taking regular rapid tests to check you're not infectious, particularly before meeting others or attending gatherings
- Making sure you have plenty of ventilation, by meeting outdoors or keeping doors and windows open
- Wear a face covering in indoor and crowded spaces
- Wash your hands regularly

Top 10 Facts (figures used throughout taken at 12/12/2021)

1. 1.182 million first and second doses in arms in total in Dorset
2. 290,854 boosters and third primary doses delivered
3. In the last month, we have been delivering around more than 32,000 boosters a week
4. 85.3% per cent of the eligible population have received a first dose in Dorset
5. 93.4% per cent of over 50s in Dorset have received one dose and 92.4% per cent have received two doses
6. Around 73.5% of eligible people over the age of 50 have had a booster, 53.8% of eligible people over age of 18
7. There are more than 30 vaccine sites across Dorset, including 15 community pharmacies, 15 GP-led sites, and two vaccination centres – Vespasian House, Dorchester and King's Park Hospital, Bournemouth
9. We continue to address health inequalities with targeted campaigns and outreach
10. We are continuing to deliver first and second doses, we are giving on average between 1,000 to 1,500 first doses a week