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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #14

Dear colleagues,

Today was an important day for Derbyshire's vaccine rollout, as four more new primary care vaccination sites opened up across the county.

Staff coped well with some nasty weather, particularly in the Peaks, and I would like to thank you all for working so hard to deliver this important vaccination programme in such circumstances. I am proud of how so many people are stepping up to meet our commitment to helping patients.

As always, I would be extremely grateful if you could share this update as far and as wide as possible. Thank you in advance of your cooperation.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Dr Steve Lloyd
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Latest developments

Today, four more sites joined the effort across the patch to vaccinate people against this awful virus. Challenging weather conditions, especially in the higher elevations, did not discourage staff. At the new site in Shirebrook, a tractor had to be used to help clear ice from a car park, and I am sure similar efforts went in at other locations.

As well as Shirebrook, the new sites at Littlewick, Buxton and Clowne all began carrying out vaccinations today.

Daily statistics

UK Summary

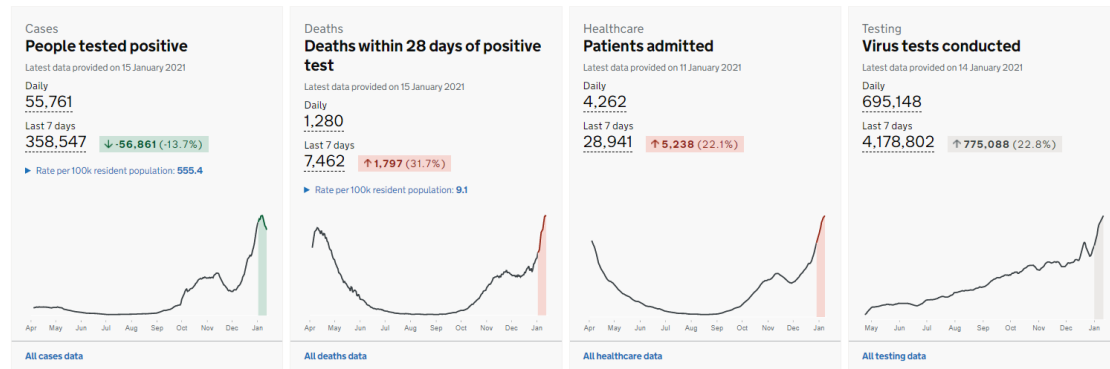
Data are also available to [download](#) as an easy to read document.

People vaccinated — 1st dose

3,234,946 up to and including 14 January 2021. [View vaccination data](#)

Estimated R number

1.2 to 1.3 with a daily infection growth rate range of +2% to +5% as of 15 January 2021.



Next steps

Two more primary care sites will come online over the weekend, at Wheatbridge Surgery in Chesterfield and Oakland Village Community Centre in Swadlincote on Saturday. Work is also underway to open a hospital hub at Walton Hospital in Chesterfield.

Teams at Derby Arena are working hard to prepare the site to increase its capacity. Once this is completed, it will function as both a PCN vaccination centre and as a mass vaccination centre, which will be able to take bookings through the national booking system.

Care home update

Alongside operating the Primary Care Network (PCN) based vaccinations, our PCNs have also been delivering vaccinations in care homes. This has been done in conjunction with DHU Health Care, who have played a pivotal role in terms of capacity and also supported solutions to the complex logistics.

The approval of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, and its addition to the vaccine delivery schedule from w/c 4th January, enabled the vaccination programme to expand to smaller care homes, as the vaccine is easier to store and transport than the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

All PCN local vaccination services are now working towards ensuring that all care home residents and staff in the older adult care homes (those with residents aged 80+) receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of next week (Sunday 24th January).

Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

When Will I Get My Vaccine?

A document summarising who, when and where patients can expect to receive their vaccine has been published in response to a recent flood of queries from patients wanting to know when they can have their vaccine. “*When will I get my vaccine?*” is possibly one of the most frequently asked questions the NHS is being asked in relation to the COVID-19 vaccine programme.

The document explains which priority groups the NHS is currently vaccinating and where. It also explains which Primary Care Networks (clusters of GP practices) are currently vaccinating, and from where. The website also features frequently asked questions (FAQs) and can be found at joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/public-info-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

Do I still have to follow social distancing rules if I've had the vaccine?

- Yes, this is really important. If someone is vaccinated they should still follow social distancing rules to protect themselves and others.
- That's because no vaccine is 100% effective and it is not yet clear if immunisation will stop people catching and spreading coronavirus, even though it protects against severe illness and death.
- It's also worth remembering that it takes a few weeks after vaccination before you are protected. For the Covid vaccines currently available in the UK, two doses, spaced weeks apart, are recommended to give the best protection.
- However, you can have close physical contact with someone you have formed a support bubble with.
- Here's some [further information on what you can expect after vaccination](#).

Hospital Hubs

The hubs launched on 8 December and have been working at pace to deliver vaccines to the priority groups described nationally as:

- Patients in the 80+ cohort
- The most vulnerable care home staff
- Health staff in priority and most vulnerable groups

From the start they have worked through a challenging schedule but have utilised their stocks on schedule and continued to achieve the same level of performance on their vaccine re-ordering cycles. One of the immediate challenges is to ensure that vaccinators are included as a priority group to ensure that we protect those who maybe most at risk.

The Next Edition

My next update will include:

- Other latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net. We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within three working days.

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