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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #16

Dear colleagues,

Now that we have completed the launch of our two Hospital Hubs and 15 Primary Care Network led sites, I am looking forward to seeing the volume of vaccinations delivered across the county increase rapidly and particularly as we expect to see our Vaccination Centre at Derby Arena launch shortly. With three community pharmacy led sites and other developments to follow our vaccination capacity will increase even further.

Over last weekend we also started our vaccination programme for housebound people with a team of GP colleagues going out to vaccinate people in their own homes. This is an important development which was covered on local TV news on Sunday.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Dr Steve Lloyd
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Latest developments

We know that people are concerned about the weather and how the increased flood risk may impact upon vaccination programme. We want to reassure people that we have a great track record of our Derbyshire system working together to overcome the challenges of severe weather and as an example we recently needed the services of a tractor to clear the car park at one of our vaccination sites.

Our Local Resilience Forum is working hard to support the system by supplying regular updates and alerts on the current flood risk as part of the warning and informing role. Should there be a flooding incident we have comprehensive contingency and continuity plans in place and we will do everything we can to minimise any impact upon the vaccination programme.

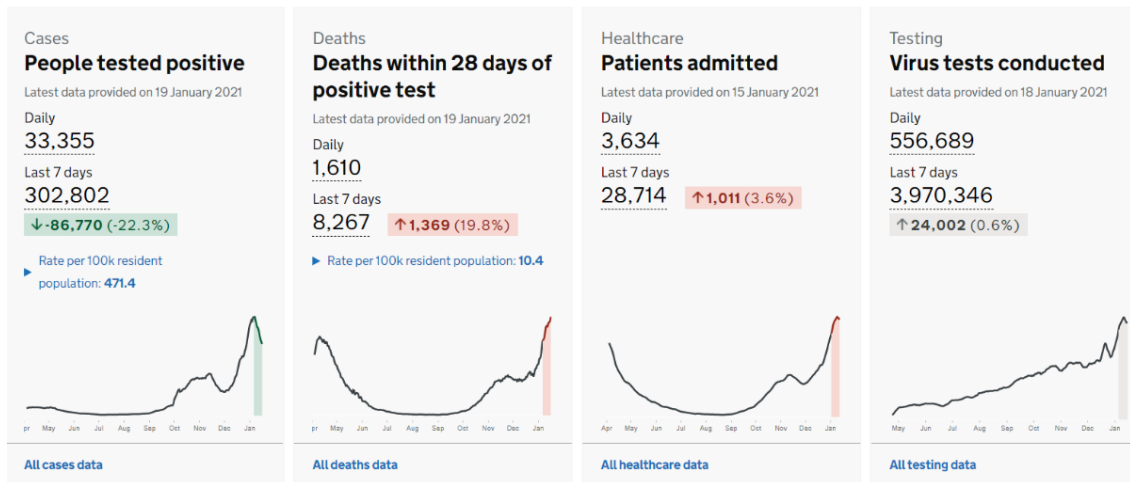
Daily statistics

People vaccinated — 1st dose

4,266,577 up to and including 18 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.



Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

Should I contact my GP or hospital to arrange getting the COVID-19 vaccination?

No. When it is the right time people will receive an invitation to come forward. For most people this will be a letter, either from their GP or the national NHS. This letter will include all the information you will need to book appointments, including your NHS number. We know lots of people will be eager to get protected but we are asking people not to contact the NHS to get an appointment until they get their letter.

Will unpaid carers be included in the JCVI prioritisation?

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) have advised that the vaccine should be prioritised for care home residents and staff, followed by people over 80 and health and social care workers – including home carers. We recognise the vital role unpaid carers play in caring for vulnerable individuals and we will provide further details on their access to the vaccine in due course.

Once vaccinated can people stop wearing a mask/social distancing? No. While the vaccination prevents the development of the infection in around 90-95% of people, there is still a chance of contracting the virus or transmission to others. It is therefore very important to continue wearing a mask, social distancing and practicing good hand hygiene.

Summary of progress

The Covid vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire has been a major partnership venture of doctors, nurses, estate management staff, drivers, volunteers and many, many others. We currently have fifteen primary care sites and two hospital hubs active across Derbyshire. Vaccinations started on 8 December in our hospitals, followed by roll out our primary care sites from 17 December. This has been in keeping with roll out in other counties and in line with the NHS England approval process or sites.

Our delivery of vaccines from all sites has been smooth and the result of significant planning to ensure equipment and staff are readily available to deliver as many vaccinations as possible. The ability of sites to open is dependent on the supply of vaccines, which is rightly delivered on a fair share basis across England, and the model of site approvals has been designed to maximise throughout of patients based on the available vaccine, staff and equipment and to not spread these valuable resources too thinly across the county.

We believe we have the correct number of sites for this moment in the vaccination programme and as additional vaccine supply becomes available we can move to a community-based model, similar to the traditional flu vaccination campaign delivered in GP surgeries. We have used all available vaccine for our most vulnerable patients and are confident of achieving all nationally-set targets for the vaccination campaign.

The Next Edition

My next update will include:

- Weather update
- 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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