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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #17

Dear colleagues,

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to set new standards in what the NHS and its partner organisations can achieve in an incredibly short space of time.

I have spoken with colleagues involved in the next phases of the rollout, so I know how much effort is going into the latest work at Derby Arena and the three pharmacy-led sites which will be opening in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone there for all your hard work.

Teams at all the PCN sites have been activating contingency plans to reduce the potential impact of the severe weather which affected the country this week.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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Latest developments

Storm Christoph struck the country and has dissipated, but it generated [an Amber Warning from the Met office](#) as heavy rain affected parts of Peak District. I know every site has revisited its plans to cope with the potential impact of such bad weather.

The work that has already been done in anticipation of such situations is testament to the importance and quality of the planning which has gone into this vaccination programme.

All fifteen PCN-led vaccination sites are continuing their excellent work, including vaccinations on site, in care homes and for housebound patients.

Vaccination sites and centres across the Midlands have continued their outstanding efforts, vaccinating more than 700,000 people. [That figure is the highest for any English region.](#)

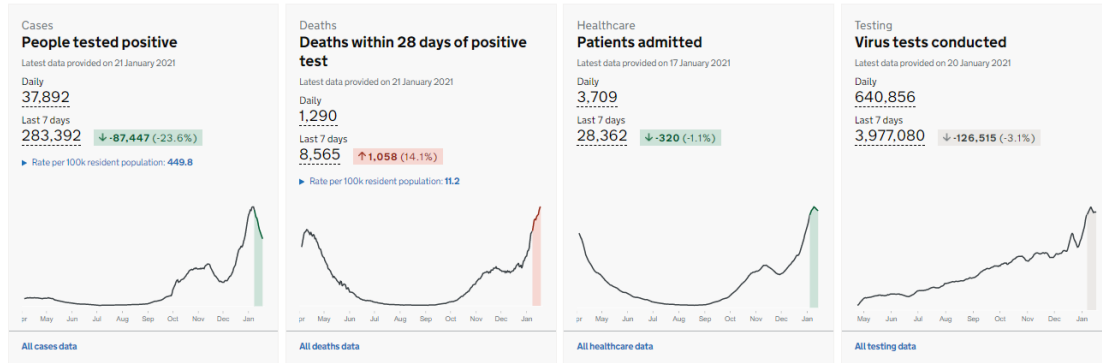
Daily statistics

People vaccinated up to and including 20 January 2021

First dose: 4,973,248
Second dose (fully vaccinated): 464,036
[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

A group of pharmacy-led vaccination sites will be opening across the Midlands this week, followed by a second wave next week. This second wave is expected to include three sites in Derbyshire, and a further four sites are being discussed for a future wave of openings. Work is also underway to open a mass vaccination centre at Derby Arena, operating alongside the PCN site already running.

The work to prepare these venues is detailed and demanding, and it is vital for the safe, effective delivery of vaccinations for thousands of people.

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 NHS National Booking Centre. This letter will include all the information you will need to book appointments, including your NHS number.

What is Swiftqueue and can I use it to book a vaccination appointment?

- Some GPs are using a system called Swiftqueue to arrange the date and time of vaccination appointments for patients they have identified as being among the highest priority to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- You should only use a Swiftqueue link if you have been personally sent the link when offered an appointment by your GP practice
- Vaccination site staff will check that patients qualify for a vaccine, and will refuse entry to those who have booked an appointment inappropriately
- The current cohort of patients being offered vaccines is made up of four risk groups:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All those 80 years of age and over
- All those who are clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 16 years of age)
- For more details on these groups, please see the [When will I get my COVID-19 vaccine?](#) document on the JUCD website

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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