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Dear Colleagues,

Like most of you I watched with interest as the Prime Minister outlined on Monday afternoon his plan for bringing the country out of the current lockdown. It is an important reminder of the importance of the work we are all doing as part of the vaccination programme.

Vaccination teams are now busy vaccinating people in cohorts 5 and 6, as well as planning for the forthcoming rollout of second doses for some of our older and more vulnerable 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.

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Latest developments

The most recent statistics showed that, as of February 14, vaccination teams across Joined Up Care Derbyshire had vaccinated more than 96% of people aged over 70 and nearly 95% of those aged over 80. Anyone who is over 70 years old and not yet had their vaccination should contact the GP practice. The focus has now moved to younger patients, aged 65-69, as well as people who are in the clinical risk groups for Covid-19. This includes paid and unpaid carers, who do so much important work within our community.

It was great to see a couple of well-known local personalities receiving their jabs last week. Councillor Hardyal Dhindsa, Derby's police commissioner, received his vaccination at the Ikhlas Community Centre, while Radio Derby breakfast show presenter Andy Twigge got his jab at Littlewick Medical Centre.

Latest statistics

UK Summary

See the [easy read summary](#) for the UK.

People vaccinated up to and including 21 February 2021

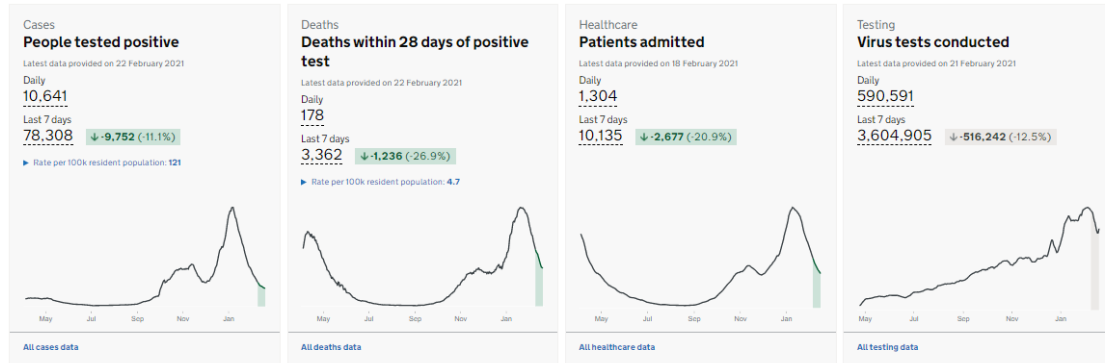
First dose: 17,723,840

Second dose: 624,325

[View vaccination data](#)

Estimated R number

0.6 to 0.9 with a daily infection growth rate range of -6% to -3% as of 19 February 2021.



FAQs

Where should I get my second dose of vaccine?

- You should go to the same vaccination site where you received your first dose.
- If you already have an appointment, please attend.
- If you don't yet have an appointment, please be patient and wait to be contacted.

Do I really need to get a second dose of vaccine?

- Yes, the Covid-19 vaccines currently in use were approved for use on the basis of each person receiving two doses.
- Initially, these doses were to be spaced 21 days apart, but on December 30 the UK's four Chief Medical Officers announced that this should be increased to 12 weeks. This was to enable more people to get some protection from a first dose.
- The first dose causes the body to have an immune response, which protects against Covid-19 but fades over time. The second dose was shown to produce a larger secondary immune response, which takes longer to fade. This is why a second dose is important.

Next Steps

A key focus for many of those running the vaccination programme is now the rollout of second doses to patients who were among the first to be vaccinated in December.

It is important that people receive their first and second doses at the same site, except in extreme circumstances. Anyone who has an appointment already booked should attend it, but please be patient if you do not yet have a booking for your second dose.

More information

For more information go to the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

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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