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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #35

Dear colleagues,

People aged 55 and older are now eligible to receive a first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, and it is encouraging to hear from colleagues that these bookings are being taken up rapidly.

Vaccine supply is set to increase in the coming weeks and as always we ask people to be patient as the vaccination teams continue to work so effectively. We are expecting strong winds and rain this week, so please all take care on your travels.

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

People aged 55 and older received letters over the weekend offering them appointments through the National Booking Service (NBS) at mass vaccination centres and at pharmacy-led vaccination sites, and take-up has already been excellent.

These sites are reporting strong interest in booking appointments, and this will be bolstered by SMS messages being sent to 55-year-olds on Tuesday. This is the first use of SMS messaging for appointments by the NBS, following in the footsteps of GP-led sites, which have made extensive use of this means of contacting people.

While the rollout of first doses continues at pace, many frontline health or social care workers are now receiving second doses, and we are asking them to go to the same vaccination site they received their first dose.

Latest statistics

UK Summary

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

People vaccinated up to and including 8 March 2021

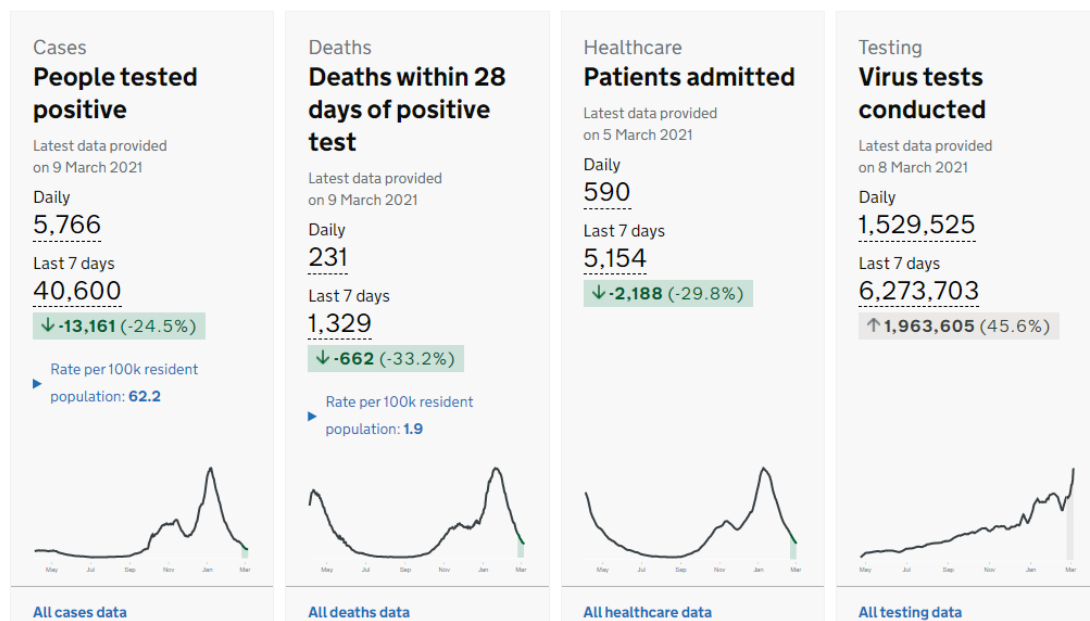
First dose: 22,592,528

Second dose: 1,181,431

[View vaccination data](#)

Estimated R number

0.7 to 0.9 with a daily infection growth rate range of -5% to -3% as of 5 March 2021.



FAQs

Why did I get an SMS message offering me an appointment?

- You may receive an SMS from the National Booking Service if you are 55 years old, or from your GP practice if you are considered to be in an “at risk” group
- Follow the link in the message to make your booking.
- Please do not share booking links with others, as they may not be eligible yet and may be unable to make or booking or could be turned away at the vaccination site if they do make a booking. This causes delays for other patients.

Who is eligible to receive a vaccination right now?

- Four groups are currently eligible to receive a first dose of Covid-19 vaccine now:
- People who are considered to be Extremely Clinically Vulnerable
- People who are considered to be “at risk”, including paid and unpaid carers
- Anyone aged 55 years or older
- Frontline health and social care workers

Next Steps

We have been notified of a significant expected increase in vaccination supplies within the next few weeks and are planning appropriately. Supply of vaccines continues to be the major challenge for the vaccination programme, and is of course beyond the control of vaccination sites. Despite this, vaccination teams across Joined Up Care Derbyshire have already vaccinated more than 40% of the local adult population in less than 90 days.

[The Met Office has announced a yellow weather warning](#) for parts of most of England and Wales over the coming week, with concerns about strong winds and heavy, blustery showers. While vaccination sites have robust plans in place for dealing with bad weather, these conditions could cause delays for staff and patients.

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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