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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #43

Dear colleagues,

It feels appropriate to mention that this week is World Immunisation Week as the Covid-19 vaccination programme has proven itself to be the largest and fastest in the history of the NHS. Well done and thank you to all involved in Derby and Derbyshire for playing your part in this.

More than two thirds of people aged 45 to 49 have received their first vaccination, and now those aged 42 and over are being invited to book their first dose.

Our services are experiencing pressures currently, due in part to people not utilising the NHS 111 line for non-emergency help. I would encourage everyone to consider calling 111 for help and advice in the first instance, rather than their GP surgery.

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

People aged 42 and over can now book their Covid-19 vaccination. Initiations via letter and text message will be arriving this week with those who are now eligible.

Anyone who received their first dose later on in February should have their second dose appointment booked or have been contacted about receiving their second vaccine. Information about second doses

can found in the FAQs section of this email.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has updated its advice about the Covid-19 vaccine and pregnancy, stating that pregnant women should be offered the vaccine at the same time as the rest of the population, based on their age and clinical risk group.

Derbyshire GPs are appealing to patients for help in coping with the current pandemic by thinking carefully before ringing for an appointment when concerned about possible side effects of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Practices have reported increases in calls asking for advice when experiencing minor symptoms such as headaches and fatigue, and are asking people to instead call NHS111 for advice. In cases of life-threatening health emergencies, people should still call 999.

Latest statistics

UK summary

The official UK government website for data and insights on coronavirus (COVID-19).

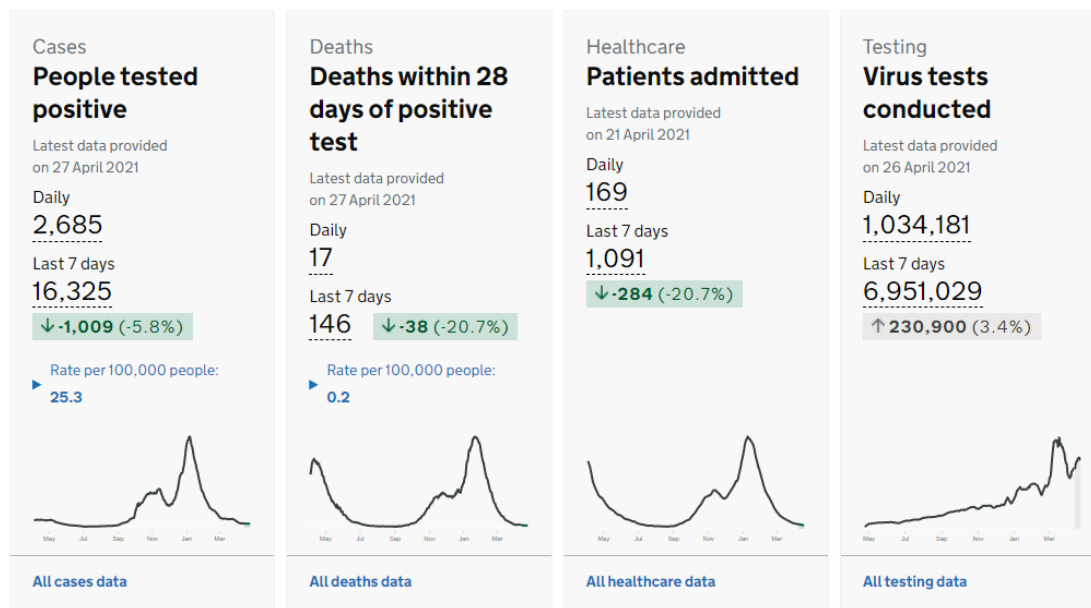
See the [simple summary](#) for the UK.

People vaccinated up to and including 26 April 2021

First dose: 33,843,580

Second dose: 13,201,811

[View vaccination data](#)



FAQs

How do I book my second dose?

You may have an appointment card which already lists your next appointment. If so, you do not need to book; just attend the same site at the time and date on the card.

You may also have a second booking made for you if you book online, either through the National Booking System or with your GP practice. You can log in to check this.

If you do not have an appointment card, please wait to be contacted by your GP practice or by the National Booking System, and follow their directions.

You can find out more about the Covid-19 vaccine programme [here](#)

Next steps

As of next week, updates about the vaccination programme will be included in the weekly Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby And Derbyshire Stakeholder Bulletin.

If you are not already subscribed to this, you can do so [here](#)

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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