

Key updates about the vaccine

This information is in addition to that shown on the Healthwatch Brighton and Hove website which includes details of the priority list, and vaccination centres. Please click here to access [the website](#) which is being updated regularly.

For additional information:

The Sussex Health and Care Partnership have produced the following webpages to help you understand what will happen next:

- For answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the vaccination programme please [click here](#).
 - We have attached the questions which are included below so that you can see what information is available. We have not included the answers as these are being routinely updated in line with amended guidance, and as we learn more.
- [When will I get my jab?](#)
- For details of [Brighton and Hove vaccination services](#)
- [Health and care workforce vaccinations](#)

Vaccinations

GP sites

- **It has been announced that Brighton Racecourse will go live this week for patients at:** Park Crescent Health Centre, St Peter's Medical Centre, Wellsbourne Healthcare CIC, Albion Street Surgery, Arch healthcare, Ardingly Court Surgery, Broadway Surgery, Pavilion Surgery, Regency Surgery, Saltdean and Rottingdean Medical Practice, School House Surgery, Ship Street Surgery, St Luke's Surgery, The Avenue Surgery, Woodingdean Medical Centre.

Other GP-led sites are already operating.

County Oak Medical Centre:

For patients at Brighton Station Health Centre, Carden Surgery, Montpelier Surgery, Seven Dials Medical Centre and University of Sussex Health Centre.

Portslade Health Centre:

For patients at Brighton Health and Wellbeing Centre, Benfield Valley Healthcare Hub, Charter Medical Group, Hove Medical Centre, Links Road Surgery, Mile Oak Medical Centre, Portslade Health Centre, Trinity Medical Centre, and Wish Park Surgery.

St Augustine's Arts and Events Centre:

For patients at Preston Park Surgery, Stanford Medical Centre, The Haven Practice and Warmdene Surgery.

Large vaccination sites

- A large vaccination centre that will service our area will be at the Brighton Centre and this is likely to be up and running at the end of January.

Attending your appointment to have your vaccination.

Advice on traveling to have your vaccine.

Under the national guidance, it is permissible to receive a lift from someone. There are also community transport providers offering this support in terms of transport for medical appointments. You can find information about community and non-emergency transport on the [Brighton and Hove City Council website](#), or call the community hub on 01273 293 117.

How you will be contacted

You will be contacted by telephone, by letter, or by SMS/text message. If you miss a call to offer you the vaccine you will remain on the list and the practice/team will contact you again. If they cannot get through to you by telephone, they will contact you by letter.

For the second booking you will receive a text and/or an email. This will confirm the date and time of your next appointment. You should receive this confirmation at time of leaving, or usually within one hour.

What to expect at your appointment?

- You will be asked to attend the same site to receive both vaccinations.
- You will be given two doses of the same vaccination (i.e., 2x Pfizer or 2x Oxford or 2x Moderna). You cannot ask to choose one type of vaccine over another. They are all effective.
- You will be screened for potential allergic reactions before getting vaccinated. All vaccinators will have the training they need to deal with any rare cases of adverse reactions, and all venues will be equipped to care for people who need it.
- After you have received the vaccine you will be given a card or paper indicating the date of your vaccination, type of vaccine and batch.
- Your GP will automatically be informed that you have been vaccinated.

Health and care workforce vaccinations

All health and care workers are invited to book a vaccination at one of the hospital-based vaccination sites across Sussex.

Click [here](#) for the booking links which are located towards the bottom of the webpage.

Numbers vaccinated.

The NHS publishes data about number of people who have been vaccinated, please click [here](#). Total number of people who have received the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, reported up to Tuesday, 12 January 2021 is 2,639,309, whilst 428,232 have received their second dose.










[View vaccination data](#)

How do the vaccines compare?

The BBC has produced this [helpful summary](#), but we have reproduced some data below.

Pfizer BioNTech	Oxford University / AstraZeneca	Moderna
<p>The big breakthrough came when Pfizer-BioNTech published its first results in November.</p> <p>They showed the vaccine is up to 95% effective.</p> <p>The UK is due to get 40 million doses.</p> <p>It is given in two doses,</p> <p>The vaccine must be stored at a temperature of around -70C.</p> <p>On 2 December, the UK became the first country in the world to approve the vaccine for widespread use.</p>	<p>The roll-out of the Oxford vaccine began on 5 January.</p> <p>It was approved late in 2020 after trials showed that it stopped 70% of people developing COVID-19 symptoms. The data also showed a strong immune response in older people.</p> <p>There is data that suggests perfecting the dose could increase protection up to 90%</p> <p>The UK has ordered 100 million doses.</p> <p>It is given in two doses up to 12 weeks apart.</p> <p>This may be one of the easiest vaccines to distribute, because it does not need to be stored at very cold temperatures.</p>	<p>It protects 94.5% of people, the company says.</p> <p>The UK has pre-ordered 17 million doses which it should receive in the spring.</p> <p>It is given in two doses, four weeks apart.</p> <p>30,000 have been involved in the trials.</p> <p>It is easier to store, because it stays stable at -20C for up to six months.</p>

How the three vaccines compare

Company	Type	Doses	Storage
 Oxford Uni-AstraZeneca	Viral vector (genetically modified virus)	 x2	 Regular fridge temperature
 Pfizer-BioNTech	RNA (part of virus genetic code)	 x2	 -70C
 Moderna	RNA	 x2	 -20C

Source: Respective companies, WHO

Contact us!

If you have any specific questions, please contact us at

office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

If you have had your vaccine

We would like to hear about your experience of having your vaccination. It would be reassuring for other people to hear how easy it is - thank you!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VACCINATION FOR COVID-19

You can access the current answers to these by clicking [here](#). The webpage is being regularly updated.

Section 1: Receiving the vaccine

- 1.1) When will I be offered the vaccine?
 - 1.2) Where will I get the vaccine?
 - 1.3) Will my GP surgery be offering the vaccine?
 - 1.4) Who will contact me to offer me the vaccine?
 - 1.5) How will I be contacted?
 - 1.6) What if I miss the call for a vaccine?
 - 1.7) What if I miss my appointment for either dose of the vaccine?
 - 1.8) What is the priority order for receiving the vaccine, and who decides this?
 - 1.9) Why do I have to wait to be vaccinated?
 - 1.10) How will you get the vaccine to people with no fixed address (homeless, in temporary accommodation, etc?)
 - 1.11) I'm currently ill with COVID-19, can I get the vaccine?
 - 1.12) Do people who have already had COVID-19 get vaccinated?
 - 1.13) How is the NHS in Sussex encouraging people to take up the vaccine?
 - 1.14) Can I still attend my vaccine appointment during the current lockdown?
 - 1.15) Why aren't all healthcare workers getting vaccinated right now?
 - 1.16) Can I get one privately?
 - 1.17) How is the vaccine going to be stored? Do you have enough freezers? How many?
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Section 2: About the vaccines

- 2.1) How and why has a vaccine been produced, and why is it important to be vaccinated?
- 2.2) Vaccine ingredients

- 2.3) How safe is the COVID-19 vaccine?
 - 2.4) Which vaccine is better/more effective?
 - 2.5) Can people pick which vaccine they have?
 - 2.6) Will the vaccines work with the new strain?
 - 2.7) How many doses of the vaccine will be required and when does it become effective?
 - 2.8) What happens if a person has the first jab but not the second?
 - 2.9) Can I receive the second dose of the vaccine at a different site?
 - 2.10) What are the COVID-19 vaccine side effects?
 - 2.11) What about the allergic reactions that have been reported?
 - 2.12) Has the guidance on allergies changed?
 - 2.13) How long will the vaccines be effective for?
 - 2.14) Will my GP practice be notified when I have been vaccinated?
 - 2.15) How much does each vaccine cost the NHS?
 - 2.16) What about the Moderna vaccine? Why is this available in the USA but not here?
 - 2.17) How were vaccines developed so quickly?
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Section 3: Specific patient groups and the vaccine

- 3.1) Should I receive the vaccine if I am of childbearing age, pregnant or breastfeeding?
 - 3.2) Should I have the vaccine if I have health issues?
 - 3.3) Does the vaccine work on those taking immune suppressants?
 - 3.4) If a household has a priority group member, such as an NHS frontline worker or vulnerable person, will everyone living in that household be vaccinated together?
 - 3.5) How many people have taken part in clinical trials and what about ages, ethnic backgrounds and medical conditions?
 - 3.6) Was it tested on high-risk groups?
 - 3.7) Do vulnerable people have to travel to get the vaccine or does it come to them?
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Section 4: Misinformation and the COVID-19 vaccine

- 4.1) I have been told that the COVID-19 vaccine will be made mandatory, is this true?
- 4.2) I've been told that the COVID-19 vaccines can change your DNA. Is that true?

4.3) I believe I have been subject to a COVID-19 vaccination scam.

Section 5: COVID-19 vaccine and the flu vaccine

5.1) I have had my flu vaccine; do I need the COVID-19 vaccine as well?

5.2) Will the COVID-19 vaccine protect me from flu?

5.3) Will the COVID-19 vaccine only be given to a person who has had a flu jab?

Section 6: Contact us

6.1) Who should I contact if I have a question or want to give feedback about the COVID-19 vaccine?