

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Healthwatch website

We have created a dedicated vaccine webpage on the [Healthwatch Brighton and Hove website](#) which is being regularly updating. The website explains how the vaccines are currently being rolled-out and includes news and updates. In this bulletin we have included some of the most significant changes announced over the last week below. We also have a [Vaccine “Fact Check” webpage](#) to provide you with accurate information.

Contact us

Healthwatch is working with local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure you get the information you need. If you have a specific question, please do get in touch at office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

Information to help you understand the vaccination roll out

You can access some answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the vaccine by clicking [here](#). You can also read this ‘[fact check](#)’ page which tackles some of the biggest concerns and inaccuracies.

To help you understand more about the vaccination roll out and what to expect, a series of videos have been produced which are available below:

How will I get my jab? (animation) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bh4DLdKD6uw>

I have received a letter, what do I do? (animation)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ame-eJ4RUSU>

How will I be invited? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtDEiOK46GM>

What is a vaccination centre? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izprZWWYe9w>

In addition:

[Click here](#) to access an Easyread guide to being vaccinated

[Click here](#) and [here](#) to access translated materials about the vaccine

[Click here](#) for British Sign Language resources

Have you had the COVID vaccine? We would like to hear from you about your experience. Please email office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

Or contact the team leading the roll out sxccg.commsresponseteam@nhs.net

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A. Anyone over 38 can now get their vaccination



People aged 38 and over are eligible for their vaccination.

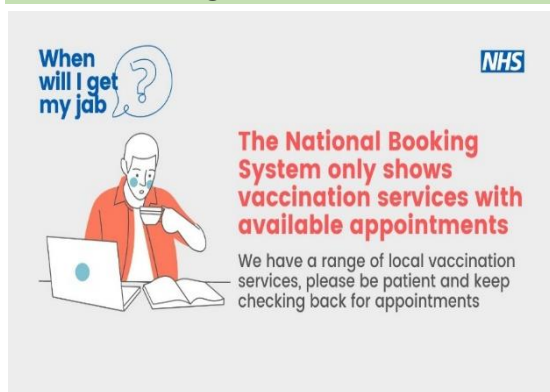
Anyone aged 38 and over, those clinically extremely vulnerable, those with an underlying health condition, and unpaid carers are all currently eligible.

To book your vaccination, visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination, call 119, or wait to be contacted by your GP led local vaccination service.

Nearly 1.5 million vaccinations have been given across Sussex as the roll out continues, with thousands of first and second dose appointments taking place this week.

[Find out more about who is currently eligible](#)

B. Booking via the National Booking System



The National Booking System both online at nhs.uk/covidvaccine or over the phone by calling 119 only shows services with available appointments. If a vaccination centre or service currently does not have any available appointments, it will not show up in the list when you log into the system. We encourage eligible people who have been invited to receive their vaccination to keep checking the National Booking System for appointments.

C. Dates for upcoming community clinics - including some available vaccination at Kamson's pharmacy in Moulsecoomb



The community team reaching out to those who are eligible and yet to have their vaccine hits the road again this week.

MOBILE VACCINATION SERVICES

Visit our ambulance vaccination service, the details are below:

The mobile vaccination service will be on/at:

- Saturday 15 May, 10:30 - 14:30
St Peter's Church, York Pl, Brighton BN1 4GU
- Sunday 16 May, 10:30 - 14:30
Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3

Pre-booked appointments are available for anyone eligible. Limited drop-in appointments are also available.

Getting the vaccine in the community is easy; just bring one form of ID (photo ID not required) and NHS number, if known.

How to book: Call 0300 303 8060 (drop-in is also available)

Who can book: People who are eligible for the vaccine can book now, which includes:

- People over the age of 38 or who will turn 38 before 1st July 2021
- Those who have serious long-term health issues
- Unpaid Carers
- People on the Learning Disability Register

View a list of who is eligible for the COVID vaccine on the [NHS website here](#)

Available vaccinations at the Kamsons Pharmacy in Moulsecoomb

Are you 40 and over? Yet to have your COVID vaccine?

New appointments are available at the pharmacy led service at the Kamsons Pharmacy in [#Moulsecoomb](#). They are offering the AstraZeneca vaccine so you must be aged 40 or over to receive this.

Book now via the national booking system or calling 119
www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

D. Quiet Session, Chichester (for those aged 40 and over ONLY)

A further quiet COVID-19 Vaccination Session for people aged 40 and over will take place at the Children & Family Centre (Home Start Portacabin), St James' Road, Chichester, PO19 7AB on Saturday 22 May 2021, 8.30 am - 3.45 pm

To book, please call or text the Public Involvement Team on 079202 44988

This Quiet Session is being offered to people living in Sussex who are currently eligible for the vaccine and over the age of 40 who may need more time for their appointment, or who have extra access needs where a quieter and calmer environment would help support them to receive their vaccination. This includes:

- People with learning disabilities
- People with autism
- People living with a neurodiverse condition
- People living with a Dementia and/or Alzheimer's
- People living with obsessive compulsive disorder
- People living with mental health conditions
- People living with high anxiety

The Quiet Session at the Children & Family Centre (Chichester) will offer:

- Fewer appointments, so less people will be there during the session
- Longer appointments to give you more time
- 1:1 nursing care for everyone receiving their vaccination
- The entire appointment will be on the ground floor
- **Everyone will be offered the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, so you must be over 40 years old**
- Free transport for anyone who needs it (see below for details)

What will happen when I arrive at the Quiet Session?

The vaccination will take place in the Home Start Portacabin within the Children and Family Centre. A nurse (who will also have an assistant) will greet each patient at the entrance and support them through the venue to a quiet and private Vaccination area. They will take you through all aspects of the process on a 1:1 basis, including clinical assessment and vaccination.

The Home Start Portacabin is on one floor and is accessed via a ramp. Each person can bring a carer who can be present throughout their journey.

There will only be 22 appointments being offered, which allows us to give you much more time for your vaccination (up to 20 minutes) and have one nurse per patient to support you throughout.

Booking Information

Bookings can be made by phoning or texting the local NHS Public Involvement Team on 07920244988, who will take relevant details and pass on any additional information to the vaccination team to make the journey on the day as smooth as possible. This includes:

- Your name and contact details

- Your date of birth
- Your age (you must be over 40 years old to access this session)
- Your NHS number, if you know this
- Your GP name and practice
- Your ethnicity
- If you have capacity to consent
- Emergency contact details
- Your personal access requirements, and anything you want to let the vaccination team know in advance to help support you in the best way they can on the day.

Getting to the Children and Family Centre (Chichester)

Free Transport available to people booked onto the Quiet Vaccination Session.



Free COVID-19 Vaccine Transport

Chichester Child & Family Centre
Quiet Vaccine Session - Saturday 22nd May
8.30am - 3.45pm

Available to Sussex residents

Free transport available to anyone booked onto the Quiet Vaccine Session

A dedicated quieter session for Sussex residents with a learning disability, who are autistic and/or neurodiverse and/or Dementia

How do I book?

Once you have booked your vaccine call the travel team:
01444 275 008

When will I get my jab?

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If you need support with transport to get to the Children and Family Centre (Chichester) for your appointment during the Quiet Session, you can call the travel team on 01444 275 008.

A travel coordinator will ask you a few questions and will help arrange for you to have a safe COVID-secure journey to the Children and Family Centre (Chichester) for all Sussex residents.

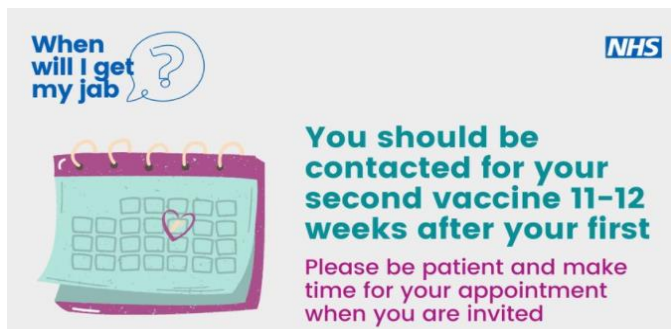
If you're able to travel to the Children and Family Centre (Chichester) yourself: The Children and Family Centre (Chichester) is accessible by public transport and there is free parking available on site.

Have any questions or queries?

If you have a question about the Quiet Session being put on this Saturday 22 May 2021 at the Children & Family Centre (Chichester), you can call or text our Public Involvement Team on 07920244988.

Also, you can view more information about the vaccination programme on our website, including details of the [services available in each area](#), answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and links to all the national leaflets and materials. Visit <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/> to find out more.

E. Second doses



Vaccination services are now arranging and holding second dose appointments. While the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine gives a good immunity to the virus, two doses are needed to have the best chance of full protection.

Second dose vaccinations are taking place across Sussex, approximately 12 weeks after the first. If you pass 13 weeks and do not yet have a second dose booked, please contact your GP practice. Visit the Clinical Commissioning Groups website for the latest [update](#)

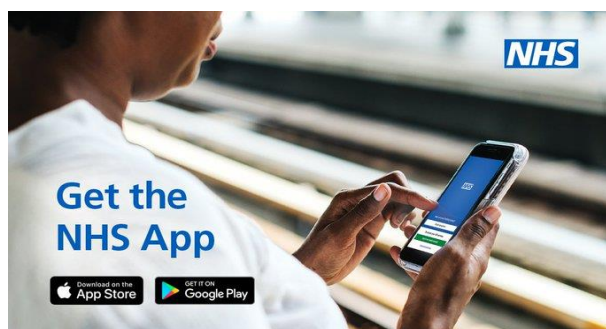
If you booked your appointment via the National Booking Service (website) or by calling 119, you should have been invited to book both appointments at the same time. If you have missed an appointment or need to change it, please visit the [website](#) (Manage my Booking section) or call 119. You will need your booking reference number.

If you had your first dose at a GP led vaccination service, you will be contacted when your appointment is available. You will be contacted by the same team so you can have your second dose at the same place as your first vaccination.

GP led vaccination services are contacting people around 11 to 12 weeks to make appointments for sessions being held in the coming days. This is due to the timing of vaccine deliveries that they receive. Please try and make yourself available for the appointment. If you are approaching 12 weeks, please be patient and you will be contacted. If you pass 13 weeks and you have not been contacted, please contact your GP practice or our team using the details below.

We urge everyone to attend their second dose appointment as it is really important that people get both doses to get the greatest benefit from the vaccine.

F. Need confirmation of your COVID vaccinations?



The [NHS App](#) will be available to use as a vaccine passport from Monday 17 May 2021.

A paper version will also be available by calling 119.

You do not need to telephone your GP Practice to ask about the vaccine passport as they are unable to provide vaccine passports and it's essential we leave phone lines free for people who need medical assistance.

The NHS App is separate to the [NHS COVID-19 App](#), which is used for contact tracing.

You can already use the NHS App to book appointments, repeat prescriptions and see your full medical records.

Your vaccine passport will only show when you have had both doses.

If you don't have the NHS App, [download the NHS App](#) now. It will record when you have had both doses of the vaccine and automatically create a vaccine passport which will be available from Monday 17 May 2021.

If you already have the NHS App, it will record when you have had both doses of the vaccine and automatically create a vaccine passport which will be available from Monday 17 May 2021. You do not need to do anything.

If you have the NHS App and get a message to say you need to contact your GP Practice, this is an extra option to get full access to your medical records in the NHS App. To get access to your full medical records in the NHS App, you need to contact your GP Practice and request access to your detailed coded record. Please avoid calling your GP practice at peak hours when people are trying to book appointments, and if possible email the team. The GP Practice will take appropriate time to action your request. This is completely separate from the vaccination information and will not affect your access to the vaccine passport.

If you are planning to travel, please register to use the NHS App at least two weeks before travelling.

The paper letter should be requested at least five days after a second vaccine, and can take up to five days to arrive so make sure to leave plenty of time if you need it to travel.

You can read more:

- [NHS App help and support](#)
- [Demonstrating your vaccine passport](#)

G. Getting the right vaccine for you



The [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation](#) set out new guidance that people under the age of 40 should be offered an alternative to the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine when they become eligible. People under the age of 40 will be offered the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Currently this will apply to any carers or health and care workers who have not come forward to date. It also applies to anyone who is going to turn 40 between now and 1 July 2021 (as these people are currently eligible in the same group as those aged 40-49, but are now recommended to have an alternative vaccine).

If you are eligible and are recommended to receive an alternative vaccine, you will be able to book an appointment through the national booking system very soon following an update that will identify appointments for you based on the type of vaccine being used.

[Read more about the latest guidance](#)

H. Stars join forces with NHS to boost vaccine uptake

An all-star line up has joined forces with the NHS to encourage people to come forward and get the lifesaving covid-19 vaccine when they are invited in a short new film.

Sir Lenny Henry, Liz Hurley and David Walliams join TV actors Lydia West and Navin Chowdhry to dispel myths around vaccination to boost uptake of the NHS Covid jab.

The film is the second commissioned by Professor Lord Ara Darzi, the leading doctor who is the Co-Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation, part of the Imperial REACT COVID Surveillance Study Group and volunteered on Covid wards at the height of the pandemic.

The new film also shows stars ‘auditioning’ as they tackle common rumours and misconceptions around the Covid vaccine and encourage everyone to get jabbed when it is their turn.



I. COVID facts website to answer common queries

A new website designed to help the public answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine launched this week. [Covid Vax Facts](#) details answers from expert, independent doctors and scientists about the most common concerns raised by the public.

You can read the answers to [key questions](#) currently in the news or pose your own questions for a response.

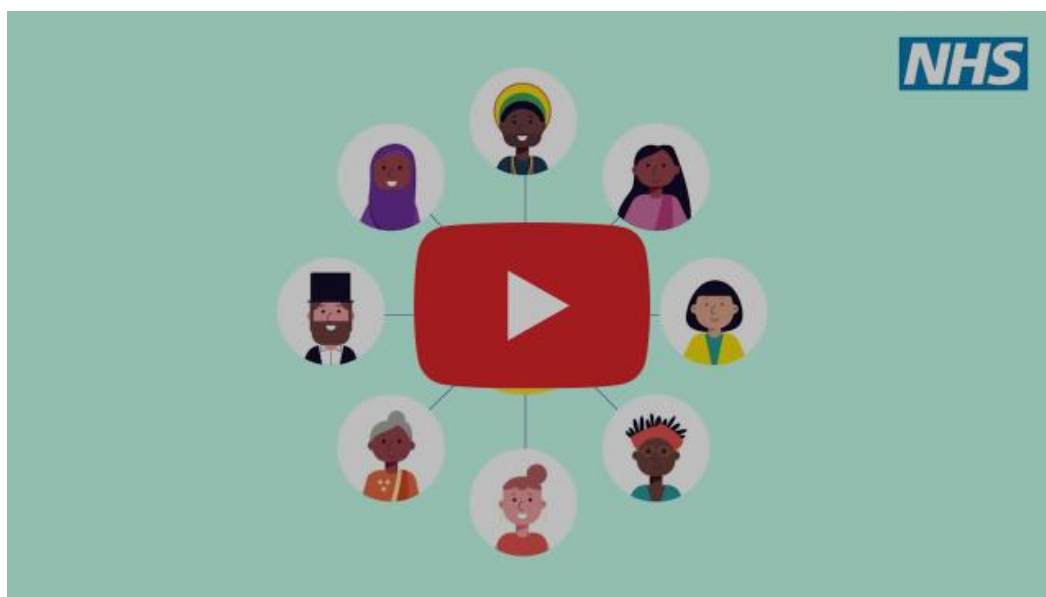
The site has been developed by the Universities of Nottingham, Southampton, Kings College London, and NIHR ARC Wessex, and led by Professor Kavita Vedhara from the School of Medicine at Nottingham

NHS England and NHS Improvement has also launched a series of animations aimed at tackling disinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Aimed specifically at encouraging uptake in ethnic minority groups, the animations are available in 17 different languages and are suitable for use on a wide range of social media platforms.

They cover key topics including vaccine safety, how it was tested, how it was developed so quickly, what is in it, and what the side effects are.

The main animation is below and you can view them all now on [YouTube](#)



This animation helps to tackle disinformation about the COVID-19 vaccination, especially among ethnic minority groups. It covers key topics including vaccine safety, how it was tested, how it was developed so quickly, what is in it, and what the side effects are. Translations are available at <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/disinformation-eng-translations-video-content/>

J. Progress to date

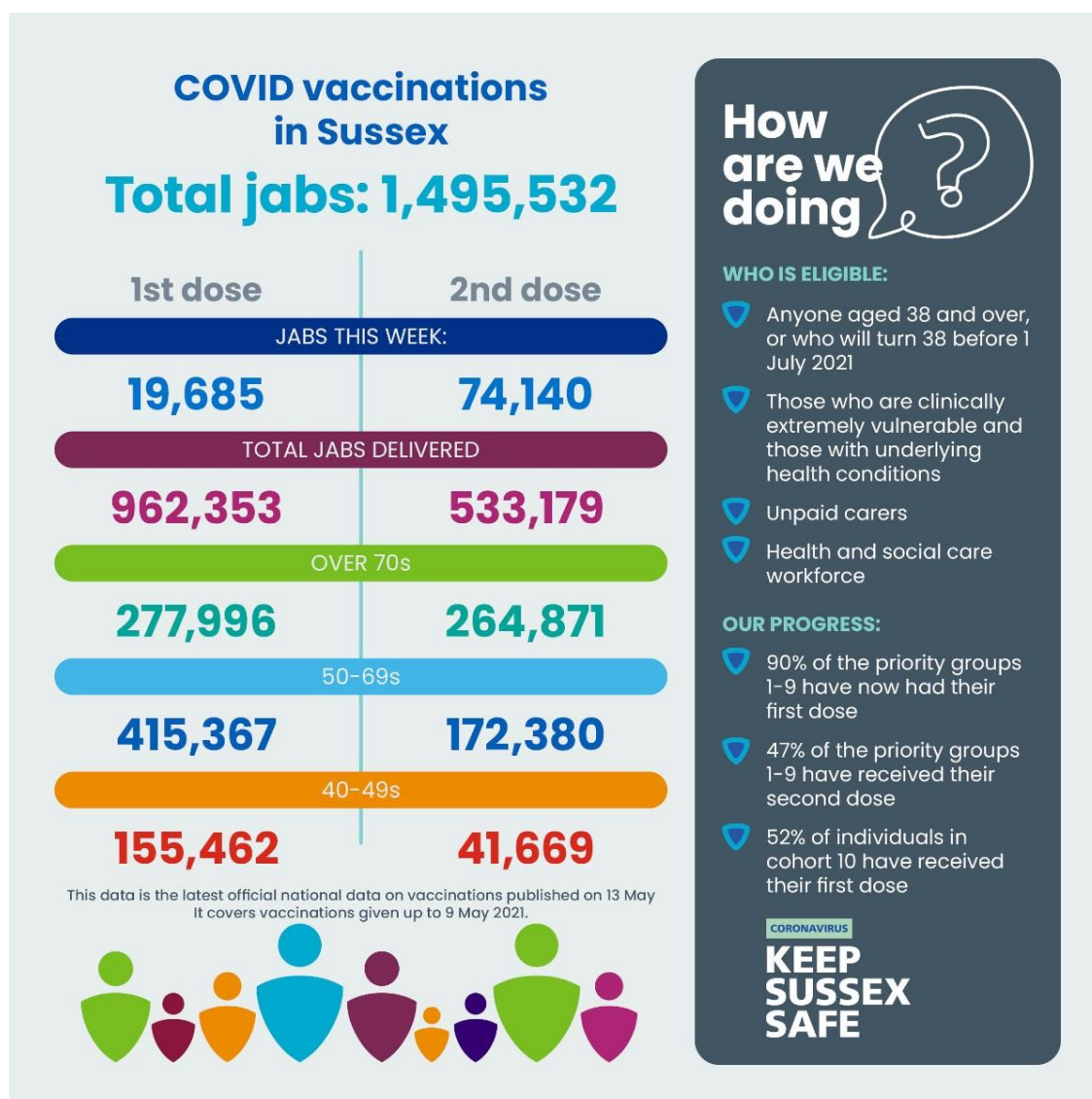
Residents in Sussex care homes given vital protection from second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination

Teams vaccinating residents in care homes across Sussex have now visited 641 (85%) of homes (as at 11th May 2021) - giving some of the most vulnerable people in our communities maximum protection from the virus.

Care home residents and staff were prioritised after being identified in the top priority groups by the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations, due to their high risk from COVID-19. Second doses are scheduled up to twelve weeks after the first and provide the most protection possible by reinforcing the recipient’s initial immune response triggered by the first vaccine.

In Sussex we have one of the highest numbers of nursing and care homes per capita across the country and so the work of the vaccination teams from local GP practices and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust is a significant undertaking.

In addition, those people registered as housebound in Sussex - either living in their own homes or a form of supported housing such as Extra Care - have also now begun receiving second doses of the vaccination.



[Read more on the progress of the programme](#)

K. Updated questions and answers

A full FAQ is available here: <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/faqs-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/>

L. How to get your vaccine - in different languages

English	To book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments go to www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or phone 119 which will have interpreters available on request.	For more information in other formats, and languages other than English, go to: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Arabic عربي	، انتقل إلى COVID-19 لحجز مواعيد اللقاح ضد www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination أو اتصل برقم 119 الذي سيوفر مترجمين فوريين عند الطلب.	لمزيد من المعلومات بتنسيقات ولغات أخرى غير الإنجليزية، انتقل إلى: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Bengali বাংলা	আপনার কোভিড-১৯ টিকার অ্যাপয়েন্টমেন্টের বুকিং এর জন্য www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination এ যান বা ১১৯ নম্বরে ফোন করুন যেখানে অনুরোধ সাপেক্ষে দোভাষী পরিষেবা সুবিধা পাওয়া যাবে।	অন্যান্য প্রকরণ এবং ইংরেজী ব্যতীত অন্য ভাষাতে আরও তথ্য পেতে এখানে যান: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Spanish Español	Para reservar sus citas de vacunación contra la COVID-19, vaya a www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination o llame al teléfono número 119, donde tendrá intérpretes disponibles previa solicitud.	Para obtener más información en otros formatos e idiomas distintos del inglés, visite: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Farsi فارسی	برای رزرو قرارهای واکسیناسیون کووید-19 خود به www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination مراجعه کرده یا به شماره 119 زنگ بزنید که بنا به درخواست، مترجم همزمان در اختیار دارند.	برای اطلاعات بیشتر در فرمتهای دیگر، هر زبان دیگر به غیر از انگلیسی، به اینجا مراجعه کنید: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Gujarati ગુજરાતી	તમારી કોવિડ-19 રસીકરણની એપોઇન્ટમેન્ટ બુક કરવા માટે www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination પર જાવ અથવા 119 પર ફોન કરો જેઓ વિનંતી કરવાથી દુભાષિયા ઉપલબ્ધ કરાવી આપશે.	ઇંગ્લીશ સિવાયના અન્ય સ્વરૂપો અને ભાષાઓમાં વધુ માહિતી માટે, અહીં જાઓ: http://bit.ly/adultguide

Hindi हिन्दी	अपनी COVID-19 टीकाकरण अपॉइंटमेंट की बुकिंग करने के लिए www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination पर जाएं या 119 पर फोन करें जहां अनुरोध पर दुभाषिए उपलब्ध होंगे।	अन्य प्रारूपों, और अंग्रेजी के अलावा अन्य भाषाओं में अधिक जानकारी के लिए इस वेबसाइट पर जाएं: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Kurdish سۆرانی	بۆ سازکردنی مەوعید بۆ کوتان دژی کۆفید-19 www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination سەردان بکە بۆ یان تەلەفون بکە بۆ 119 کە http://bit.ly/adultguide وەرگیری زانانیان هەمیه به داواکردن	بۆ زانیاری زیاتر به شیوازی تر، وه به زمانی تر: جگه له ئینگلیزی، سەردان بکە بۆ http://bit.ly/adultguide
Nepali नेपाली	तपाईंको COVID-19 खोप एपोइन्टमेन्ट लिन www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination मा जानुहोस् वा 119 मा फोन गर्नुहोस् जहाँ अनुरोध गर्दा दोभाषेहरू पनि उपलब्ध हुनेछन्।	अन्य स्वरूप, र अङ्ग्रेजी बाहेक अन्य भाषामा थप जानकारीका लागि, यहाँ जानुहोस्: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Punjabi ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਟੀਕਾਕਰਨ ਅਪਾਇੰਟਮੈਂਟਾਂ ਬੁੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ ਜਾਂ 119 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕਰਨ 'ਤੇ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਣਗੇ।	ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ, ਇਸ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Polish Polski	Aby umówić wizytę na szczepienie przeciwko COVID-19, należy udać się na stronę www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination lub zadzwonić pod numer 119, pod którym na żądanie dostępni są tłumacze ustni.	Więcej informacji w innych formatach i innych językach jest dostępna na: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Romanian Română	Pentru a vă programa pentru vaccinarea împotriva COVID-19 accesați www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination sau apelați numărul de telefon 119, care vă poate pune la dispoziție interpreți disponibili la cerere.	Pentru mai multe informații în alte formate și alte limbi în afară de limba engleză, accesați: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Somali Soomaali	Si aad u qabsato ballantaada tallaalka COVID-19 aad www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination ama taleefoon u dir lambarka 119 khadkaas oo laga heli karo turjubaano marka la weydiisto.	Macluumaad dheeraad ah oo ku saabsan qaabab kale, ama luqado kale aan Ingiriis aheyn, aad: http://bit.ly/adultguide

Albanian Shqiptare	Për të rezervuar takimet tuaja të vaksinimit COVID-19 shkoni në www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination ose telefononi numrin 119 i cili do të ketë në dispozicion përkthyes sipas kërkesës.	Për më shumë informacion në formate të tjera dhe gjuhë të tjera përveç anglishtes, shkoni te: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Tagalog Tagalog	Para mai-book ang iyong mga appointment sa pagpapabakuna laban sa COVID-19, pumunta sa www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination o tumawag sa 119 na kung saan may maaaring tumulong na mga interpreter kapag hiniling.	Para sa higit na impormasyon sa iba pang mga format, at mga wika maliban sa Ingles, pumunta sa: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Urdu اُردُو	کوویڈ-19 کے حفاظتی ٹیکے لگوانے کے لیے اپنی اپوائنٹمنٹ بک کرنے کے لیے www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination پر جائیں یا 119 پر کال کریں جہاں پر درخواست کرنے پر مترجم دستیاب ہوں گے۔	دیگر فارمیٹس، اور انگریزی کے علاوہ دیگر زبانوں میں معلومات کے لیے جائیں http://bit.ly/adultguide
Chinese 中文	欲预约您的 COVID-19 疫苗接种，请访问 www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination 或拨打 119，可根据要求提供口译员服务。	欲获其它格式及英语以外其它语言的更多信息，请访问： http://bit.ly/adultguide



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