

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk)

Or contact the team leading the roll out [sxccg.commsresponseteam@nhs.net](mailto:sxccg.commsresponseteam@nhs.net)

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## A. Anyone over 34 can now get their vaccination



People aged 34 and over are eligible for their vaccination.

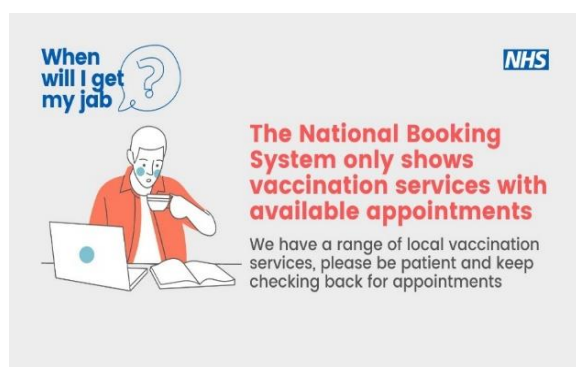
Anyone aged 34 and over, those clinically extremely vulnerable, those with an underlying health condition, and unpaid carers are all currently eligible.

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

Over 1.8 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](http://nhs.uk/covidvaccine) or over the phone by calling 119 only shows services with available appointments. If a vaccination centre 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



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 22 May, 10:30 - 14:30  
St Peter's Church, York Pl, Brighton BN1 4GU
- Sunday 23 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 34 or who will turn 34 before 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

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

There is still time to book for the quiet vaccine session in Chichester, which 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.

Call or text Isabel (0792 0244 988) to book.

If you need support with transport to get to your appointment, you can call the travel team on 01444 275 008.

[Read more information about the quiet session.](#)

### Getting to the Children and Family Centre (Chichester)

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

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.

## E. Changes to second dose appointments

**NHS England has confirmed that appointments for a second vaccine will be brought forward from 12 to 8 weeks for the remaining people in the top nine priority groups who have yet to receive their second dose.**

This includes those aged 50 and over, those clinically vulnerable and unpaid carers.

If people have an appointment in the next 10 days this will continue as planned.

If appointments have been booked through the national booking system - online or via 119 - the central team will be contacting people in these groups who have an appointment after this time to bring forward their appointment for the second dose.

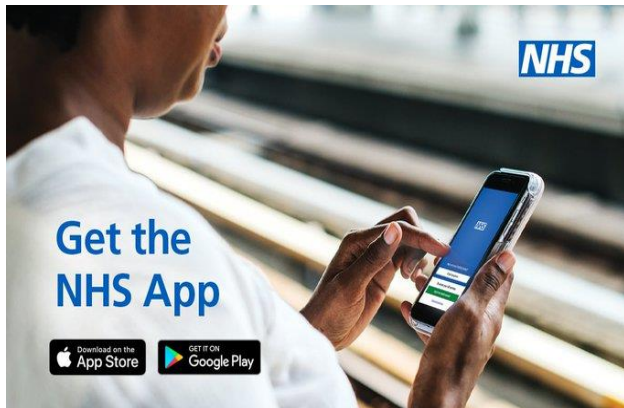
If people had their first appointment at a GP led local vaccination service, you will be contacted as soon as your local service is able to offer you the second appointment. You do not need to contact the NHS - please wait to be contacted if you think you are in this group.

People should continue to attend their second dose appointments as planned unless the NHS contacts you.

In general, appointments for second doses are booked at the same time as first doses.

[Please see our FAQs for more information.](#)

## F. Need confirmation of your COVID vaccinations?



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

A paper version will also be available by calling 119.

Please do not 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 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](#)
- [Healthwatch website](#)

## G. Brighton to be part of world-first COVID-19 vaccine booster study



Thousands of volunteers will receive a booster COVID-19 vaccine in a new clinical trial Health Secretary Matt Hancock announced yesterday.

The Cov-Boost study, led by University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust and backed by £19.3 million of government funding through the Vaccines Taskforce, will trial seven vaccines



and will be the first in the world to provide vital data on the impact of a third dose on patients' immune responses.

One of the 16 bases for the trials will be Brighton, at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust.

It will give scientists from around the globe and the experts behind the UK's COVID-19 vaccination programme a better idea of the impact of a booster dose of each vaccine in protecting individuals from the virus.

Vaccines being trialled include Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Novavax, Valneva, Janssen and Curevac, as well as a control group. The trial has received ethics approval by the NHS Research Ethics Committee, as well as approval from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

The study will open for applications from volunteers shortly via the [study's website](#) and will be recruiting participants through the [NHS COVID-19 Vaccine Research Registry](#).

Participants will be adults aged 30 years or older as these will have been those immunised early on in the vaccination programme - for example, adults aged 75 and over or health and care workers.

## H. COVID facts, and answers to common queries

[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.

You can also get answers to frequently asked questions [here](#) and check some common myths about the vaccine [here](#).

## I. Progress to date



More than 900,000 people have now received first doses across Sussex

Latest data published today shows that more than 950,000 people have now received their first vaccination.

This includes more than 90% of those aged 70 and over who have now had second dose, and more than 50% of those aged 60 and over who have had both.

This week people aged 34 and over became eligible and are encouraged to use the national

booking system to arrange an appointment.

Anyone in this age group is encouraged to book their appointment through the national booking system online at [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) or by calling 119.

[Read more about the roll out of the programme](#)

## J. How to get your vaccine - in different languages

English	To book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments go to <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> or phone 119 which will have interpreters available on request.	For more information in other formats, and languages other than English, go to: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Arabic عربي	، انتقل إلى COVID-19 لحجز مواعيد اللقاح ضد <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> أو اتصل برقم 119 الذي سيوفر مترجمين فوريين عند الطلب.	لمزيد من المعلومات بتنسيقات ولغات أخرى غير الإنجليزية، انتقل إلى: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Bengali বাংলা	আপনার কোভিড-১৯ টিকার অ্যাপয়েন্টমেন্টের বুকিং এর জন্য <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Spanish Español	Para reservar sus citas de vacunación contra la COVID-19, vaya a <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Farsi فارسی	برای رزرو قرارهای واکسیناسیون کووید-19 خود به <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>

Gujarati ગુજરાતી	તમારી કોવિડ-19 રસીકરણની એપોઇન્ટમેન્ટ બુક કરવા માટે <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Hindi हिन्दी	अपनी COVID-19 टीकाकरण अपॉइंटमेंट की बुकिंग करने के लिए <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Kurdish سۆرانی	بۆ سازکردنی مهرعید بۆ کووتان دژی کۆفید-19 سەردان بکە بۆ <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> یان تەلەفون بکە بۆ 119 کە وەرگیرێ زانانیان هەمە بە داواکردن	بۆ زانیاری زیاتر بە شیوازی تر، وە بە زمانی تر: جگه له ئینگلیزی، سەردان بکە بۆ <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Nepali नेपाली	तपाईंको COVID-19 खोप एपोइन्टमेन्ट लिन <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Punjabi ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਟੀਕਾਕਰਨ ਅਪਾਇੰਟਮੈਂਟਾਂ ਬੁੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ ਜਾਂ 119 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕਰਨ 'ਤੇ ਦੁਬਾਸੀਏ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਣਗੇ।	ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ, ਇਸ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Polish Polski	Aby umówić wizytę na szczepienie przeciwko COVID-19, należy udać się na stronę <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> lub zadzwonić pod numer 119, pod którym na żądanie dostępni są tłumacze ustni.	Więcej informacji w innych formatach i innych językach jest dostępna na: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Romanian Română	Pentru a vă programa pentru vaccinarea împotriva COVID-19 accesați <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>



Somali Soomaali	Si aad u qabsato ballantaada tallaalaka COVID-19 aad <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Albanian Shqiptare	Për të rezervuar takimet tuaja të vaksinimit COVID-19 shkoni në <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Tagalog Tagalog	Para mai-book ang iyong mga appointment sa pagpapabakuna laban sa COVID-19, pumunta sa <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Urdu اُردُو	کوویڈ-19 کے حفاظتی ٹیکے لگوانے کے لیے اپنی اپوائنٹمنٹ بک کرنے کے لیے <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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: <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>
Chinese 中文	欲预约您的 COVID-19 疫苗接种，请访问 <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination">www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination</a> 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： <a href="http://bit.ly/adultguide">http://bit.ly/adultguide</a>



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