

COVID-19 Vaccination Briefing: 5 February 2021

The COVID-19 vaccination programme – the biggest in NHS history – is well underway. In our local area we now have 23 Primary Care Sites, four Hospital Hubs, four large scale vaccination centres and two pharmacy vaccination sites open, with more still due to open. The rollout of the vaccination programme in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is on track to offer vaccinations to the top four priority cohorts by the middle of February. Thousands of vulnerable local people have already received their first vaccination, with thousands more being vaccinated every day.

New vaccination sites now open

Please note the information regarding Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club and East of England Arena and Events Centre is under embargo until Monday 8 February, and not for onward sharing until this date.

Our first four large scale vaccination centres have now opened at the Grafton Centre in Cambridge, Horsefair Shopping Centre in Wisbech, Oak Tree Centre in Huntingdon and the City Care Centre in Peterborough. Two more large scale vaccination centres will open next week. These will be located at the Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club and at the East of England Arena and Events Centre in Peterborough (part of the Showground) with more coming online in the coming weeks.

Some local residents may also start to receive invitations to book appointments at these national vaccination centres, and others such as Stevenage.

The booking process at these large-scale vaccination centres is managed by the national booking process. Letters are being sent out by the national booking service who fall into the priority cohorts and who live up to a 45 minute drive from the centres, inviting them to book an appointment either online or over the phone. Details of how to book are in the letters that residents will receive.

If anyone has already received a jab since the letter was sent out or would prefer to wait to be invited to attend a hospital or GP service, they can simply ignore it.

The centres provide an additional option to the vaccination hubs already successfully delivering vaccinations in local hospitals and by GPs and pharmacists across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

All sites that are currently live are now listed on the CCG website [here](#). Click on the blue tab labelled 'Which vaccination sites are now open in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?'

Latest vaccination figures

We have now delivered a cumulative total doses of 153,641 in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (based on [data up to 31 January](#)). 88.2% of our over 80 population has had their first dose, with 92.9% of all residents between 75-79 having received theirs. We are performing well both in a regional and national context.

We have now also offered the COVID-19 vaccine to residents at every eligible care home with older residents across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

In addition to this, vaccinations of our housebound patient population are now underway, thanks to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT).

Frontline Health and Social Care Workers: FAQs

We are working hard to encourage as many Frontline Health and Social Care Workers in our area to take up the offer of a vaccination. We have found that a number of our workers have similar queries about the vaccine, so we have put together some of the most frequently asked questions on our website [here](#).

The COVID-19 vaccination is now available to all frontline health and social care workers, both within the NHS and in private provider organisations. Please signpost any frontline health and social care workers to [this page](#) for advice on how to access the vaccine.

What can the public do to support the campaign?

The public have an important part to play to help:

- please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you;
- when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments at exactly the time you're asked to, so that we can avoid queues in this cold weather;
- and please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.

How can you help support the campaign?

We are really appreciative of all of the support you've given us to share news releases, case studies and examples of local people getting their vaccinations across our area. We are very keen to keep sharing these real life stories and will keep doing so on our channel.



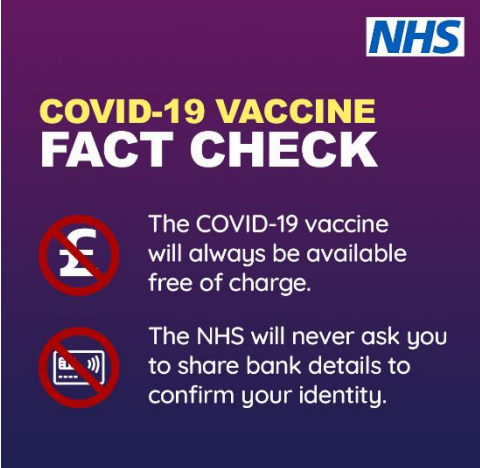


We are also sharing specific information to encourage the following groups in particular to take up the vaccination offer:

- Local people and frontline health and care workers from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds
- Carehome workers – please see the latest from Soham Lodge Care Centre here: https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/news/care-home-staff-send-out-clear-message-about-vaccine?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo
- Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) patients – who may feel reticent to leave their homes after shielding

Support us on social media

We regularly post about the COVID-19 vaccination programme on our [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts. Please do follow us to stay up to date with the latest information.

We would greatly appreciate your support in helping us share some of the key messages around the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Please feel free to use the messages below on your own social media channels.

Post	Image
<p>Getting your vaccination is one of your most effective defences against COVID-19, so if you are invited to have your vaccine please act on this.</p>	 <p>Vaccination is one of your most effective defences against COVID-19</p>
<p>The COVID-19 vaccine has been through the same rigorous clinical trials process as every other vaccine approved for use in the UK. If you are invited to have your vaccine, please act on this.</p>	 <p>The COVID-19 vaccine has been through the same rigorous clinical trials process as every other vaccine approved for use in the UK</p>
<p>Please remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The COVID-19 vaccine will always be available free of charge - The NHS will never ask you to share bank details to confirm your identity 	 <p>COVID-19 VACCINE FACT CHECK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The COVID-19 vaccine will always be available free of charge.  The NHS will never ask you to share bank details to confirm your identity.

To find out more about the vaccination programme locally please visit:
<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/>