

Coronavirus Vaccination in Devon

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Key message

- Vaccinations are continuing in schools for 12–15-year-olds. Parents, guardians or carers of children in this group are being contacted for consent.
- Two in three 18–24-year-olds, and four in five people aged over 16 are fully vaccinated.
- Between 8 December and 10 October **935,930** first doses have been given in Devon while **872,675** second doses have been given; a total of **1,814,294** doses.
- 16/17-year-olds can book their vaccination through the National Booking Service
- Details of walk-in clinics are being regularly shared on NHS Devon CCG's social media pages. You can find your nearest walk-in clinic on NHS England's [site finder here](#).

Booster Vaccinations for Health and Care Staff

- Frontline health and social care workers (HSCW) can book their booster vaccinations through the National Booking Service.
- Any frontline health and social care worker who had their second COVID vaccination **at least 182 days ago** can now attend the [Greendale vaccination site in Exeter](#) without an appointment and receive a booster jab. Sessions are open any time 08.30-19.00, 7 days a week until 24 October.
- Health and social care workers who live in South Devon and Torbay area can access a booster vaccination in Torquay or Newton Abbot.
 - For English Riviera Centre, Torquay please complete [this form](#).
 - For Newton Abbot Racecourse please complete [this form](#).

Third doses vs boosters – explaining the difference

- There has been some confusion reported over the difference between the third primary dose of the Covid-19 vaccine that some people are being offered and the booster dose.
- The JCVI recommend that a third primary dose is offered to people aged 12 years and over with severe immunosuppression around the time of their first or second COVID-19 vaccine doses. This is to support people who may not have had a full immune response to their initial two doses.
- The JCVI also recommend that people in priority groups 1-9, who received their first two vaccines doses as part of Phase 1, should be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine no earlier than six months (182 days) after completion of their primary course. This is a booster dose to reinforce immunisation.

- For clinicians, the Green Book Chapter 14a offers further details on the third primary dose and the reinforcing booster dose.

It's not too late to have your first or second dose

- People in Devon [are being reminded it's not too late](#) to get their first or second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Having both doses is the best way to protect against Covid-19 and the potential long term effects: chances of developing Long Covid halve, according to a study by King's College London, and it significantly reduces the chance of needing hospital treatment and the severity of symptoms.
- Younger adults can still become very unwell or develop Long Covid
- Latest [published statistics](#) from NHS England show that more than 9 in 10 initial assessments were for people of normal working age. 7 in 10 were for women.

Collecting rapid flow tests from pharmacies

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From **October 2021**, you'll need a **collect code** when you pick up your rapid Covid-19 tests from pharmacies

You can get this code:

Online at **gov.uk/get-collect-code** Or by calling **119**

The banner features a blue background with white text. At the top right is the NHS Test and Trace logo. The main text is in white, with 'October 2021' and 'collect code' in bold. Below the text is an illustration of a smartphone displaying '119', a laptop with a location pin icon, and stylized buildings and trees.

- Pharmacy Collect is the latest way for people to collect rapid Covid-19 tests to do at home. This is in addition to the workplace, if available, community testing sites and online ordering.
- People can [get a code online](#) or by calling 119.

Identifying unpaid carers

- People in receipt of a carer's allowance or identified in March 2021 as receiving support from a Local Authority or Carers Organisation, are being called nationally for booster vaccinations providing it's been six months since they completed their primary course.

- A letter from NHS Call and Recall is being sent to nationally identified unpaid carers instructing them to show it to their GP practice and request they're recorded as a carer on their record.
- Please refer to [NICE guidance](#) for identifying new unpaid carers.

Vaccination data for Devon

- 1,814,635 doses have been given between 8 December and 3 October, vaccination [data published](#) by NHS England and NHS Improvement shows. **NHS figures are using updated (2020) ONS population statistics, which means some percentages have changed from earlier weeks:**

Age group	Number of 1st doses given	Number of 2nd doses given	Approx % of age group received at least one dose*	Approx % of age group received both doses
80+	75,822	74,858	95% or above for people aged 50 and over	90% or above for people aged 40 and over
75-79	58,250	57,831		
70-74	77,392	76,734		
65-69	72,136	71,270		
60-64	79,266	76,872		
55-59	85,897	83,983		
50-54	81,127	79,222		
45-49	66,847	64,545	93.3%	
40-44	59,893	57,056	95.4%	
35-39	60,563	56,365	91.7%	85.3%
30-34	60,428	54,361	88.9%	79.9%
25-29	55,561	48,174	82.0%	71.1%
18-24	82,839	69,934	82.6%	69.7%
All under 18	21,638	5,430	9.5%	2.4%
Total (% 16+)	937,659	876,635	93.1%	87.1%

Managing challenging behaviour at vaccination sites

- We know our staff and volunteers at vaccination sites are continuing to encounter challenging behaviour.
- Staff and volunteers may find the free [ACT security e-learning course](#) helpful.
- Anyone needing additional support after experiencing abuse or harassment can contact the [Devon Wellbeing Hub](#).

Be S.A.F.E.R

How NHS staff can self-assess conflict situations at vaccination sites:

Step back to protect yourself. By stepping back you will be able to assess what is going on.

Assess the situation. Consider any potential dangers by assessing the Person (P), any dangerous Objects (O) and the Place (P) where the conflict is arising (POP).

Find help. The scale of help needed can depend on the situation. Tell your site manager or if required call emergency services.

Evaluate the options. You may need to completely move away from the situation and let someone with experience manage the situation.

Respond appropriately. Continue assessing the threat being posed and always ask yourself 'do I feel safe?'

Support for staff with Long COVID

- The NHS has a range of support and services for our staff with Long Covid or Post-Covid-19 syndrome:
- [Online rehab services](#)
- [Apps and helplines for all NHS staff](#)
- [Devon Wellbeing Hub](#)
- NHS managers can access [training to support wellbeing conversations](#).

Other important information

- People can apply for a COVID Pass medical exemption, by phoning 119 and asking for an application form; which will be posted if they are eligible. [Find out more about COVID Pass medical exemptions on the government's website.](#)
- If a member of the public has a current NHS number, is registered with a GP practice in England and believes they have missing or incorrect COVID-19 vaccination data, please advise them to call 119 and ask the call agent to make a referral to the VDRS team on their behalf. The VDRS team will then call the person back within 5 working days.
- New government regulations come into force on 11/11/2021, requiring care home staff to refuse entry to anyone who cannot provide evidence that they have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or that are medically exempt. The regulation applies to all CQC regulated care homes in England. Ambulance clinicians and first responders are however exempt from these requirements. The [exemption can be viewed online.](#)
- The School Age Immunisation service is run by Virgin Care who will manage any queries and can be contacted on 0300 247 0082 or VCL.immunisations@nhs.net

- Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will continue to be contacted by paediatricians and directed to call 01752 398836 or email d-ccg.devonvaccinationsupport@nhs.net to make the vaccination appointment.
- People who need support to have their Covid-19 vaccination can access help through the Devon Vaccine Support Team at d-ccg.devonvaccinationsupport@nhs.net / 01752 398836

Further information

For more information on vaccination and the health and care response to COVID-19, click on www.togetherfordevon.uk/priorities/coronavirus-covid-19 or the [NHS website](#).

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