

Annex 1 to Covid-19 Update Report COVID-19 Vaccination Programme – 13th January 2021

Please note that delivery of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme is changing at pace. The information below is correct at time of writing (13th Jan 2021).

National Context

Vaccines are the way out of this pandemic. An effective vaccine is the best way to protect people from coronavirus and will save thousands of lives. Following extensive safety trials and authorisation by the independent regulator, the MHRA (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency), effective COVID-19 vaccines are available in the UK for free. The NHS will contact individuals when it is their turn to get the vaccine.

At the time of writing 1.5 million of the most vulnerable and those who care for them have already been vaccinated in England. A quarter of all over 80s have been vaccinated and will be protected from coronavirus when their immunity develops in 14 days.

This will be a marathon, not a sprint, and we cannot let down our guard. People must follow the rules to stop the spread of coronavirus.

UK COVID-19 Vaccines Delivery Plan

On 11th January 2021, the Department of Health & Social Care published the [UK COVID-19 Vaccines Delivery Plan](#). The aim of the COVID-19 vaccination programme is to protect those who are at most risk from serious illness or death from COVID-19.

[The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#), advised that the priority for the current COVID-19 vaccination programme should be the prevention of COVID-19 mortality and the protection of health and social care staff and systems. The Committee advised that the vaccine should first be given to residents in a care home for older adults and their carers, then to those over 80 years old as well as frontline health and social care workers, then to the rest of the population in order of age and clinical risk factors.

By 15 February the Government aim to have offered a first vaccine dose to everyone in the top four priority groups identified by the JCVI:

- all residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
- all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
- all those 75 years of age and over
- all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals

Guidance on dose intervals

After studying all the available data, the JCVI concluded that the first dose of either Pfizer/BioNTech or Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine provides substantial protection within 2-3 weeks of vaccination from severe COVID-19 disease. The second vaccine dose is important to sustain the protection and extend its duration. In the short term, the additional impact of the second dose is likely to be modest and most of the initial protection from clinical disease is after the first dose of vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine Surveillance Strategy

On 11th January, Public Health England have published a [COVID-19 Vaccine Surveillance Strategy](#). This document includes the proposed post-implementation surveillance plan for COVID-19 vaccines in England.

Local Update

The following information provides an overview of the roll-out of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme in Surrey:

COVID-19 vaccines being used in Surrey

1. Pfizer-BioNTech was the first vaccine to be approved for use in the UK. Trials showed that the vaccine is 95% effective after two doses. The UK is due to get 40 million doses. It must be stored at around -70C, it is stored in packed dry ice when transported to vaccination centres. Once delivered the vaccine can be stored in a fridge at between 2C and 8C for up to five days.
2. Oxford University/Astra Zenica vaccine. Approved for use in the UK in December 2020, trials showed it as 70% effective with a strong immune response in older adults. It is given in two doses, the UK has ordered 100 million doses. It is one of the easiest vaccines to distribute because it does not need to be stored at very cold temperatures.

A third vaccine has been approved, Moderna, but will not be available in the UK until late spring.

Vaccination sites and locations

Vaccines will be offered in a range of community settings including hospitals, the large vaccine centre in Epsom Race Course and GP led Vaccination Centres. Some teams will visit people to offer the vaccine, for example in care homes, other people may have to go to the nearest centre. It is hoped that no one will have to travel further than 10 miles to receive their vaccination.

Details of local vaccination sites can be found [here](#)

How are people being contacted?

Eligible patients are being contacted to come forward for their vaccination in a variety of ways. Networks of local GP practices are working together and using the usual range of communications methods (calls, text messages, letters) available to them to make contact with patients. People are being told where to attend and when they are invited. Once they have had their initial vaccination, they will be informed when they will need to go back for their second dose.

People are being asked not to contact the NHS regarding a vaccination appointment. The NHS will contact people to book an appointment when it is their turn.

A COVID-19 'Vaccination Special' Communication has been circulated to COVID Champions in Surrey for dissemination among local communities.

Attending vaccination appointments during lockdown

Leaving the house for medical reasons, including a Covid-19 vaccination appointment, is allowed during and people should attend their appointment if contacted by the NHS. Each service is carefully planned with strict safety measure in place.

Surrey Heartlands update

Surrey Heartlands COVID-19 Vaccination Programme updates are available [here](#) and COVID-19 Vaccination **Frequently Asked Questions** are available [here](#).

To date, the following sites have provided vaccinations services:

Site	Location – Town/Area	Borough/District
Chertsey Hall Community Centre	Chertsey	Runnymede
The Hythe Centre	Staines	Runnymede
The Westway	Caterham	Tandridge
Tandridge District Council Offices	Oxted	Tandridge
St Christopher’s Church	Haslemere	Guildford
Royal Surrey County Hospital	Guildford	Guildford
Victoria Gate	Woking	Woking
Woodhatch Place	Woodhatch	Reigate & Banstead
Centenary Hall	Horley	Reigate & Banstead
Holmhurst Surgery	Redhill	Reigate & Banstead
Surrey and Sussex Hospitals	Redhill	Reigate & Banstead
Emberbrook Surgery	Thames Ditton	Elmbridge
Medwyns Surgery	Dorking	Mole Valley
Epsom Racecourse	Epsom	Epsom & Ewell

More sites will be coming on stream shortly to ensure full coverage across the whole of Surrey Heartlands. Once all sites are up and running and as more vaccine becomes available – where possible – they will provide the service 12 hours/day, 7 days a week.

Frimley Health & Care update

Frimley Health & Care COVID-19 Vaccination Programme updates are available [here](#). As in Surrey Heartlands, the vaccine is being offered in a range of community settings, including hospitals, pharmacies and local vaccination centres run by GPs. Vaccinations are currently being rolled-out at the following sites in Surrey:

- Heatherside, Surrey Heath, moving to Lakeside next week
- Farnham Centre for Health, Farnham

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