

We understand that these are very difficult and concerning times for everyone, with many mixed messages in various media outlets. To try to address this we have worked with the CCG to agree this communication, which we hope will provide some clarity as to the Vaccine delivery for our patients.

We request that you do not contact your GP surgery with queries about when, or where you will receive your Covid vaccine, as this is limiting their ability to respond to patients who have direct medical needs. You will be contacted; please be patient, although we do appreciate this is difficult, it is the most helpful thing that you can do at this time.

If you are registered with this practice and fall into the current priority groups (see below), you have a choice about where to get your vaccine.

- You can go to the local vaccination centre at Bedworth Civic Hall. You will be invited by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. Please do not go without an invitation.

Or

- You can choose to travel to a Large Vaccination Centre at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire or Millennium Point, Birmingham. There may also be other vaccination providers you can choose from when booking your appointment. You will receive a letter inviting you from NHS England (if this is not convenient, you can wait until you receive an invitation for the Bedworth Civic Hall Vaccination Centre).

Please note that the Abbeygate Centre is not an option if you are registered with our surgery.

What are the current priority groups?

Vaccinations are given in line with the guidance set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), who decide the order in which people should be vaccinated. The poster attached demonstrates the top priority groups.

The focus currently is on vaccinating groups 1 – 4 (in order from the top priority downwards).

The top four priority groups are:

1. Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
2. All those 80 years of age and over and health and social care workers
3. All those 75 years of age and over
4. All those 70 years of age and over or are clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 18 years of age)

The current plan is that all patients in these cohorts will have been invited for their first vaccine by 15th Feb 2021 (subject to vaccine availability)

FAQs

I missed the call inviting me for a vaccine, what do I do?

If you are 80 and over and believe you missed a telephone call from the booking centre, you can telephone them on 0300 3031919 Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm. Please do not telephone this number unless you have already received an invitation or believe you have missed a call. It is important that phone lines are kept clear for those who have been invited to arrange an appointment.

What if I am housebound?

Patients who are unable to leave the house will be contacted by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (not their GP surgery) to arrange a home visit. Please note that this will be arranged with you and you should ask to see staff's identity badge when they arrive at your home.

The current estimate for completing this work is approximately 6-8 weeks, so if it is possible to bring someone to the vaccine centre then please arrange this. There are volunteer drivers who can provide transport, please request this when booking in the centre.

What makes me extremely clinically vulnerable?

You:

- have had an organ transplant
- are having chemotherapy or antibody treatment for cancer, including immunotherapy
- are having an intense course of radiotherapy (radical radiotherapy) for lung cancer
- are having targeted cancer treatments that can affect the immune system (such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors)
- have blood or bone marrow cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma)
- have had a bone marrow or stem cell transplant in the past 6 months, or are still taking immunosuppressant medicine
- have been told by a doctor you have a severe lung condition (such as cystic fibrosis, severe asthma or severe COPD)
- have a condition that means you have a very high risk of getting infections (such as SCID or sickle cell)
- are taking medicine that makes you much more likely to get infections (such as high doses of steroids or immunosuppressant medicine)
- have a problem with your spleen or your spleen has been removed (splenectomy)
- are an adult with Down's syndrome
- are an adult who is having dialysis or has severe (stage 5) long-term kidney disease
- have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, based on clinical judgement and an assessment of your needs

For more information

Visit the website <https://www.warwickshirenorthccg.nhs.uk/Be-Healthy/COVID-19-vaccination> or you can email general enquiries to warnoccg.vaccinecoventrywarwickshire@nhs.net