

Coronavirus Vaccination in Devon

Briefing #28 – 16 July 2021

Key messages

- There are lots of places you can have your vaccine. Walk in clinics this weekend include The Devon Car Show at Westpoint and Paignton Pier
- 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 [here](#).
- You can book an appointment [online](#) or by calling 119
- Public Health England's infection prevention control guidelines and hospital visiting guidance for health settings are set to remain in place for all staff and visitors after 19 July. **This means everyone accessing or visiting healthcare settings must continue to wear a face covering and follow social distancing rules.**
- **More than 1.5 million** doses have been given in Devon.
- 888,142 people in Devon received a first vaccine dose up to 11 July while 694,844 second doses have been given. In total 1,582,986 were given.
- 9 out of 10 adults have had their first dose.
- 7 out of 10 adults have had both doses.
- More than two thirds of 18-24-year-olds have had their first dose.
- Carers who would like to have their Covid-19 vaccination but cannot leave those that they care for can now access help to get their vaccination through the Devon Vaccine Support Team at d-ccg.devonvaccinationsupport@nhs.net / 01752 398836
- Cases of the Delta variant are continuing to rise across Devon. People are being reminded to continue to follow social distancing measures.

Face coverings and social distancing stay in healthcare settings

- England's Chief Nurse has reminded the public that everyone accessing or visiting healthcare settings must continue to wear a face covering and follow social distancing rules.
- **Public Health England's infection prevention control guidelines and hospital visiting guidance are set to remain in place for all staff and visitors after 19 July**
- NHS visitor guidance **will stay in place across all health services** including hospitals, GP practices, dental practices, optometrists and pharmacies to ensure patients and staff are protected.
- Staff, patients and visitors will also be expected to continue to follow social distancing rules when visiting any care setting as well as using face coverings, mask and other personal protection equipment.



- The NHS will continue to support staff in ensuring that the guidance is followed in all healthcare settings.
- Chief Nursing Officer for England, Ruth May said: “Face coverings and social distancing measures will remain in place across healthcare settings so that the most vulnerable people can continue to safely attend hospital, their GP surgery, pharmacy or any other healthcare settings for advice, care and treatment.”

Care homes to continue with some visiting restrictions

- **Devon's care home providers say measures to control the spread of coronavirus will remain in place in care homes beyond 19 July.**
- Care home providers say their residents are extremely vulnerable. Visits from family and friends are important but it is vital that they protect residents from Covid-19 and other infectious illnesses that are currently circulating in the community.
- They say that care homes will continue following public health measures at a local level, to protect the health of their residents and staff.
- Those measures are likely to include the requirement for visitors to wear face coverings unless exempt, to socially distance, to wear Personal Protective Equipment if needed, to follow hand hygiene guidance, and to check-in for Test and Trace purposes.

Massive vote of confidence for primary care

- GPs across Devon, who have played a pivotal role in the vaccination programme at a time when demand for their services has risen by 14%, have received a boost from the results of a major patient survey.
- The latest GP patient survey, carried out by Ipsos Mori received 17,000 responses from Devon patients
- 9/10 rated their services as good. Devon was rated above the England average in all categories.
- The [news has been hailed](#) as a ‘massive vote of confidence in the county’s GP practices’ by health leaders.

All second doses can be given from 8 weeks

- All adults are now eligible to have the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccination 8 weeks after the first.
- The Government has brought forward the second dose for those under 40, shortening the dose interval to eight weeks for all age groups.
- Subject to supply remaining stable, this means that all adults will have had the opportunity to get a full course of vaccine by mid-September.
- Booked appointments can be made through the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.
- 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 [here](#)

Changes to isolation rules from 16 August

- From 16 August, people who have both vaccine doses or are under 18 won't have to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone who has Covid-19.
- Young people and double vaccinated individuals identified as close contacts will continue to be advised to take a PCR test to detect the virus and variants of concern.
- Anyone who tests positive following the PCR test will still be legally required to self-isolate, irrespective of their vaccination status.

Vaccination data for Devon

888,142 people in Devon received a first vaccine dose between 8 December and 11 July, vaccination [data published](#) by NHS England and NHS Improvement shows, broken down as follows:

| 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 |
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| 80+ | 77,627 | 75,913 | 95% or above for people aged 55 and over | 90% or above for people aged 50 and over |
| 75-79 | 58,666 | 58,080 | | |
| 70-74 | 77,555 | 76,683 | | |
| 65-69 | 71,966 | 70,774 | | |
| 60-64 | 78,815 | 75,832 | | |
| 55-59 | 85,075 | 82,142 | | |
| 50-54 | 80,184 | 77,036 | 94.3% | |
| 45-49 | 65,351 | 55,085 | 88.1% | 74.3% |
| 40-44 | 58,081 | 40,933 | 94.1% | 66.3% |
| 35-39 | 57,424 | 24,794 | 87.6% | 37.8% |
| 30-34 | 55,602 | 20,561 | 84.3% | 31.3% |
| 25-29 | 49,037 | 17,000 | 70.8% | 24.5% |
| 18-24 | 62,858 | 18,433 | 68.5% | 18.3% |
| Total (18+) | 888,142 | 694,844 | 91.1% | 71.2% |

Delta variant

Public Health England's weekly figures on the Delta variant at Lower Tier Local Authority level – all areas have again seen increases

| Local authority area | This week's data | Last week's data |
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| East Devon | 151 | 90 |
| Exeter | 364 | 260 |
| Mid Devon | 110 | 66 |
| North Devon | 94 | 57 |
| Plymouth | 427 | 186 |
| South Hams | 86 | 43 |
| Teignbridge | 162 | 89 |
| Torbay | 177 | 89 |
| Torridge | 69 | 55 |
| West Devon | 29 | 17 |

AZ batches and travel – reminder

- Some enquiries have been received from people concerned that certain batches of the Oxford Astra Zeneca vaccine, known as Covishield, were not being approved by the EU for travel.
- All batches of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine used in the UK are equally safe and effective.
- The Government says that no Covishield vaccines have been administered in the UK and that all AstraZeneca vaccines given in the UK appear on the NHS COVID Pass as Vaxzevria.

Resources supporting vaccine uptake

- On 5 July NHS Devon CCG held a live public webinar to address people's concerns about fertility, pregnancy and breast feeding. You can watch it back [here](#)
- South West sports stars and celebrities are encouraging people to “Get it Done” and have their Covid-19 vaccination as soon as possible to protect themselves, their loved ones and their local community. The video files can be found [here](#)
- Video resources to support the uptake of the vaccine in Black African, Black African Caribbean and Asian communities have been produced and are available to use and share:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCSameEcCil>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TO7LKJWIFJU&t=87s>
- Information videos in BSL have been updated and are [available to download](#)
- Public Health England has created new explainer videos:
 - For health and care workers
<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/explainer-videos-NK-carer/>
 - On pregnancy and fertility:

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/explainer-videos-NK/>

- The government has published [easy read leaflets](#) on the Covid-19 vaccination, what to expect afterwards and information for women who are pregnant, planning a pregnancy or breastfeeding in 21 languages.
- The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the vaccination centre at Greendale, has published a series of short films that encourage younger people to take up the COVID-19 vaccination. The short films can easily be shared across social media platforms and are available for use.

<https://vimeo.com/565226035>

<https://vimeo.com/565218682>

<https://vimeo.com/565364321/cc0401ceb0>

<https://vimeo.com/565507498/ed95efe984>

Other important information

- Booster jabs may be offered to the most vulnerable people and over 50s from September alongside flu vaccinations.
- People who have had both vaccinations can demonstrate their vaccination status two weeks after their second dose through the [NHS COVID Pass](#). This can be used for travelling abroad to some countries and at a series of event trials in England (always check specific arrangements for the destination)
- Students can receive their second dose in a different location to their first dose. Appointments can be booked via the [National Booking Service](#) at a convenient location.
- People who aren't registered with a GP and can't book through the National Booking Service can book Covid-19 vaccination appointments through the Vaccine Helpdesk:
d-ccg.devonvaccinationsupport@nhs.net

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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