

Coronavirus Vaccination in Devon

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Key messages

- **More than 1.5 million** doses have been given in Devon.
- **861,763 people** in Devon received a first vaccine dose up to 27 June while 657,902 second doses have been given. In total 1,519,665 were given.
- **Almost 9/10** of adults have had their first dose.
- **Over two thirds** of adults have had both doses.
- **Over 90%** of people aged over 55 have had both doses.
- **Over 50%** of 18-24 year olds have had their first dose.
- 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)
- Cases of the Delta variant are continuing to rise across Devon. People are being reminded to continue to follow social distancing measures.



Booster jabs may be offered to most vulnerable and over 50s

- Millions of people most vulnerable to COVID-19 may be offered a booster vaccination from September to ensure the protection they have from first and second doses is maintained ahead of the winter and against new variants, following interim advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).
- Stage 1. The following people should be offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine and the annual influenza vaccine as soon as possible from September 2021:
 - adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed
 - those living in residential care homes for older adults

- all adults aged 70 years or over
- adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable
- frontline health and social care workers
- Stage 2. The following people should be offered a third COVID-19 booster vaccine as soon as practicable after stage 1 with equal emphasis on deployment of the influenza vaccine where eligible:
 - all adults aged 50 years and over
 - all adults aged 16 to 49 years who are in an influenza or COVID-19 at-risk group as outlined in the Green Book
 - adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals

South West Celebrities call on you to ‘Get it Done’ in new film

- South West sports stars and celebrities 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.
- “Get it Done” is a new film, created at venues across the South West which features Michael Eavis, Jeff Stelling from Sky Sports, Charles Piutau from the Bristol Bears, British gymnasts Phoebe Jakubczyk and Alice Sumners as well as a range of people from our local venues and communities.
- It’s hoped it will drive the message home to get your first vaccination booked or even bring your second forward to increase your protection against the COVID-19 virus.
- The video files can be found [here](#)

New video resources supporting vaccine uptake

- New 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>

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/>

Live webinar on fertility, pregnancy and breastfeeding

A promotional graphic for a live webinar. It features a background image of a person's hands holding a baby. The text is overlaid on this image. The NHS logo is in the top right corner. The main title is 'Vaccinations, fertility, pregnancy, and breastfeeding'. Below this, it says 'Live webinar' and 'Monday 5 July 2021 6 - 7pm'. To the right, there is a call to action: 'Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and fertility, pregnancy, or breastfeeding? Join our live webinar to hear from experts and ask your questions'. At the bottom right, there is a blue button that says 'Click the link below to register'.

A live webinar on [5 July 2021 from 6-7pm](#) will hear from experts and allow people to ask their questions.

The recording will be published for those unable to join the event live.

Which Covid-19 test is appropriate?

- Some patients who have a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or a change to their usual sense of taste or smell are taking a rapid lateral flow device test to find out whether they have COVID-19.
- Lateral flow device tests are for people who do not show any symptoms of having coronavirus.
- Patients with any of the symptoms, must self-isolate immediately and arrange a free PCR test. PCR tests can be booked [online](#), or by phoning 119.

Advice for parents

- We are seeing an increase in Covid cases, especially in the younger age groups in our schools. It's still important for children with a fever, or any other Covid symptom, to stay at home and get a test.
- Parents of children with any of the main symptoms of COVID 19:
 - a fever
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss or change to their sense of smell or tasteare advised to keep their child at home and book a PCR test as soon as possible online or calling 119.

Walk-in clinics at Devon County Show

- Pop up walk-in clinics are being held at the Devon County Show this weekend.
- The clinics are open to county show visitors in the Wadsworth pavilion.
- People can have their first dose of Pfizer or their second dose of Astra Zeneca vaccine, providing it is at least 8 weeks since their first dose.
- Staff at Devon County Council will also be offering lateral flow tests to show visitors from their stand.

Vaccination data for Devon

861,763 people in Devon received a first vaccine dose between 8 December and 27 June, 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
80+	77,884	76,075	95% or above for people aged 55 and over	90% or above for people aged 55 and over
75-79	58,704	58,052		
70-74	77,550	76,568		
65-69	71,900	70,512		
60-64	78,669	75,382		
55-59	84,880	81,399		
50-54	79,886	75,889	94.0%	89.3%
45-49	64,836	40,712	87.4%	54.9%
40-44	57,451	27,817	93.1%	45.1%
35-39	56,055	21,077	85.5%	32.1%
30-34	53,432	19,347	81.0%	29.3%
25-29	44,800	16,215	64.6%	23.4%
18-24	52,779	17,447	52.6%	17.4%
Under 18	2,937	1,410	1.3%	0.6%
Total (18+)	861,763	657,902	88.3%	67.4%

Delta variant

Public Health England's weekly figures on the Delta variant at Lower Tier Local Authority level

Local authority area	This week's data	Last week's data
East Devon	43	17

Exeter	127	77
Mid Devon	42	19
North Devon	29	13
Plymouth	96	52
South Hams	22	14
Teignbridge	56	41
Torbay	35	21
Torrige	39	10
West Devon	11	8

What to expect at the vaccine centre

- 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>

Why should I have the vaccine? Information for younger people

- Vaccinated people are far less likely to get COVID-19 with symptoms and pass it on to others and are even more unlikely to get serious COVID-19, to be admitted to hospital, or to die from it.
- Even if you are younger, you can still get seriously ill from Covid, including longer lasting symptoms from 'Long Covid' like severe fatigue.
- Getting vaccinated will help us all get life back to normal by reducing the spread of the virus and protecting your family and friends.
- A [study](#) published by the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change argues that vaccinations clearly provide substantial protection from Covid-19 in general and additional protection from Long Covid specifically. Additional emerging evidence suggests that vaccination also alleviates the symptoms of Long Covid.

Other important information

- Information videos in BSL have been updated and are [available to download](#)

- 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.
- 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.
- Individuals 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
- It is important that we protect all patients and NHS healthcare workers, vaccinated or not, by ensuring that all NHS healthcare workers continue to maintain regular asymptomatic testing and keep following infection prevention and control guidance to stop onward transmission.

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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