



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

Since our last update at the end of February, all legally enforceable Covid-19 restrictions in England have been lifted.

Removing the measures that we had all become so accustomed to over the last two years has only been possible thanks to the success of the vaccination programme, and while it is good news that life is slowly returning to normal, we cannot pretend the pandemic is over.

Many people are still in hospital with Covid-19, and hundreds of others continue to catch this nasty virus on a daily basis.

The NHS in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, along with our colleagues from across the country, urge people to act with caution, and to not let complacency get the better of us.

We all have a moral responsibility to keep Covid-19 at arm's length, so please help us to remind people that while it is no longer a legal requirement to do so, staying at home and away from others when showing coronavirus symptoms will help stop the virus from spreading.

Mask wearing and social distancing will also remain in all local health and care settings, and we thank our local communities for their continued cooperation and observation of these rules.

Updates



Outreach teams out in force throughout February

A total of 18 pop-up vaccination clinics were held across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire during February.

A variety of unique and diverse venues, including pubs, places of worship, sports stadiums and universities, played host to the pop-up sites, which offered people the chance to get vaccinated close to home and without an appointment.

More than 700 people visited one of the sites, with more than 100 of these coming forward for their very first vaccine dose.

New opening times at Bath Racecourse and Salisbury City Hall

Changes have been made to the opening times of the region's two large vaccination centres at Bath Racecourse and Salisbury City Hall,

From this week, the racecourse site will no longer open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and its City Hall counterpart will only be opening after 2.30pm on 4, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24 March.





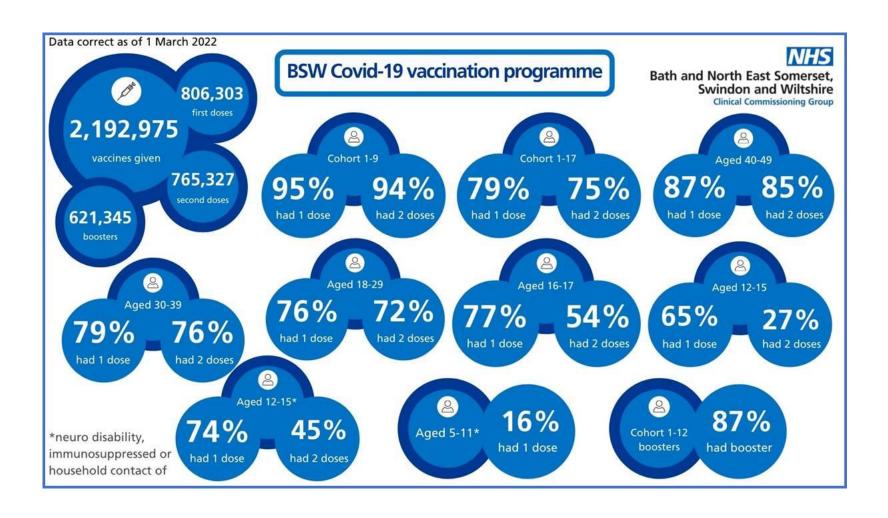
Hundreds of vulnerable youngsters come forward, but more are needed

Parents of children who are aged between five and 11-yearsold and considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable are encouraged to bring their son or daughter forward to be vaccinated.

More than 600 vulnerable youngsters have so far had the Covid-19 jab, but it is estimated that several hundred more have still yet to respond to the vaccination invitation.

Child vaccine clinics are happening across the region, with many sites allowing families to arrive without an appointment.

Vaccination progress to date



The BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme is being led by BSW CCG with support from partner organisations including voluntary community and social enterprises.

