



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

A second Covid-19 booster jab will be available to care home residents and people over the age of 75 from this coming Monday.

The rollout of this extra layer of protection for those among us who are most susceptible to falling seriously to coronavirus could not come at a more opportune moment.

In the last few weeks, the number of people in our region testing positive for Covid-19 has increased dramatically.

At the start of the month, daily positive test results stood at around 560, but that has now risen to more than 1,100.

In light of these concerning statistics, my health colleagues and I are once again reminding people to hold on to the behaviours we have all abided by over the last two years, namely staying home and away from others when showing Covid-19 symptoms wearing a face-covering in enclosed public spaces and maintaining social distancing when out and about.

These last two points are especially pertinent for any person visiting a local healthcare setting, such as a hospital, GP practice or pharmacy, as coronavirus safety measures continue to be observed and enforced.

Updates



Second booster vaccine for over 75s and care home residents

People aged 75 and over, as well as those residing in a care home, will be able to have their Covid-19 immunity topped up with a second booster vaccine from Monday 21 March.

Those coming forward for this new jab, which for many people is their fourth vaccination, will need to have had their first booster dose at least three months ago.

However, while this additional top-up dose can be given 12 weeks after the first, experts suggest it is best for people to receive the second booster after a period of six months.

Update on Salisbury City Hall's future as a vaccination centre

It has now been confirmed that Salisbury City Hall will remain as one of the region's two large vaccination centres until at least June of this year.

In addition, Wiltshire Council has also pledged that, should the venue be needed as a vaccine clinic after this summer, vaccination teams will be able to stay based at the site through to March 2023.





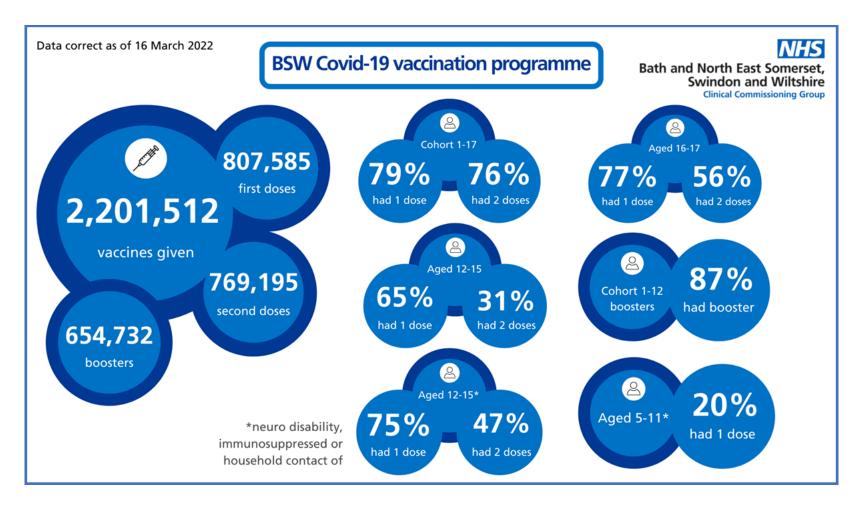
More than two thirds of young adults have received booster vaccine

Sixty-eight per cent of adults aged between 18 and 29-years-old have now had a Covid-19 booster vaccine.

Uptake has been slower than in other age groups due to high rates of Covid-19 among young adults.

Currently, people over the age of 18 who have recently tested positive for coronavirus must wait until four weeks after their symptoms have cleared before having a booster.

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.







