



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

In the last 48 hours, it has been announced that all children aged between five and 11-years-old will soon be able to receive a low dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

As mentioned in previous briefings, rolling out the vaccine to young children other than those deemed to be clinically extremely vulnerable was something we had been expecting and beginning to plan for behind-the-scenes.

Our teams are now digesting yesterday's announcement, and continuing to look at what can be delivered locally, while still awaiting further guidance from the government and our national NHS colleagues.

One thing that was made clear from the government was that this extension of the vaccination programme to children will not be delivered in the same urgent and rapid way of previous rollouts, which means parents can be assured that their child will be offered the vaccine when the time is right.

For now, we kindly ask that parents await further instruction, and hold off from visiting a vaccination centre in person, contacting their GP practice or attempting to book a vaccine appointment online.

Gill May,
Director of Nursing and Quality

Updates



Bath Racecourse to close due to strong winds of Storm Eunice

The vaccination centre at Bath Racecourse will be closed on Friday 18 February due to the extremely strong winds that are expected to be felt locally.

People with an appointment already booked have been contacted and offered an alternative slot at the earliest possible date.

The site is expected to reopen as normal again on Saturday 19 February.

Hundreds of vulnerable children come forward for Covid-19 jab

More than 250 of the region's most at-risk children have so far come forward for their single dose of the coronavirus vaccine.

Children aged between five and 11-years-old who are deemed to be clinically extremely vulnerable can receive the jab at one of 15 venues across the region, including Salisbury City Hall, which is rewarding all youngsters getting the vaccine with a superhero bravery certificate.





Changes being made at region's large vaccination centres

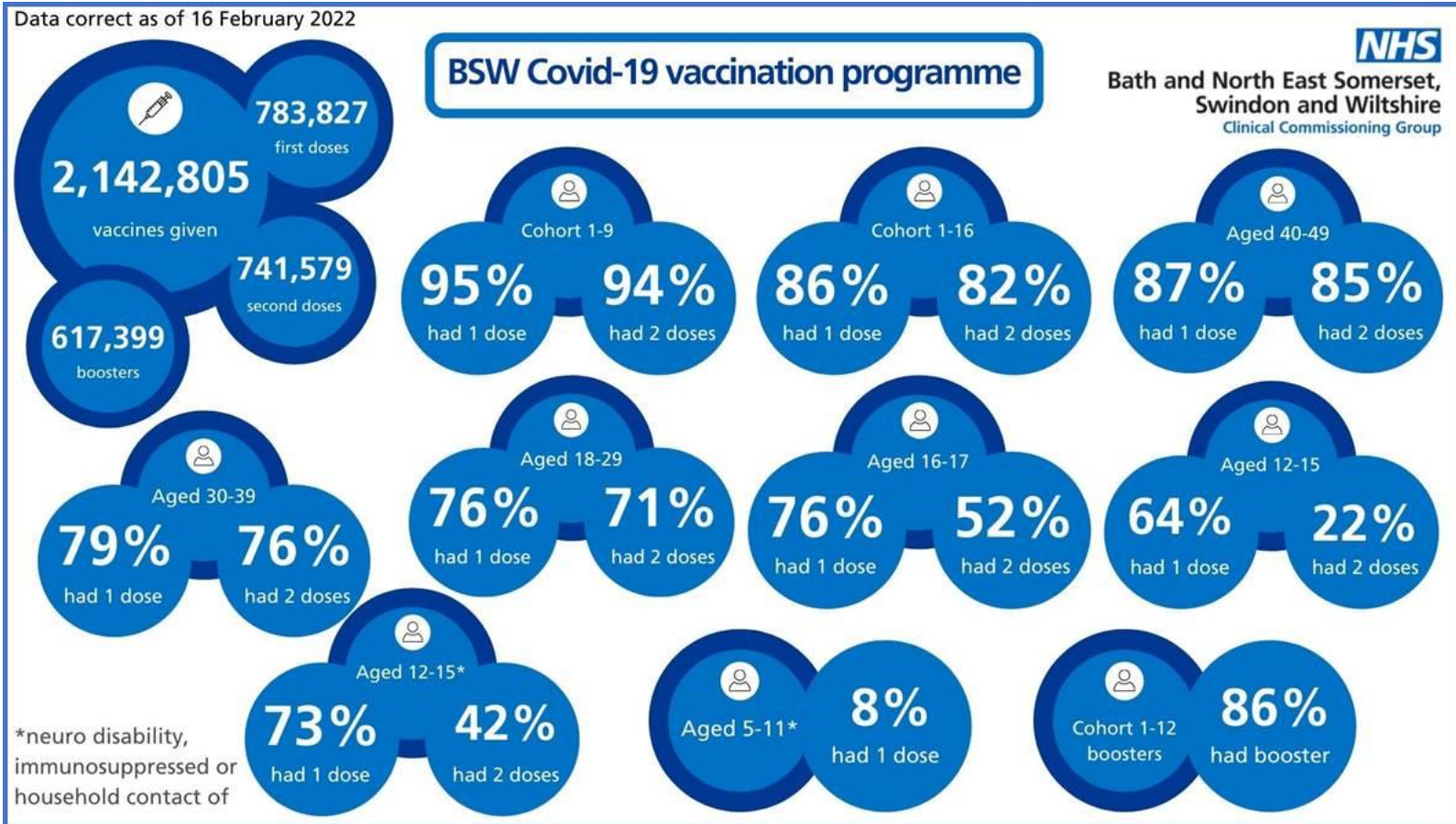
From next month, the large vaccination centre at Bath Racecourse will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The site will remain open between 8am and 8pm on all other days.

In Swindon, the vaccination centre at the Steam Museum will soon move from its current home in the large Great Western Hall to the smaller adjacent Hawksworth Hall.

The date for this move has yet to be finalised, but details will be shared as soon as possible.

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.

