

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“As mentioned last week, we are in a race against time to provide as many vaccinations as possible before the expected lifting of all social distancing restrictions on Monday 19 July.

“Although we continue to make good progress in administering vaccines, with more than 40,000 given out in the last seven days, we are looking to press the accelerator even more over the next three weeks.

“Many of our vaccination sites are now beginning to introduce walk-in clinics, in which no appointment is required, meaning people can simply turn up and get vaccinated.

“The first walk-in clinics are happening today, at the Steam Museum in Swindon and at the Corn Exchange in Devizes, with more planned in other areas across the weekend.

“To begin with, these walk-in clinics will only be for people aged 40 and over who require the AstraZeneca vaccine, as we know it’s essential that any people left in this age group are vaccinated without further delay.

“We’re hoping this new approach will generate a really positive response, and pave the way for more walk-in clinics for those younger age groups that require the Pfizer-manufactured vaccine.

“Having been on this vaccination journey for some time now, we know that more vulnerable people can be put off from attending their vaccine appointment due to fear, anxiety or a learning disability.

“To ensure no person with these conditions is left behind, we are looking at holding an outdoor, relaxed vaccination clinic at Lydiard Park in Swindon in the coming weeks.

“This will allow our vaccination teams to give the vaccine in a completely non-clinical environment, and we hope to be able share more details soon.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Wednesday 23 June, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 1,114,001 vaccinations, made up of 638,703 first doses and 475,298 second doses
- We continue to strongly encourage anybody coming for the vaccine to have eaten something beforehand as, due to the warmer weather, we have seen more people feeling faint after being injected

- We have seen huge demand from the younger age groups who have recently become eligible for the vaccine, with Bath Racecourse's Pfizer clinics becoming fully booked and the team delivering around 1,600 vaccines per day
- A new weekend-only vaccination clinic at Savernake Hospital in Marlborough will open on Saturday 26 June
- Some vaccine sites, particularly those based at community pharmacies, have reported a growing number of missed appointments, so we continue to ask people unable to make their vaccination to cancel in advance
- Although booster vaccines for later in the year have yet to be officially announced by the government, we continue to plan for this eventuality and how an autumn covid vaccination programme would work alongside vaccines for flu
- We hope that the mobile vaccination clinic will be able to use the Pfizer vaccine from next week, meaning more people from the younger age groups will be able to be vaccinated from a community-based location

Vaccination progress to date



