

Lordswood Medical Practice/Ridgacre House Surgery

Covid-19 vaccination programme status

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This week we have passed our landmark to offer vaccinations to everyone in priority groups 1-9, and are now inviting patients between 45 and 50 years.

We continue to adjust our processes to accommodate the recent advice about use of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine in patients under 30. For more information on this visit the Joint Committee on Vaccines and Immunisations [here](#). In the meantime, please note the recommendation that **if you have already had a first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine you should have your second dose as planned.**

With respect of the new priority group of **adults living with adults who are immunosuppressed**, follow [this link](#) for more information. We have also added a **new FAQ** on this (see FAQ 14).

We continue to hold a vaccine for everyone over 50, at-risk and carers (Groups 1-9) as priority even as we move on to people under 50. So, **if you are one of these please contact us now** and we will be thrilled to give you your jab. If you are hesitant or have a question, phone the surgery and book a consultation with a doctor or nurse. We will help you with honest and accurate advice.

For everyone else between 18 and 45 please remember: we will contact you when it is your turn. It really helps us if you do not contact us to ask about your vaccination. Visit this page once a week or so – we update any new information here as we get it. If you have a question that cannot be answered from the information on this page, please use the '[Contact us](#)' link on this website to ask us, instead of phoning us. We will aim to respond as soon as possible and within a week at the latest. See the table below and our FAQs for more detail and information about the current status of our vaccination programme.

National Priority	Status	Advice
1: Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults.	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
2i: All those 80 years of age and over – not housebound	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
2ii: All those 80 years of age and over – housebound	All invited at least once	The Community Trust have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQs 1&4)

2iii: Frontline health and social care workers	All invited at least once	The hospital hub have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQs 1&5)
3: All those 75 years of age and over	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
4i: All those 70 years of age and over	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
4ii: Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 16 years of age)	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1&5)
Government target for inviting priority groups 1-4: Mid-February 2021 – met		
6i: All those 65 years and over	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
6ii: Adults in an at-risk group or who live with an adult who is immunosuppressed	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQs 1&6)
6iii: Those in receipt of carer’s allowance or those who are main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1&7)
6iv: People on the GP register for Learning Disability and their carer	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
7: All those 60 years of age and over.	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
8: All those 55 years of age and over.	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
9: All those 50 years of age and over.	All invited at least once	We have your vaccine – get in touch! (See FAQ 1)
Government target for inviting priority groups 5-9: Spring 2021 - met		

10-12: Adults between 18 and 50 years	Currently being invited	We will contact you. We are currently inviting people between 45-50 years.
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Vaccine FAQ

FAQ 1: I thought I would be called by now but have not heard anything. Have I been missed?

Don't miss out! If you are in one of the priority groups that we have marked as 'All invited at least once', but have not been contacted by us, or if we have contacted you and you declined our invitation but have now changed your mind, please phone us or use the '[Contact us](#)' link on the homepage to get in touch. Please include 'Vaccine catchup' in the subject line and include details of how we can get in touch with you. We will then contact you to offer an appointment.

If you are our patient but are currently staying somewhere else, visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

to book at a centre convenient to where you are. Click [here](#) for more information on how to make sure you don't miss out on getting your vaccine, including how to register with a GP or get a NHS number if you don't have one.

FAQ 2: I said no to my vaccine when you invited me. Can I change my mind?

Yes -don't miss out! If you are in one of the priority groups that we have marked as 'All invited at least once', but have not been contacted by us, or you declined our invitation but have changed your mind, please phone us or use the '[Contact us](#)' link on the homepage to get in touch. Please include 'Vaccine catchup' in the subject line and include details of how we can get in touch with you. We will then contact you to offer an appointment.

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FAQ 3: I am worried you might not have my correct contact details. How do I update these?

Don't miss out! Make sure that we have your up to date contact details. You can update these [here](#).

FAQ 4: I am a housebound patient. How will I get my vaccine?

Patients in this group are being vaccinated by the Community Trust (including District Nurse service). It took a little longer to organise this because of the challenge of taking the vaccine to your homes but we now believe we have reached all of this group.

FAQ 5: I am a frontline health or social care worker. How can I get my vaccine?

For frontline health or social care workers the arrangement in Birmingham is for you to obtain your vaccinations at a hospital vaccination centre (even if you are registered with us as a patient). This is because our vaccine supplies are calculated so that we have enough for our 'regular' patients in the priority age bands. Therefore, if you are a frontline health or social care worker follow these links to the booking systems of local hospital hubs:

- Queen Elizabeth Hospital:
<https://my.drdoctor.co.uk/clinic/QEHITMa>
- Heartlands Hospital:
<https://my.drdoctor.co.uk/clinic/Heartlands1603>
- Good Hope Hospital:
<https://my.drdoctor.co.uk/clinic/GoodHopeHospital>
- Birmingham Children's Hospital:
<https://my.drdoctor.co.uk/clinic/BWCH>
- Royal Orthopaedic Hospital:
<https://my.drdoctor.co.uk/clinic/rohvaccinationclinic>
- Solihull Hospital:
<https://my.drdoctor.co.uk/clinic/solihullhospitalcovidhh2021>

You will be asked to provide the following information to book your vaccination:

- NHS number
- Residential post code
- Mobile telephone number (so that appointment date and time can be texted)
- Proof of ID and proof of employer. This can be an ID badge, payslip or letter.

If these links do not work, email CovidVaccine@uhb.nhs.uk for advice.

Visit this link for the NHS England letter about vaccination of Health and Social Care workers:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2021/01/C1008-operational-guidance-vaccination-of-frontline-health-social-care-workers-26-January-2021.pdf>

These arrangements include locum doctors who do not currently have a local practice to arrange their vaccination and private practitioners e.g. physiotherapists, audiologists and podiatrists.

FAQ 6: How do I know if I am in the 'clinically extremely vulnerable' group (officially 'shielding') or in an 'at risk' group and what are the arrangements for these groups?

For more information about who is in these groups, visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

The 'clinically extremely vulnerable' (shielding) group was expanded on February 16 2021 to include patients identified by the government's new Covid-19 Population Risk Assessment tool. This has effectively moved quite a few people from the 'at risk' list to the 'clinically extremely vulnerable' (shielding) list. If you are one of these, you will receive a letter from the government, explaining what this means for you. Both groups are now eligible for their vaccine and we have reached out to everyone in each group at least once.

So, if you think you are in either group but we have not been in touch yet, please contact us (see FAQ 1)

FAQ 7: I am a carer and have heard that carers are being given priority. How will I get my vaccine?

Group 6 also includes those in receipt of carer's allowance or those who are main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill. Most of the information on this is obtained from [Birmingham City Council Carers website pages](#), and also the [Birmingham Carers Hub](#). Go to the Council site to register with them as a carer, and the Carers Hub to book your vaccination. It will be helpful if you have registered as a carer with the Council before you book your vaccine, especially if you do not currently receive carer allowance.

Also, we can vaccinate carers at the same time as the person you are caring for, so please ask for this if they are invited before you.

We also invite you to use the form on this website to [register with the surgery as a carer](#). This means we can contact you with helpful information from time to time, to support you in your caring role.

FAQ 9: When will I have my 2nd dose of the vaccine?

The vaccine requires two doses, up to twelve weeks apart, to be fully effective. We will book your second dose when making your first appointment.

FAQ 10: Where will I be given my vaccine?

Lordswood Medical Practice and Ridgacre House Surgery are working together to vaccinate the patients of both our practices at the same time. Our vaccination centre is at:

Birmingham Stake Centre (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints),

38-42 Lordswood Rd,

Harborne, Birmingham B17 9QS.

Map link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Birmingham+Stake+Centre+%E2%80%93+The+Church+of+Jesus+Christ+of+Latter-day+Saints/@52.4584935,-1.9602583,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xa22f2e51af0f7928!8m2!3d52.4584935!4d-1.9602583>

We are ensuring that **the vaccination centre is Covid-secure** for even the most vulnerable. Help us by observing the social distancing rules of 'Hands, face space' and wearing a mask.

If getting to the centre is not straightforward for you, please start planning how you can get there safely, for example with help from family.

If you have had a letter from the government inviting you for your vaccination, you can also get your vaccine at one of the mass vaccination centres in the city. Visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination> to book your appointment.

FAQ 11: What is happening to the normal practice service while you are all busy giving vaccines?

The fragile nature of the vaccine and the scale of the vaccination programme means there may be some unavoidable disruption to our normal service from the surgery as we send staff to the vaccination centre. So far, we are pleased that we have been able to keep all our services running, but you might find that your wait for some things, like blood tests, minor surgery, injections and contraceptive device fittings is longer than usual. We are very grateful for your help in all of this, especially in waiting for us to contact you rather than phoning the surgery to ask about your vaccine. This makes a very big difference in our ability to maintain our normal services.

FAQ 12: I have a learning disability or am a carer for a person with a learning disability. What priority group do I belong to?

If you are a person with a learning disability or are a carer for a person with a learning disability, the government has confirmed that you will now be offered your vaccine within priority group 6. We already hold a good list of people with this condition so at this time we do not need you to get in touch with us. We will offer your carer their vaccine at the same time as you (See also FAQ 7). If they have not already done so, we also invite your carer to use the form on this website to register with us. Please wait for us to contact you to let you know your vaccine is ready.

FAQ 13: I have had a text inviting me for my vaccine. How do I know it is not a scam?

We know there are some scams around, so you are right to be careful. If we send a SMS message to invite you, we will address you by name. The message will also include the name of the surgery. We will never ask you for bank details. To book your appointment you will be asked to confirm your date of birth, but we do not ask you for any other personal information.

1. For more information on the national Covid-19 vaccination programme, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirusvaccine/>.

2. For more information on the Birmingham and Solihull Covid-19 vaccination programme, visit:

<https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/#>

FAQ 14: Someone I live with has severe immunosuppression. How do I get vaccinated to protect them?

We are working on processes to identify adults who live with adults who have severe immunosuppression and will be inviting you for your vaccination as soon as possible within the next few weeks. Please wait for your invitation. Please do not phone us to discuss this,

but if you like, use the **Contact Us** form on this website to raise a query with us. We will do our best to get back with a response as soon as we can, usually within 2 working days. Remember that not all patients on the shielding list have immunosuppression so this new group only applies to some adults living with shielding patients.

Click **[here](#)** for the government statement about Covid vaccination for adults living with adults who have severe immunosuppression.