

Coronavirus

Partner update



Update: 7th Dec 2021

Dear colleagues,

You've probably heard about plans to extend the Covid-19 booster programme in response to the Omicron variant.

Following the Government's announcement, The NHS is now getting ready to offer a booster jab to everyone aged 18 and over, and reduce the time between second dose and booster to three months.

People at the greatest risk will be prioritised, starting with those who are clinically vulnerable. The NHS will then invite other people in descending age order.

More information is below but please be assured that the NHS will let people know when it's their turn to get their booster.

People are urged not to contact their GP practice to ask about their booster as the phone lines need to be kept free for other health matters. Also, please don't attend walk-in clinics for your booster unless you are already eligible.

Thanks for your understanding while we work to get things ready

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Walk-in Covid-19 vaccination clinics

The latest dates and times for Bolton's walk-in Covid-19 vaccination clinics are in [this leaflet](#) and [on our website](#). As well as first and second doses, some sites are offering:

- booster vaccinations for [eligible people](#) if it has been at least six months since their second dose.
- 3rd doses for [eligible people](#) (those with a weakened immune system). NHS letter required.
- first doses for 12-15 year olds.

Pop-up vaccination clinics

Please share these posters advertising our pop-up vaccination clinics at:

- [University of Bolton](#) (vaccination bus): Wednesday 8 December, 10am-3pm
- [Bolton Market](#) (vaccination bus): Saturday 11 December, 10am-4pm
- [Pikes Lane Health Centre](#): Sunday 12 December, 10.30am-3pm.
- [New Bury UCAN Centre](#) (vaccination bus): Tuesday 14 December, 10am-4pm

Please note that the vaccination bus is weather permitting.

Extension of booster programme

Keep an eye on our social media and [website](#) for more information about when booster jabs will be available to under-40s, and when the time between second and booster jabs will be reduced to three months.

This letter, available as a [PDF](#) and an [image](#), explains how we are working to implement the programme in Bolton. The information is also [on our website](#). Additionally, the NHS has produced a [poster](#) which you may want to share.



In the meantime, people are encouraged to get vaccinated if they are in one of the [current eligible groups](#). It's never too late to get even your first dose if you haven't already.

Who can get what dose and when is in our [handy guide](#).

People already eligible can attend walk-in clinics in Bolton or [book online](#)/call 119 for an appointment.

Omicron restrictions

Early indications are that the new Omicron variant of Covid-19 which has been detected in the UK is spread more easily than other variants.

As a result, a number of measures have been introduced:

- You must [wear a face covering](#) in shops and on all public transport, unless exempt.

- You are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in all other crowded areas or where you are likely to come into contact with people you don't usually meet.
- You must [self-isolate away from other people](#) for ten days, even if you are fully vaccinated, if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told you have recently been close to someone who is infected with this variant.
- Local and national support is available to help you to self-isolate immediately and for the full amount of time required. Find out more in this [checklist for self-isolating safely](#).
- If [travelling from overseas](#), you must take a PCR test within 48 hours of arriving, and self-isolate away from other people until you receive a negative result.
- Additional measures are in place for arrivals from selected other countries which have been added to the UK's travel 'red list'.

More information is on the [Greater Manchester Covid's Still Here website](#).

Pregnancy and fertility videos

We shared some information in the last newsletter about the Covid-19 vaccination during pregnancy.

These additional videos featuring doctors may also be helpful if you are pregnant, breastfeeding or trying to conceive, and have questions about the vaccine.

- [Common questions about the Covid-19 vaccine: pregnancy, fertility breastfeeding and women's health \(full version\)](#)
- [Experiences of treating pregnant women with Covid-19](#)
- [Common questions about the Covid-19 vaccine: pregnancy and breastfeeding focus](#)
- [Common questions about the Covid-19 vaccine: fertility and women's health focus](#)

Covid scams

There have been reports of scam callers claiming to be from the NHS and selling 'NHS Covid Life Insurance'.

Please advise people to hang up they receive such a call and report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or by filling in a form on the [National Cyber Security Centre website](#).

People have also received scam emails and texts advertising "free Omicron PCR tests" and "Omicron booster jabs". Do not reply and do not click on any links.

Forward fake emails to the National Cyber Security Centre via report@phishing.gov.uk and forward fake texts to 7726.

Find out more about how to [protect yourself from scammers](#).

Flu information

This leaflet in [English](#) and [Gujarati](#) explains more about the flu vaccination and answers questions people may have about its ingredients. It has been produced in association with Bolton Council of Mosques and faith leaders in the borough. An Urdu version of the leaflet will follow soon. Please use in your conversations with people who may be unsure about getting their flu vaccine.

Think twice this winter

We recently shared details of the NHS in Bolton 'Think Twice' campaign.

It is encouraging the public to make the right choice when accessing NHS services this winter, and asking people to 'Be the Difference' and to 'Think Twice' before deciding where to go with their health concerns.

Please remember to share the [campaign website](#) with your networks - and look out for our new animated social media posts.

Join the GM LGBTQ+ advisory panel

The GM LGBTQ+ advisory panel is recruiting new members. The panel is one of seven established by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to tackle injustice and inequality in the region.

Passionate people with links to local LGBTQ+ communities who would like to join the panel can find out more and apply on the LGBT Foundation [website](#). The closing date is December 27.

People can also fill in a [survey](#) to help shape the panel's priorities.

If you no longer wish to receive this email then please email bolccg.communications@nhs.net and we will remove you from our distribution list. We will endeavour to keep you updated but as the situation is changing rapidly, you should check the national coronavirus guidance regularly.

The information in this is update correct at the time of issue. It is gathered from a number of sources including Bolton Council, CVS and HealthWatch.

