

# Coronavirus

Partner update

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**Update: 22nd March 2022**

Dear colleagues,

You may have heard in the news that eligible people are starting to be offered a spring booster. Letters are being sent out this week so that people can book an appointment and plans to offer walk-in clinics are in the pipeline and will be announced soon. The jab will be available to people who:

- are aged 75 and over
- live in a care home for older people
- are aged 12 and over and have a weakened immune system

Covid-19 is more serious in older people and those with a weakened immune system. Protection from the vaccine may be lower and may decline more quickly; this is why they are being offered a spring booster between three and six months after their last dose.

Walk-in clinics are continuing to offer all other doses of the vaccine: first, second, booster and third/fourth doses for people who are immunocompromised.

Remember, if you are planning a holiday, you may need a booster to visit certain countries.

Plans to offer all five to 11 year olds the Covid vaccine from April are also being finalised.

Children in this age group who have certain health conditions or a weakened immune system can already get vaccinated.

If they are eligible, parents and carers should have received an invitation to book an appointment for their child. Additionally, they can attend the walk-in vaccination clinics at Horwich RMI if they take along their NHS invitation.

Find out more about the Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 in this [leaflet for parents and carers](#).

Keep an eye on the Bolton CCG website and social media for updates on the vaccination programme.

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### Walk-in Covid-19 vaccination clinics

Details of this week's walk-in Covid-19 vaccination sites in Bolton are [in this poster](#), on the [CCG's website](#) and on the CCG's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

If you've had to postpone your jab because you've recently had Covid, please remember to get it as soon as you can.

Over-18s must wait at least 28 days from a positive Covid test, or the start of symptoms, to get any dose of the vaccine.

The period is 12 weeks for under-18s. If a child is at high risk (their parents will have received a letter from the NHS), it is reduced to four weeks.

### Quiz the GM mayor

Bolton is hosting this month's 'question time' with Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham. The free event at Bolton Arena at 7pm on Wednesday 23 March is an opportunity to raise issues that matter to you and your community.

[Book a ticket](#) to attend or join the virtual Zoom audience.

### Put a spring in your step

Bolton Unity Project is holding a series of Thursday afternoon spring walks at:

- Entwistle Reservoir - 24 March, 2pm
- Writing 'walkshop' at Walker Fold with nature writer Anita Sethi and the Woodland Trust - 31 March, 1pm
- Jumbles Reservoir - 7 April, 2pm
- Darwen Tower - 28 April, 2pm
- Anglezarke Reservoir - 12 May 2pm

All the walks are fairly gentle, around three miles and will last about 90 minutes.

To take part email Keith Armstrong on [tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk](mailto:tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk) and include the name and email address of each person who would like to attend. He will send more details.

### Substance misuse consultation

Bolton people and families affected by substance misuse are being asked to give their views on the support services available.

Bolton Healthwatch is carrying out consultation on the issue for Bolton Council, and is particularly keen to hear from people from ethnic minority communities and those supporting them.

[Complete the survey](#).

### Art prescription

Art company Breakdown Bolton is holding a free eight-week 'art on prescription' course at Bolton Library and Museum to promote wellbeing.

All materials are provided and [more information is in this flyer](#).

### Business support

The business growth hub has a [new page](#) with guidance for businesses in Greater Manchester facing issues arising from the Ukraine crisis. It includes information about managing trade and supply chains, and cyber security.

## Health and care research

The National Institute for Health Research is inviting members of the public to join one of its national and regional committees which are responsible for making funding recommendations in health and social care research.

It is looking for people who have a broad interest in health, social care, improving public health and addressing health inequalities. Participants don't need to have a scientific background!

More information is on the [institute's website](#).

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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.

