



# Information

## for adult social care providers

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### **Bulletin 72 – 4 February 2021**

Dear Colleagues

We write with the latest information relating to COVID-19 to inform the work of your teams. In particular, this edition highlights some of the work we are doing to make vaccination even more convenient for your workers.

#### **New Leicestershire social care provider and staff vaccination enquiry web page**

In bulletin 71 we shared the new email address that has been set up to deal with queries on accessing vaccinations: [socialcare-vaccination-enquiry@leics.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare-vaccination-enquiry@leics.gov.uk)

A web page has now also been launched with information on priority groups for vaccination with particular focus on the social care workforce:

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/community-safety/priority-groups-for-vaccination>. It contains a link to an enquiry form for Leicestershire providers and personal assistants. Please note that the email address and web form are not suitable for use by the general public to enquire about their eligibility – they are for the social care workforce only.

#### **COVID-19 vaccination at the Leicestershire hospital hubs**

We are aware that some workers experienced waits for their vaccinations at the hospital hubs last week. We apologise on behalf of the health and social care system where this affected you or your workers. We have been assured by colleagues operating the hubs that there is better availability from this week onwards, and that the total time for vaccination delivery within the hospital should be approximately 45 minutes. Please keep checking the booking links if necessary, as new slots are being added frequently.

## **COVID-19 vaccinations available at Nuneaton and Coventry**

Leicestershire social care workers can access vaccination appointments at George Elliott Hospital in Nuneaton if they are more convenient than the Leicestershire hospital hubs. We also now have appointments available at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire in Coventry to use. If your staff would like to book at either of these out-of-county locations, please contact [socialcare-vaccination-enquiry@leics.gov.uk](mailto:socialcare-vaccination-enquiry@leics.gov.uk) and you will be sent the booking details.

## **COVID-19 vaccination in Primary Care Network centres**

We know that vaccination at hospital hubs is not convenient for all workers and we now have agreement that individual eligible workers may contact their GP to establish whether they are instead able to access their vaccine through a more local Primary Care Network (PCN) hub reserve list. This may not be possible in every case, and could significantly delay your vaccination, but please suggest this to your staff who might otherwise have difficulty getting to their vaccination.

## **National message of support for COVID-19 vaccination**

A number of senior social care and health figures have developed an open letter to the workforce delivering face to face care and support to people, outlining the importance of the vaccination. Please share it with your workers:

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/field/pdf/2021/2/3/Covid-19-vaccine-letter-for-staff.pdf>

## **Regional vaccine hesitancy webinar**

East Midlands ADASS are running three virtual 'drop-in' sessions on Fridays between 14.00-15.00, beginning from this Friday (5 February), to answer questions about the vaccine.

Staff do not have to register – they can simply use the link below. Please encourage your workers to dial in.

*Covid vaccination webinar for frontline social care staff*

Are you worried or concerned about having your COVID-19 vaccination? Are there questions you'd like answered? Have you heard or read things on social media that you just don't know if it is true or not? Come and ask the experts.

- ADASS, Public Health England and NHS England are working with the Care Sector in the East Midlands to run sessions for front line social care staff to ask any questions or queries.
- The session will be hosted by staff – Public Health Consultants, Doctors and Nurses all of whom are involved in the vaccination programme.
- They will answer your questions as best they can, there is no such thing as a wrong question.
- You do not need to book on to the session.
- You do not have to tell your manager you are joining.
- We will not keep a record of who has attended.
- We will however use the things you ask us and tell us to produce more information for other staff as if you have a thought or a question it is likely other people may have the same question or query.

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

### Self-test guidance for care home staff using Lateral Flow Tests

A 'step by step guide for COVID-19 self-testing' for care home staff using Lateral Flow Test kits has been produced and is available here:

<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/field/pdf/2021/2/3/Covid-19-care-home-self-test-guidance-lateral-flow.pdf>

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*The archive of all previous COVID-19 provider bulletins released since March 2020 can be found at <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/working-with-you-during-coronavirus>*