



Information

for adult social care providers

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find information below on several COVID-19 related matters for your attention.

Thank you letter from Sajid Javid MP

The new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid MP, has written a letter to all social care staff thanking them for their hard work during the pandemic.

The full letter can be viewed [here](#).

Vaccination drop-in clinics (Tuesday 6 July – Tuesday 13 July)

Drop-in clinics continue to pop up around the county for anyone who is eligible for their first or second COVID-19 vaccination.

Ahead of the planned easing of restrictions on 19 July, there are even more opportunities for people to receive their AstraZeneca or Pfizer jabs. For the first time in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland the Moderna vaccine is also available to anyone aged 18+ at the Peepul Centre in Leicester.

In the county, clinics will be held at various locations in Loughborough throughout the week, as well as Croft Medical Centre in Oadby and Hinckley Leisure Centre. More information, including dates and times, is available on the [Leicester City CCG website](#).

Please promote this to your staff who have not yet had their first or second doses of the vaccination, particularly in view of the upcoming government guidance relating to COVID-19 vaccinations becoming mandatory for care home workers.

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for care home workers - survey closes 11th July

Following public consultation, the Government will bring forward regulations to make COVID-19 vaccination a condition of deployment for any individual working in a CQC-regulated care home providing nursing or personal care in England, subject to exemptions.

To help us plan to support care homes by understanding more about people who require more support to be vaccine confident, and to capture your ideas, please complete this short survey, which does not ask for individuals' details:

<https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162454847414>

The closing date is 11 July.

Encouraging staff who are pregnant or may become pregnant in the future to be vaccinated

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that pregnant women, or women who are planning to become pregnant now or in the future, can have a COVID-19 vaccine.

The [NHS website](#) offers reassurance that there is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines have any detrimental effect on pregnancy or an unborn baby, fertility or breastfeeding. You cannot catch COVID from the vaccines as they do not contain the live virus and cannot replicate in the body.

Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are the preferred vaccines for pregnant women of any age who are coming for their first dose, with current data in over 90,000 pregnant women identifying no safety concerns – both of these vaccines are now available in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The vaccine offers protection against COVID-19, which can be very serious in later pregnancy for some women and result in hospital treatment. Pregnant women who contract COVID-19 have a higher risk of being admitted to intensive care and are 2-3 times more likely to have their babies early.

[Dr Nikki Kanani's video](#) explains this in more detail.

Please share this information, including the video, with staff who fall into this category to support them in becoming vaccine confident.

Sharing good practice dementia care webinar

East Midlands Patient Safety Collaborative will be hosting a webinar on 21 July to provide an update for care home staff on good practice in dementia care.

The webinar will provide high-level keynote talks with the latest on:

- Behaviour in dementia, delivered by Professor Adam Gordon from the University of Nottingham
- Arts and dementia
- Two East Midlands care homes sharing good practice examples to support and improve dementia care

The 'Connecting Together' East Midlands care homes webinar will run from 14.30–16.00 and you can book a place [here](#)

Important changes to the Capacity Tracker

A number of changes have taken place this week to the national Capacity Tracker.

PPE changes

Care homes, hospices and substance misuse providers

The number of questions providers are asked to complete relating to availability of PPE will reduce. The Blue, Red, Amber & Green (BRAG) rating across the types of PPE type will be removed and instead providers will simply be asked one question 'Do you have less than 48 hours supply of any PPE equipment?' – Yes or No.

Only those replying Yes will be asked to identify the PPE items that have less than 48 hours supply.

Home care providers

Home care providers will now be asked one question 'Do you have less than 48 hours supply of any PPE equipment?' - Yes or No.

Only those replying Yes will be asked to identify the PPE items that have less than 48 hours supply.

Please note that home care PPE historic data will no longer be available from the reports. This historic data will be made available within the Resource Centre in the near future.

Bulk upload changes

Those users that utilise the bulk upload facility will need to download a new template after the changes are introduced to ensure subsequent uploads are successful.

Reports

Reports will be updated to reflect the PPE changes.

Help and guidance

Further details on all the above will be posted to the What's New section once the changes have been made to the system: <https://capacitytracker.com/resource-center/category/61/whats-new>

Improved user experience

Improvements to the Capacity Tracker continue. This will mean that the appearance of the system (colours, buttons etc) will change slightly with the overall aim of improving user experience.

Infection Control and Testing Fund round 2

Leicestershire guidance for the new ICTF2 running to the end of September 2021 will follow in bulletin 97.

Yours sincerely,

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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>