

Covid Vaccination Programme

Progress to date

Over 500,000 Lanarkshire residents have now received at least one dose of the vaccine, with 916,000 doses having been delivered by Lanarkshire vaccination teams.

Uptake in Lanarkshire of Covid Vaccination continues to be above national averages:

- For all those aged over 18, 93% of Lanarkshire residents have received a first dose and 83% a second dose
- For those over 40, 98% have receive a first dose and 94% a second dose
- For those aged over 50, uptake in all age bands is >98% for first dose and >95% for second dose
- Uptake has dropped nationally in younger age groups, but we again remain above all national averages:
 - 40-49 first dose: 93% second dose: 86%
 - 30-39 first dose: 87% second dose: 71%
 - 18-30 first dose: 79% second dose: 49%

Current activity

- Second doses continue to be scheduled at 8 weeks for those who received a first dose in June – mainly those aged 18-40, so it is expected that there will be significant rises in second dose uptake in these groups.
- Outreach and popup clinics continue in order to further increase first and second dose uptake and to ensure equitable access for underserved populations. All clinics have drop-in availability
- Recent JCVI advice has resulted in the introduction of programmes for 16/17 year olds and those 12-15 who are at particular risk. This latter group is small in number; special clinics were used to deliver the vaccine to them with longer, person centred appointments. Over 90% have now been vaccinated. At the time of writing, 4,700 16/17 year olds have attended drop in clinics or been appointed, having pre-registered online. It is expected that about 50% of eligible individuals will have been vaccinated prior to the portal closing on 23 August. The remainder of those eligible will be appointed by letter to clinics on 4/5 September

Autumn plans

There is still significant JCVI advice outstanding which is required to guide the autumn programme, in particular around vaccine choice and interval between second dose and booster. This advice is expected early/mid September. It is therefore likely that the covid booster and flu programmes will start in late September. The programme is being structured nationally to maximise the opportunity for administration of both vaccines in the same appointment as it is hoped this will maximise uptake. It will also significantly decrease workforce requirements. It is expected that the influenza campaign will be completed by early December. Staff vaccinations will be delivered by Salus in acute sites and through community vaccination centres. A new national booking system will be used for this.

Work is ongoing with senior education colleagues to accelerate the planned delivery within schools in early September to maximise utilisation of available workforce in this period.

A significant recruitment campaign is ongoing and progressing well, with the objective of ensuring that the vaccination programme achieves Scottish Government objectives without reliance on staff from core services. The operational team are working closely with professional and Practice Development colleagues to ensure that training is in place for both new and existing staff.

Vaccinations will be delivered through 7 main centres:

- The Link, Cumbernauld
- Airdrie Town Hall
- Ravenscraig
- Fernhill Community Centre
- Ballerup Hall East Kilbride
- Banqueting Suite, Council Headquarters, Hamilton
- Braidfute Retail Park, Lanark

Three additional sites in Biggar, Abington and Stonehouse will be used on a rotational basis to provide access for those in rural parts of South Lanarkshire.

Work is ongoing with Strathclyde Passenger Transport to ensure easy public transport access to all sites.

A roving delivery team will deliver vaccinations both to those who are not able to attend vaccination centres, and to those resident in care homes.

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