

Covid and Flu Vaccination Programmes

Progress to date

Over 531,953 Lanarkshire residents have now received at least one dose of the Covid vaccine, with 1,227,018 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, 94.9% of Lanarkshire residents have received a first dose and 90.8% a second dose
- ☑ For those aged over 50, uptake in all age bands is >99.9% for first dose and 99.3% for second dose
- ☑ Uptake has dropped nationally in younger age groups, but we again remain above all national averages:
 - 40-49 first dose: 99.3% second dose: 89.5%
 - 30-39 first dose: 89.3% second dose: 82.0%
 - 18-29 first dose: 83.3% second dose: 75.0%

The Vaccination Team has also made excellent progress in the delivery of boosters and 3rd vaccines for the severely immuno-suppressed group. Details – as at 5 December, 2021 are as below.

Booster Stage 1

| | NHSL | Scotland |
|---------------------------------|------|----------|
| Age 70 and over | 91% | 91% |
| Care Home Resident | 91% | 84% |
| Frontline HCSW | 89% | 79% |
| Clinically Extremely Vulnerable | 81% | 80% |

Booster Stage 2

| | NHSL | Scotland |
|----------------------------|------|----------|
| Age 60 – 69 | 89% | 85% |
| Clinically at risk – 16-65 | 61% | 52% |
| 50 – 59 | 46% | 44% |
| Unpaid Carers | 6% | 10% |
| Severely Immuno Suppressed | 86% | 85% |

Total Booster and 3rd vaccines delivered – 312,732

Flu Vaccines delivered – 299,926

Current activity

As can be seen above, there has been a significant effort undertaken to get as many of the eligible population vaccinated as soon as possible after their becoming eligible and NHSL continues to perform well when compared to national averages.

Particular emphasis has been placed on vaccinating all the housebound cohort in recent weeks and this is now nearing completion with a 'catch up' programme also being undertaken to catch anyone who may have been missed, e.g. housebound status newly identified, in hospital at the time of initial visit, out the house at the time of the vaccine and so on. Similarly, a 'catch up' of any new care home residents not vaccinated and/or homes where the vaccine programme was postponed while the

home was managing an outbreak, is also taking place to ensure as many of the most vulnerable are vaccinated as possible.

Following the change to the JCVI guidance on 1 December 2021, work is in hand to accelerate the programme to allow access to boosters at 12 weeks for people aged below 50 and still to access a booster as well as offering those in the severely immune-suppressed categories a further booster 12 weeks after their 3rd vaccine.

It is intended to offer vaccines to all respective groups by the end of January.

Work continues to ensure sufficient staffing is available to deliver the programme and the MACA support from the army has been very much appreciated and it has also very helpfully recently been extended. Work is also progressing in providing permanent contracts for some of those delivering the vaccine programme.

Staff vaccinations were delivered through a combination of work by Salus in the acute sites and through community vaccination centres.

School programmes for flu vaccine was delivered through the school vaccines team and as at 6 December, uptake across all Lanarkshire schools was as noted below.

| | Pupils | Staff |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| Primary | 78.58% | 74% |
| Secondary | 60% | 77% |

As previously noted, local vaccine centres have been provided to cover the populations of Cumbernauld; Airdrie/Coatbridge; Bellshill/Motherwell/Wishaw; Cambuslang/Rutherglen; East Kilbride; Hamilton and Clydesdale.

Three additional sites in Biggar, Abington and Stonehouse have also been used to provide access for those in rural parts of South Lanarkshire.

Strathclyde Passenger Transport also assisted by ensuring easy public transport access to all sites.