

Core brief

Daily update
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- Update on COVID vaccination programme

Daily Reminder: Social Distancing is Everyone's Responsibility
Be mindful of COVID-19 transmission routes. Avoid touching your face including; your mouth, eyes, nose or biting your nails after touching surfaces or objects.

Update on COVID vaccination programme

Changes to programme

The changes announced on the 31st December have had a significant impact on the vaccination programme

The decision to move second dose appointments from 3 or 4 weeks to 12 weeks has caused significant anxiety.

The reasons behind this decision, taken at a UK level, were

- There has been a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases in the UK in December 2020
- Rapid delivery of the vaccines is required to protect those most vulnerable
- Two vaccines have now been approved (Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca)
- The level of protection given from the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is calculated at around 90%. Protection from first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine is calculated at around 70%, with high protection against severe disease.

Given the high level of protection provided by the first dose, it has been agreed that vaccinating a greater number of people with a single dose will prevent more deaths and hospitalisations than vaccinating a smaller number of people with 2 doses

The second dose is still important to provide longer lasting protection and is expected to be as or more effective when delivered 12 weeks after the first dose.

More detailed information from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) [can be accessed here.](#)

Appointments schedule

A large number of additional people are now eligible for the vaccination and we are currently working hard to create additional appointments and contact them. 100,000 people are planned to be vaccinated by 5th February.

Our most vulnerable patients, older people who live in care homes, will all have been offered vaccination by 10th January.

We have already vaccinated 22,000 staff and another 11,400 colleagues have booked appointments next week. We know that colleagues are anxious to be vaccinated and we again thank you for your patience as we continue to develop this service for you.

4000 additional appointments will be made available on Sat 16th January at the Louisa Jordan. Appointments for the last two weeks in January will be available to be booked on Monday, with over 20,000 appointments available each week.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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