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## **Norfolk and Waveney's COVID-19 vaccination programme remains on track as plans continue for jabs push this weekend**

More than 60% of people aged over 16 in Norfolk and Waveney have now received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, newly released figures show.

The news comes as health leaders urge people who are eligible to come forward and book themselves an appointment.

According to data [published today by NHS England and NHS Improvement](#) 548,941 doses of vaccine have been given in Norfolk and Waveney. Some 516,879 people have received their first dose and 32,062 their second dose.

In the week to last Sunday, 68,359 doses of vaccine were given in Norfolk and Waveney, up from 43,948 the previous week, (59,879 were first doses and 8,480 were second doses).

The figures show that 61% of adults in Norfolk and Waveney have received their first dose, compared to 52% of adults in England. This puts us fifth out of the 42 health and care systems in England.

The figures also show that:

- 97% of over 80s have received their first dose of vaccine and 26% have received their second dose.
- 100% of 75-79 year olds have received their first dose of vaccine
- 96% of 70-74 year olds have received their first dose of vaccine
- 92% of 65-69 year olds have received their first dose of vaccine
- 94% of 60-64 year olds have received their first dose of vaccine
- 82% of 55-59 year olds have received their first dose of vaccine
- 70% of 50-54 year olds have received their first dose of vaccine

Cath Byford, Chief Nurse of NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Local NHS teams are working hard to offer the first crucial dose of the vaccine to everyone in the top 9 priority groups by the middle of April as planned.

“So if you are in an eligible group – meaning you are 50 or over, have a health condition that puts you at greater risk, or are a health or social care worker – and you haven’t booked your first dose yet, the time to do so is right now.

“It’s quick and simple to book by contacting your GP practice, visiting [nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](https://nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or by phoning 119, and the vaccines are safe and effective.

“If you already have an appointment over the coming weeks, whether for your first or second dose, this remains in place and it’s really important that you attend it as planned.

“The first dose of both the Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine offer good levels of protection, but to get maximum protection everyone will need to get a second dose, so we are urging people to come back when they are contacted or if they have an appointment booked already.”

The Norfolk and Waveney health and care system is planning a push this weekend to vaccinate all remaining people in priority groups 1-9 before we are given the go-ahead to open up appointments to younger cohorts in the near future.

Whilst 60% of people aged over 16 in Norfolk and Waveney have already received the vaccine, it is vital that people over the age of 50 that have not already booked an appointment are reminded and encouraged to do so.

Groups 1-9 include:

- Anyone aged 50+
- Individuals who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (aged 16 and over)
- Health and social care staff
- Care home workers and residents
- Carers (paid and unpaid, including young carers aged 16+)

Health leaders are urging these groups to come forward by the end of this month to ensure they can be vaccinated before appointments are released to the younger priority groups in the coming weeks.

New, additional clinics are being set up for vaccinations for these groups this weekend:

- **West Norfolk** – Swaffham - Manor Farm Medical Centre this Friday 26 March - 9am to 12.30 and Saturday 27 March - 8am to 12.30 – drop-in vaccination service, **no appointment necessary**
- **West Norfolk** – King’s Lynn - Inspire Centre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital 8.30am to 7.30pm this Friday, 26 March – drop-in vaccination service, **no appointment necessary**. Alternatively, you can call 01553 214530 to book a slot at this clinic

- **West Norfolk** – Downham Market Town Hall, Bridge Street, Downham Market, PE38 9DW, Monday 29 March, Thursday 1 April, Monday 5 April, 8:30am to 2pm, **no appointment necessary**
- **North Norfolk** – Cromer Hospital – new weekly vaccination clinics starting this Saturday, 27 March. Book online in advance at [apps.norfolk.gov.uk/carervax](https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/carervax) **or just turn up** between 10am and 2pm
- **East Coast** – Gorleston – James Paget Hospital – Sunday 28 March, 9am to 4pm, drop-in vaccination service, **no appointment necessary**.

If patients have an appointment already booked over the coming weeks, it is important those appointments are kept and attended rather than a drop-in appointment being selected as a substitute.

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**Notes to Editors:**

**COVID-19 vaccination programme**

- Vaccination sites across Norfolk and Waveney comprise of hospital hubs, primary care network sites, pharmacy and large vaccination centres.
- We need the public to continue to play their part. That means:
  - unless you are in the groups being invited now, please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you when it is the right time;
  - when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments at exactly the time you're asked to;
  - and whether you have had your vaccine or not, please continue to follow all the guidance in place to control the virus and save lives.
- Please don't worry if you are unable to book online, the NHS will contact you to book your vaccination.
- More information can be found here: <https://www.norfolkandwaveneyccg.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination-programme>

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