

Vaccination Advice for people who are at higher clinical risk

This information was correct on 2nd November 2021. We will do everything we can to ensure this information is kept up to date.

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Adults at higher risk from Covid-19 – this is: any adult over the age of 50 or any adult 16-49 who has a health condition that puts them at higher risk	<p>If you were previously identified as clinically extremely vulnerable or are usually called for a free annual flu jab because of your health condition/s – you are advised to get a booster dose of vaccination 6 months after your second dose.</p> <p>Adults who live with you or provide you with any unpaid or informal caring support are also encouraged to get a booster dose.</p>	<p>From six months after your second dose, you may be invited for a booster by your local doctor.</p> <p>Or, you can use the National Booking System, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• calling 119• or booking online to https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination <p>If you experience any problem getting your appointment – you may wish to attend a walk-in clinic.</p> <p>From 1st November 2021 in Leeds you can walk in and get your booster jab at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leeds COVID Vaccination Centre, next to Leeds United football ground on Elland Road, Bobby Collins Way, Leeds, LS11 0EB• Every day, 7:30am – 5:30pm <p>Or, check this list for more options: https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics</p>



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Adults and children over the age of 12 who were severely immunocompromised at the time of your first or second dose of vaccination.

Severely immunocompromised usually means:

- People with primary or acquired immunodeficiency states due to specific conditions
- People who were on immunosuppressive or immunomodulating therapy at the time of vaccination
- People with chronic immune-mediated inflammatory disease who were receiving or had received immunosuppressive therapy prior to vaccination
- People who had received high-dose steroids (equivalent to more than 40mg prednisolone per day for more than a week) for any reason in the month before vaccination

ADVICE

Some people who have a compromised immune system or who take high doses of immunosuppression medication may be invited by your hospital doctor to have an additional dose of vaccination – to ensure that you have the right amount of protection.

You will then usually be invited for a further booster dose 6 months after this additional dose.

If this applies to you, you should by now have received a letter from the NHS explaining this advice to you. Please keep this letter and show it when you attend a vaccine clinic.

If you take a high dose of immunosuppression medication or have previously been advised that your immune system is severely compromised – and have not yet been contacted for an additional dose of vaccination – you may wish to follow up with your hospital team or your own GP. Please note that not everyone who takes immunosuppression medication will need this additional dose.

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If you have received a letter from your NHS consultant you can use the National Booking System by: –

- calling 119
- or booking online to <https://www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination>

Please take note of the timing advised for you by your doctor in the letter you were sent.

If you have not yet received your letter, or are unsure if you should be considered for an additional dose of vaccine – you should contact your hospital team, or your own GP surgery – ask for the medical secretary.



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Household members or unpaid carers of people who are severely immunocompromised.

ADVICE

Because people with severe immune suppression are at high risk, anyone over the age of 12 who lives with them or anyone who provides care for them should be encouraged to take up their full vaccination offer.

For children and young people aged 12-16 who live with someone who is severely immune compromised this is usually 2 doses of vaccination.

For adults over 16 this would include a booster dose 6 months after your 2nd dose.

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For household members or carers aged 12-15 to access these additional doses – you will need to attend a walk-in clinic and bring the letter sent from the consultant to the person you live with or care for, identifying them as someone who is severely immunocompromised.

For carers and household members over the age of 16, you can attend a walk in clinic and identify yourself as a carer.

If you are unable to attend a walk in clinic, you can contact your GP surgery and explain that you are a household contact or carer for someone who is severely immunocompromised and they will help you to make an appointment. Note they may ask for a copy of the letter sent to the person you live with or care for.



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If you are under the age of 50 and an unpaid or informal carer for someone who is at higher risk from Covid-19.

ADVICE

If you are in regular close contact or provide unpaid care to someone who is at higher risk, you may wish to get a booster dose, 6 months after your second dose.

If you are under the age of 50, and not registered as a carer with your doctor – it is unlikely that you will be sent a reminder for a booster dose. Therefore, you are encouraged to attend a walk-in clinic and tell them that you are a carer.

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From 1st November 2021 in Leeds you walk in and get your booster job at:

- Leeds COVID Vaccination Centre, next to Leeds United football ground on Elland Road, Bobby Collins Way, Leeds, LS11 0EB
- Every day, 7:30am – 5:30pm

Or, check this list for more options:

<https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics>

Please note walk-in clinic arrangements may change at short notice depending on supply. Pre-booking an appointment will give you the reassurance that a vaccine will be available for you at your chosen location, date and time.

If you would find booking an appointment through 119 difficult, because English is not your first language, you can:

- ask a trusted friend or an organisation to help you
- attend a walk-in clinic where they can assist you with a telephone interpreter

