

COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATION

Key points

Eligible patients should book their Covid-19 booster vaccination when they receive an invitation from the NHS (by post or text)

You must wait until 6 months after your second dose

You will have access to many local NHS sites offering Covid-19 vaccination, including Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton car park. We are no longer offering Covid-19 vaccinations in the Scout Hut due to capacity constraints, but we are inviting for flu jabs – again await invitation.

Eligibility

People eligible for the Covid-19 Booster vaccination are those in the original Phase 1 priority groups – Care Home residents, Health and Social Care workers, people aged 50 and over, those aged 16 to 49 years with defined underlying health conditions, adult carers and adult household contacts of the severely immunosuppressed.

The qualifying underlying health conditions for age 16 to 49 years are the same as Phase 1 and include chronic lung disease (specific criteria), chronic heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease, severe immunosuppression, morbid obesity, severe mental illness.

For more information see below -

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) booster vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation: advice on priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination, 30 December 2020 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The NHS vaccination programme is run centrally and we are unable to prioritise patients. Please wait for your invitation by post or text.

Please note the only people who can have a third Covid vaccination sooner than 6 months after their 2nd jab are those with severe immunosuppression as advised by their specialist and with conditions as below (travel or other health reasons are not sufficient)

[Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\) advice on third primary dose vaccination - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If you are aged under 50 years and not eligible under Phase 1 then you will have ongoing protection from your more recent 1st and 2nd jabs and we await progress with the current booster programme for the next government advice.

Booking

The NHS is sending out invitations to the priority groups by post and text. Please follow the instructions to book.

If it has been more than 6 months since your second Covid vaccination and you have not received an invitation then please book online –

[Book or manage a booster dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you are unable to book online then please phone 119 to book.

Vaccine Information

The main vaccine used for the Covid-19 booster programme is the Pfizer vaccine (now branded as Comirnaty). The second vaccine in the programme is another mRNA vaccine, Moderna (called Spikevax). Both are similarly effective and licensed as 3rd dose booster vaccines, and will work whichever vaccines you had first (Pfizer, Astra Zeneca, Moderna or another). You will not get a choice between Pfizer and Moderna as there is no clinical reason for this, in keeping with the programme so far.

If you had a severe anaphylaxis allergic reaction to any of the Covid-19 vaccines, or have a history of anaphylaxis to a chemical called PEG, and wish to have a booster vaccine please click on the link below and give full clinical details for us to seek advice.

[Florey \(accurx.com\)](https://www.florey.com)

If you had the very rare complication of myocarditis after Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, the current advice is to get specialist advice as to whether you should have a booster. All other reactions should please be discussed with the vaccination site.

Site information

This link has the site information for local vaccination sites including Queen Mary's Hospital

[Where can you get vaccinated? - South West London CCG \(swlondonccg.nhs.uk\)](https://www.swlondonccg.nhs.uk)

Several sites are now returning to business as usual but Queen Mary's will continue.

Flu vaccination

Flu vaccination is very important this year as flu immunity is low in individuals and the community, and immunisation will reduce your risk of hospitalisation. You can have the flu jab on the same day or different day to the Covid jab. We are inviting patients for flu jabs – await your invite (over 50s and eligible health conditions)

More information

Please see the NHS booster vaccine information, or if necessary call 119, or if you have individual concerns then book the booster jab for 6 months or more after the 2nd jab and discuss at the vaccination site

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) booster vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)