

# Sheffield community vaccination update

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## What is happening in Sheffield?

As of 10 January, over 395,020 people in Sheffield have had both doses of the Covid-19 vaccination and more than 294,527 over have had their booster jab which is a brilliant number. However, this also means that more than 117,565 people haven't had their first dose at the jab. Covid hasn't gone away.

To end the pandemic and keep our freedoms, we need as many people as possible to be vaccinated. Covid vaccines are safe and save lives. It is much safer to fight illnesses through vaccination than by catching the virus and treating it.

## There's still time to get boosted

The Omicron variant spreads fast. The latest research suggests it transmits three times faster than previous variants, like Delta. The more you meet people the higher your chance of getting Covid-19. The booster vaccine is your best protection against severe illness, hospitalisation, and death.

You did the right thing by getting the other vaccines, they gave you and others the protection when you needed it. Time has passed and we now have a new variant. The vaccine becomes less effective over time and the highly infectious Omicron variant means that you need to top up immunity with a boost from the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. It's the boost that is vital now, so as soon as you are eligible, that'll be your time to get it

Add your booster jab to your New Year's resolution list for 2022. All adults can now book their booster via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119. There are also plenty of walk-ins across the city that are delivering 1st, 2nd and booster doses that you can attend [here](#). It's never too late to get protected and get your vaccines.

## 12–15-year-olds and the vaccine

As you've probably already heard, 12–15-year-olds are now being offered the vaccine at school or you can book via the [National Booking System](#).

The main way for children to get the vaccine remains through their local school-aged immunisation service provider, usually operate through their local school. This includes plans to vaccinate those who are home schooled, in further education colleges, secure services or specialist mental health settings.

Even if a child misses the first round of vaccinations at a local school, each provider has committed to provide the option of follow-up appointments. Most children should only have one dose of vaccine so if they already received the vaccine in school their parents will not be able to book an additional appointment.

You should also keep an eye on the Sheffield Teaching Hospital [website](#) for further details of walk-in clinics for 12-15-year-olds.

### **Walk-in clinics available**

To increase vaccination and booster uptake, the NHS and Sheffield City Council have been working to provide clinics and support in key areas across the city.

- Sheffield NHS vaccination centre, Longley Lane, Sheffield S5 7JN, is open 8am – 7pm on Monday to Sunday.
- The Octagon Centre, Clarkson Street, Sheffield S10 2TQ. Open Thursday 17 January and Monday 22 January, 9am – 4pm.
- Upwell Pharmacy, 119-121 Upwell Street, Sheffield, S4 8AN, is open Thursday 13 January until Sunday 16 January, 9am – 5pm.
- Page Hall Pharmacy, 17-19 Page Hall Road, Sheffield, S4 8GS. Open Thursday 13 January until Monday 17 January, 9.30am – 5.30pm.

For regular updates on walk-in clinics across Sheffield, visit Sheffield Teaching Hospital [website](#) for more details.

### **Frequently asked questions**

Our GPs and vaccination teams hear questions from patients and community groups about the development of the vaccines. We have addressed a common question below.

#### **I had AstraZeneca for my first two doses and Pfizer for my booster. Why am I offered a different booster vaccine than my first two doses?**

Most people will be offered a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. This means your booster dose may be different from the vaccines you had for your first and second doses. Some people may be offered a booster dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine if they cannot have the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Multiple studies have shown that mixing and matching Covid jabs isn't just safe - it can be more effective than having the same vaccine for each dose. Mixing and matching vaccines can produce a stronger antibody response than sticking with the same vaccine for all doses. All three approved vaccines are safe and effective.

### **Other info**

For the latest info please visit these websites:

- NHS Sheffield CCG [FAQs](#)
- Government website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccinationprogramme>