

West Lancs CVS is working alongside West Lancs Borough Council and our public sector partners to make sure that key coronavirus (COVID-19) facts and messages are available to all West Lancs residents via voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations.

Please join in these efforts to provide clear information to our community by cascading these messages to your networks, work colleagues, friends and families.

Vaccinations

Volunteers praised in vaccine roll out

West Lancs CCG is highlighting the crucial role local volunteers are playing in the vaccine roll out across West Lancs.

Dr Harris, local GP at Aughton Surgery, said: *"Put simply, we would not have been able to run these [vaccination] clinics without our committed team of volunteers"*. Read all about it [here](#)

Local success

Thanks to the tireless work of NHS staff and volunteers, things have continued moving fast in the West Lancs' COVID-19 vaccination programme:

In West Lancashire:

- **98%** of people aged 50 and over have now had at least one vaccination
- **85%** of people aged 40-49 have now had at least one vaccination
- **39%** of people under 40 have now had at least one vaccination

(source: West Lancs CCG & NHS England)

Book your vaccine

If you're aged 30 or over, or if you turn 30 before 1st July 2021, you can now book your COVID-19 vaccine

Invitation texts are being to those aged 30 and over. If you haven't received a text, you can still book direct via the [national booking service](#) or phone 119.



Vaccine survey for 18-30s

Are you 18-30 and living in Lancashire or South Cumbria? Healthwatch is doing a survey to find out whether you will take up the COVID-19 vaccine offer.

Please fill out [this short survey](#) and share with your friends

Second doses to be offered earlier for over 50s

Second dose appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine are being brought forward from 12 to 8 weeks - for people over 50 who have yet to receive their second dose.

People should continue to attend their second dose appointments unless told otherwise and **you don't need to contact the NHS**. The NHS will let you know when you can rebook and how to do it. More information [here](#).

Covid-19 testing

Testing kits for community groups

All adults are encouraged to get tested twice a week, and kits are available for home testing.

If you would like a stock of home testing kits free of charge to share with people at community centres, group meetings, church halls, voluntary groups etc. please contact

CustomerEngagement@westlancs.gov.uk



Local testing sites

We are all now being asked to get tested twice-weekly to keep infections down. Even if you have no covid symptoms you can still get up to two free coronavirus tests per week.

You can either:

- **Take the test at a symptom free testing site**
- **Collect tests from a symptom free testing site to use at home later**
- **Order home testing kits online if you cannot attend a testing site**

For information on all testing sites across West Lancs or how to order a test online, go to: westlancs.gov.uk/symptom-freetesting

Support and resources

Access support to manage Covid-19 in your workplace

Lancashire County Council's website has lots of helpful resources for managing COVID-19 in workplaces - including case management checklists, absence reporting template forms, template letters to employees:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/covid-19-resource-pack-for-workplaces/

Proving your vaccination status


You can now access your COVID-19 vaccination status through the free NHS App from this week.


This must be at least 5 days after you've completed your course of the vaccine.


Please do not contact your GP surgery about your COVID-19 vaccination status. GPs cannot provide letters showing your COVID-19 vaccination status.

COVID-19: HOW DO I PROVE MY VACCINATION STATUS?

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 Access your vaccination status through the free NHS App.

 If you do not have access to a smartphone, call NHS 119 and ask for a letter to be posted to you.

 Do not contact your GP surgery about proof of your vaccination status.

Full information at: www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad

Can you help? West Lancs CVS is in the process of developing new Volunteer Roles to help our community come together and work together for everyone's safety in the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are interested please contact enquiries@wlcvs.org