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Covid-19 vaccination programme

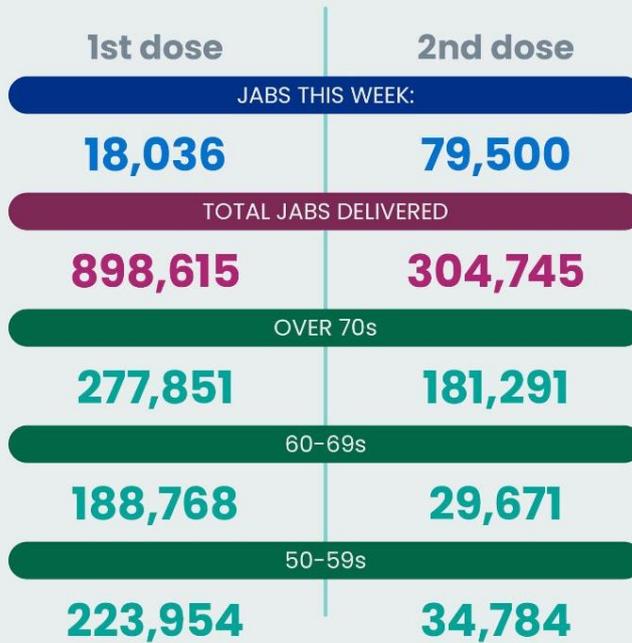
West Sussex update

22 April 2021

Progress to date

COVID vaccinations in Sussex

Total jabs: 1,203,360



This data is the latest official national data on vaccinations published on April 22. It covers vaccinations given up to 18 April 2021.



How are we doing



WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Anyone aged 45 and over
- Those who are clinically extremely vulnerable and those with underlying health conditions
- Unpaid carers
- Health and social care workforce

OUR PROGRESS:

- We have offered an appointment to everyone in priority groups 1-9 by the mid April target
- We have started providing second dose appointments and people will have their vaccine at around 12 weeks from their first vaccination

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Second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine given to more than half of care home residents in Sussex

The majority of the most vulnerable care home residents in Sussex and staff working to look after them have received their second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, giving them maximum protection.

As at 20 April, 404 care homes in Sussex have been visited by the GP-led teams and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust so residents could receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.

Vaccinations began at care homes for older people, as they were identified at highest risk from the COVID-19 infection. The second dose provides the most protection possible by reinforcing the protection given by the recipient's initial immune response, triggered by the first vaccine.

Sussex NHS Commissioners Chief Nursing Officer, Allison Cannon, said: "By vaccinating hundreds of older people across hundreds of care homes in Sussex we have given them not only some protection against the virus, but also a sense of hope. Thank you to everyone who has taken up their offer of a vaccination – the high uptake has contributed to a reduction in outbreaks of the virus in our local care homes.

"Across Sussex we have 748 homes - one of the highest numbers of nursing and care homes per capita across the country and so this work is a significant undertaking. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our vaccination teams for their ceaseless work around the clock to get this vital protection to our older people."

Visiting loved ones in care homes

Alongside other protections in place, vaccination of both residents and staff in care settings has helped to enable the resumption of indoor visiting - reuniting families with their loved ones.

From 12 April 2021, [national guidance](#) stated that every care home resident can nominate up to two named visitors who will be able to enter the care home for regular visits.

As care homes reopen to the public, there are steps you need to take to protect

yourself and those around you. Listen to this [podcast](#) with Dr Claire Lehman, Consultant in Public Health at West Sussex County Council to find out how to visit your loved ones safely.

New advice on COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women

Pregnant women should be offered the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as the rest of the population, based on their age and clinical risk group, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised.

The new advice comes following analysis of real-world data from the United States showing that around 90,000 pregnant women have been vaccinated, mainly with mRNA vaccines including Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, without any safety concerns being raised.

Updated advice for pregnant women in the UK now says that it's preferable for them to be offered the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines where available. There is no evidence to suggest that other vaccines are unsafe for pregnant women, but more research is needed.

Dr Edward Morris, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), said: "Vaccination offers pregnant women the best protection from COVID-19, which can be serious in some women."

> [Read more on this story](#)

'Having the COVID vaccine is just like having any other vaccine.'

Across our area more than 80% of people with a Learning Disability have had their first vaccination.

Dedicated sessions such as the Quiet Session at the Brighton Centre at the weekend help to provide the right setting for people with Learning Disabilities to attend an appointment.

In the video below we follow Michelle as she gets her vaccination.

If you are yet to have your first vaccination please speak to your GP practice.



Reminder on second dose appointments

We are receiving a number of enquiries from people who are concerned about their second dose appointment.

If you booked your first vaccination through the national booking service (website) or by calling 119, you should have been able to book both appointments at the same time. If you need to change your second dose appointment please contact 119 or visit the [website](#) and search for 'Manage my Booking'.

If you had your first vaccination at a GP led local vaccination service, their team will be contacting you approximately around 11 to 12 weeks from the date of your first appointment. They will contact you as soon as vaccines are available in line with deliveries and supply. Please do not contact your GP practice to ask about an appointment before week 12 and please note the vaccination service may contact you in week 12 for an appointment that week.

New animations launched to help tackle disinformation

NHS England and NHS Improvement has launched a series of animations aimed at tackling disinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Aimed specifically at encouraging uptake in ethnic minority groups, the animations are available in 17 different languages and are suitable for use on a wide range of social media platforms.

They cover key topics including vaccine safety, how it was tested, how it was developed so quickly, what is in it, and what the side effects are.

The main animation is below and you can view them all now on [YouTube](#).



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More information

Much more information about the vaccination programme is available on our website, including details of the [services available in each area](#), [latest data](#), answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and links to all the national leaflets and materials.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our local communities updated and informed about this fast-moving and unprecedented vaccination programme.

> [Find more information about the Sussex COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)



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