

NHS Lothian COVID-19 SPEED READ



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Important Information

Update on Staff Vaccination - First & Second Dose Appointments

In December 2020 and January 2021 NHS Lothian's Staff Vaccination Programme delivered approximately 40,000 first dose vaccinations to eligible staff across Health & Social Care in Lothian.

NHS Lothian plan to deliver all second vaccinations for eligible staff around week 10 of the 12 week window advised. Delivery of second dose staff vaccination is now underway with large numbers of staff booking their second dose appointments online or through the contact centre.

Important Reminder for Staff who have received a Dose 1 – if you received your first dose of the vaccine and have not already had a second dose and do not receive a text or letter from us, please call 0800 111 4499 to book a second dose appointment within your 12 weeks. Additionally if you have received a text or letter inviting you to book your second dose appointment and haven't already done so, please do so online or via the contact centre as soon as possible.

As we shared via Speed Read previously, access to first dose vaccine appointments for staff who meet the JCVI Eligible Staff Criteria (Priority Group 2), will be provided at mass vaccination venues in Lothian (The Edinburgh International Conference Centre, the Royal Highland Showground at Ingliston, the RBS campus at Gogar, Queen Margaret University, and at the Strathbrock Partnership Centre in Broxburn.)

If you meet the Staff Eligible Criteria and still require your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine please email your name, employer, role and contact telephone number to: loth.massvaccinationstaff@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk. We have received a significantly large volume of enquiries to this mailbox and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible with the required next steps and our aim is to reply to your email within five days.

The waiting time for your first dose will be dependent on vaccine supply, which you will have seen in the press recently is currently reduced. At this point we expect a wait of about eight weeks, but we do expect this to reduce as we go forward.

More information and FAQs related to staff vaccination is available within the [Vaccine Hub](#) section of the intranet.

**If you have information directly related to COVID that you would like to be considered for the Speed Read please send it to Lothian.Communications@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
Please ensure that your service is content with information before sending.**

Staff Helplines – Updated location

We have a number of helplines and support options available for staff. **You can find this information on the [NHS Lothian website, under the 'Staff' section](#).**

Important Reminders

You can now find useful links for the latest guidance and information on the [COVID-19 Base](#) on the intranet above the daily Speed Reads.

If you have any communication related questions please email: lothian.communications@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk