

Vaccination frequently asked questions (FAQs)

1. Am I eligible?

If you provide care/support to someone who is clinically vulnerable (see definitions Q7) you are now eligible for the vaccination.

People who are clinically vulnerable should have received their offer of vaccination already.

Carers who weren't invited at the same time as the person they care for are now being invited for their vaccinations in phased stages as detailed below (Q2).

2. How will I be invited for the vaccine?

The vaccine is being delivered in phases

Phase 1: Carers with a flag or who are registered as a carer on their GP record are already starting to be invited for their first vaccine by their GP surgeries.

Phase 2: Carers who are eligible for carers allowance will start to receive letters soon.

If you are a carer aged 16/17 and you receive carers allowance, please see young carer info below.

Phase 3: Councils have been asked to create a list of carers that have had a statutory carers assessment, provided with advice and information, or are in receipt of care and support. This list will be used by the NHS to invite carers for vaccinations. This list was sent to the NHS w/c 08/03/21,

Phase 4: Carers that don't fall into any of the categories above but think they may fit the government definition, should contact your GP practice, or book an appointment at a [Hospital Hub](#).

For more information please visit the local Leicester, [Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group website](#)

3. Do I need to register as a carer with my Local Authority to get my vaccine?

In short no, as the data has already been sent to the NHS. However if you are a carer and require additional support due to your caring role please consider completing a [carers assessment](#) or contacting Support for Carers where you can get advice and information, talk to others carers or just have somebody listen.

Support for Carers

Telephone: 01858 468 543

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4. I am a young carer when will I get my vaccination invite?

Vaccinations will not be offered to individuals under the age of 16 unless they are themselves clinically vulnerable to COVID and meet the clinical criteria for vaccination.

As carer's allowance can be awarded to individuals from the age of 16, carers aged 16-18 are included in the vaccination rollout in cohort 6. At present, only the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine is authorised for use in those aged under 18 years old. Therefore, eligible 16 or 17 year olds will need to access vaccination via their local GP vaccination service.

5. I am an eligible carer - why can't I book through the National Booking Service (NBS)?

Changes to the National Booking System were introduced from 1 April, meaning eligible frontline health and social care workers and unpaid carers are unable to book via the NBS. You will need to contact your GP practice, or book an appointment at a [Hospital Hub](#).

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6. I am a parent carer for a child who is under 18 can I register with you to get the vaccine?

If you are a parent of a child with severe neuro-disabilities or is designated Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) you are eligible for the vaccination. Providing your GP surgery is aware of your caring role you will be contacted by them. If you aren't registered as your child's carer with your GP surgery, please ensure you contact them directly.

7. What is the eligibility criteria for carers?

The Joint Committee on Immunisation and Vaccination (JCVI) definition of an unpaid carer has been clarified in Public Health England's [Green Book](#) for COVID-19 as

"Those who are eligible for a carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID-19 mortality and therefore clinically vulnerable."

Clinically vulnerable to COVID is defined as:

- children with severe neuro-disabilities
- those who are designated Clinically Extremely vulnerable (CEV)
- adults who have underlying health conditions (there are a range of health conditions listed in table 3 of the [Green Book](#))
- Those who need care because of advanced age.