

## **Booster/third dose FAQs**

### **Who is eligible for a COVID-19 booster vaccination?**

Booster vaccine doses will be available on the NHS for people most at risk from COVID-19 who have already had 2 doses of a vaccine.

This includes:

- people aged 50 and over
- people who live and work in care homes
- frontline health and social care workers
- people aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19
- carers aged 16 and over
- people aged 16 and over who live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)

People who are pregnant and in 1 of the eligible groups can also get a booster dose.

### **I am eligible, when will I get a booster?**

You'll be offered a booster dose at least 6 months after you had your 2nd dose. Booster vaccinations are being rolled out across Norfolk and Waveney and we are prioritising invitations for people who are extremely vulnerable in the first instance. This is because vulnerable patients are less likely to have retained anti-bodies from their first vaccines and are at high risk of complications should they catch COVID-19.

### **How can I book a booster vaccination?**

The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have a booster dose. It's really important not to contact the NHS or your local practice for one before then.

If you receive an invitation letter from the NHS to book a booster jab, you can book online via the NHS website or by calling 119 and make an appointment at a vaccination site.

If a vaccination site is located too far away or it's not convenient for you, you can wait for your local practice to invite you for a booster. Please be patient as it will take time for everyone to be invited.

Frontline health and social care workers will be invited to book an appointment through their employer.

Please help us vaccinate and keep the most vulnerable in our communities safe by awaiting your invitation to come for a booster.

### **I'm extremely vulnerable and would like my jab asap, how can I get one quickly?**

Local practices are working incredibly hard to invite their most vulnerable patients forward as quickly as possible. In the meantime whilst you wait, if you receive a letter from the NHS you can book via the national booking system and make an appointment to visit a vaccination site but it may be further afield and require you to travel.

**I'm worried I won't be invited or will not receive a booster jab?**

The NHS is working to invite eligible people for booster jabs asap. Please be reassured that you if you are eligible and it's been six months since your second dose, you will be invited. For more information about the booster rollout please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-booster-vaccine/>.