

Delivering the NHS Covid-19 vaccination

Our first Covid-19 Vaccination Centre in Herefordshire and Worcestershire opens on Monday 25 January.

The Centre, at the Artrix Theatre in Bromsgrove, will initially concentrate on vaccinating frontline health and social care workers from the virus, allowing them to stay at work to help protect patients. Our most vulnerable patient groups will also start to be invited for vaccinations from next week.

It is a major new development in our growing vaccination programme across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. The site will be run by SW Healthcare, a federation of GP practices in Worcestershire, and has been established in partnership with a range of organisations across the health and care system.

This is a significant step forward in what is already a very impressive network of local facilities that are providing vaccinations to help defeat Covid-19. Other sites already in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Covid-19 vaccination network include:

- GP-led vaccination services— these are led by Primary Care Networks of local GP surgeries working together. There are 17 of these sites covering all areas of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. They have initially concentrated on patients aged over 80 and some are now inviting patients aged over 70
- GP-led teams working to protect care homes residents vaccinating inside the homes, as well as visiting housebound patients
- Hospital vaccination hub – protecting hospital staff, care home staff and some hospital patients
- Community pharmacies – our first community pharmacy delivery the vaccine has now opened in Redditch.

Yesterday, [figures published](#) by NHS England showed that more than 77,000 people across the two counties have already received their first Covid-19 vaccination, including nearly 80% of all residents aged over 80 years old.

We've still a long way to go, but with even more vaccination sites coming online soon we'll continue to make rapid progress in our fight against this virus.

In the meantime, I want to thank everyone for the time, effort and patience they have put in to keep themselves and others safe.

Simon Trickett
Chief Executive
Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG and STP

