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Date

Dear Sir/Madam

Vaccination of Frontline Health and Social Care Workers

The Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisation (JCVI) identified frontline health and social care workers as a priority for COVID-19 vaccination. The priority groups included in this cohort have now been extended to include 'specialist school' staff in the South East. For the purposes of the vaccination process these staff are known as frontline health and social care workers.

We are writing to you as an employer of specialist school staff (frontline health and social care workers) to identify and prioritise your staff for COVID-19 vaccination. We are offering COVID-19 vaccination to eligible frontline health and social care staff who work for a provider in Oxfordshire and are willing to receive their vaccination in Oxfordshire.

For the definition of eligible frontline healthcare staff for vaccination please refer to page 11 of the [COVID-19: The Green Book Chapter 14a](#).

When prioritising staff for vaccination please refer to [JCVI advice on priority groups for vaccination](#), which sets out that prioritisation among frontline health and social care staff should be according to those:

- at high risk of acquiring infection
- at high individual risk of developing serious disease
- at risk of transmitting infection to multiple vulnerable persons or other staff in a healthcare environment

As an employer you may have already carried out employee COVID risk assessments that can inform staff prioritisation.

Please share the information below with all staff that you have identified as eligible:

Self-referral process for health and social care worker vaccinations

To support workers in priority group 2 to receive their Covid-19 vaccination, they have the option to book their vaccination appointments in a vaccination centre or community pharmacy through the NHS Covid-19 Vaccination Booking Service. Staff can book online at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination. Please note that when asked 'are you a frontline health or social care worker' they should reply **yes**. Staff should try online booking first but if this is not possible, they can phone 119 free of charge, 7am to 11pm, 7 days a week. As part of the booking process, eligible staff need to self-declare they are a health or social care worker. Staff will be able to book this way for a limited period, until 28 February. Further information is available in the [letter published today](#).

Vaccination is by booked appointment only. It is important staff consent to vaccination and attend the appointment they are booked into. When attending for vaccination, staff should bring their work identity badge.

The vaccination will be free of charge and our priority is delivering the vaccines to all eligible staff as quickly as possible. By consenting staff will be playing their part by protecting themselves and helping to protect patients, clients and staff from catching and spreading COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination guidance is available from the links below:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)

For women of childbearing age, please read the detailed guidance:

[COVID-19 vaccination: women of childbearing age, currently pregnant or breastfeeding](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination: guide for healthcare workers](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for social care staff](#)

Sincerely,

Oxfordshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme