



Covid-19: Information on your second vaccination

The Covid-19 vaccines require you to have two jabs to develop the highest level of immunity. The best protection comes a week after you receive the second dose.



When should I have my second dose?

The NHS is following new guidance from the Government's expert advisors which says prioritising a first dose for as many people as possible will save more lives.

This means that you will now be offered your second vaccination within 12 weeks of the date of your first vaccination.



Why has the second dose guidance changed?

Just one dose of Covid-19 vaccine has been estimated to offer a good level of protection from two weeks after it is given. This is estimated to be 89% protection for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and 74% protection for the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine.

Extending the time between the first and second vaccination means we can offer more people this good level of protection, and greatly reduce the risk of serious illness for more people.



What is the advice for people who have had one or two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine?

If you have had your first vaccination, you will be contacted to arrange a second vaccination.

Even if you have had one or both doses of a Covid-19 vaccine, it is still important that you continue to follow Government guidelines on social distancing to protect yourself and others in your community.