

NHS England and Improvement National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

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Specification for COVID-19 Vaccination Centres

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| <p>1. Population Needs</p> <p>1.1. Purpose of the COVID-19 vaccination programme</p> <p>This document relates to the COVID-19 vaccination programme which aims to protect those who are most at risk of serious illness or death should they develop COVID-19.</p> <p>The purpose of this service specification is to enable NHS England and NHS Improvement to commission COVID-19 vaccination services to a standard that will prevent the infections and outbreaks caused by SARS-CoV-2. This means achieving high coverage rates across England as well as within upper tier local government areas and within the context of populations with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>This specification provides a brief overview of the vaccine including the disease it protects against, the context, evidence base, and wider health outcomes.</p> <p>This specification will also promote a consistent and equitable approach to the provision of the commissioning and delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine across England. It is important to note that this programme will change and evolve in the light of emerging best practice and scientific evidence.</p> <p><u>Vaccination against infectious disease</u> (known as 'The Green Book'), issued by Public Health England is the main source of guidance for all vaccination programmes. This service specification must be read in conjunction with the core service specification (which underpins national and local commissioning practices and service delivery), the online version of the Green Book, all current relevant official public health letters and with additional evidence, advice and recommendations by the <u>Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI)</u>.</p> <p>This service specification is not designed to replicate, duplicate or supersede any relevant legislative provisions that may apply e.g. the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>The specification will be reviewed and amended in line with any new recommendations or guidance, and in line with reviews of the Section 7A agreement</p> <p>1.2. National/local context and evidence base</p> <p>The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme across England is responsible for the planning and delivery of, subject to successful clinical trials and manufacture, new COVID-19 vaccines.</p> <p>Currently available data from the UK indicates that those at greatest risk of severe illness and mortality from COVID-19 are adults over the age of 50 years, with the risk increasing markedly over the age of 70 years.</p> <p>Frontline health and social care workers are also at increased personal risk of infection and of transmitting that infection to susceptible service users and vulnerable populations such as the elderly in care homes. Vaccination of these key workers will protect at-risk populations and help maintain resilience in the NHS and social care sector.</p> <p>The prospect of COVID-19 vaccines brings a host of new operational challenges, for example potential limits in vaccine supply, extreme cold chain requirements, challenging shelf life parameters and uncertainties about product stability. To accommodate these challenges, delivery models have been developed to safely, rapidly and efficiently vaccinate eligible cohorts.</p> <p>To serve these models and minimise risk across the supply chain, a strategy is being developed for regional supply chains and will cover vaccines, consumables and some additional equipment. This will minimise disruption to the existing supply channels and provide the capability for local management of the final distribution leg into the complex vaccination delivery network.</p> |
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| Please see Appendix L for information. | | | | | |
| 4 Vaccination Centre Model Service Description | | | | | |
| <p>4.1 Operational Duration The service will be operational from 1st December 2020; there will be at least one site per region operational from that date.</p> <p>The Vaccination Centres will remain operational for a duration in line with service user requirements.</p> <p>4.2 Operating Days/Hours Vaccination Centres must be operational 7 days a week, 12 hours per day.</p> <p>4.3 Licences and Registrations Providers will be registered with the CQC throughout the duration of the contract.</p> <p>Advice from CQC regarding the registration of sites for vaccination can be found at: https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/registration/registration-flu-vaccination-arrangements</p> <p>Providers must adhere to this advice.</p> <p>4.4 Insurances Adequate liability and insurance will be held throughout the duration of the contract that covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Workforce Premises Members of the public <p>4.5 Estates requirements 4.5.1 Overview of Estates The provider will ensure that Vaccination Centres meet the following requirements. The Provider will not be expected to source or provide the internal fit-out but must ensure adherence of this throughout the contract and escalate to the responsible commissioner where estates facilities breach these requirements and are not in the immediate control of the Provider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have separate entrance and exit points where possible, with external lighting 2. Be Equality Act 2010 compliant – including associated access/egress ramps 3. Be compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 4. Have a linked power supply capability for lighting, IT equipment and standard domestic appliances 5. Be of a safe and secure construction (if a modular building with Anti Vandal Specification) with lockable doors and windows. 6. Have moppable floor coverings 7. Appropriate signage erected to ensure users get to the right area. 8. If a modular building is required, the site must be a basic hard standing floor for it to sit on 9. Site generated electricity – including appropriate noise suppression, environmental precautions, fuel supply. | | | | | |

¹ Cohorts are those which have been specifically identified for vaccination by JCVI; other cohorts for consideration may include Key Workers, shielding individuals, BAME status.