

COVID-19 vaccination programme update – 24 January 2021

New large vaccination centre coming to Harlow

In a new offer from Tuesday 26 January 2021, west Essex's first large vaccination centre will open to patients at Harlow Leisurezone.

This will become available to book via the national vaccination booking website, by people who are eligible and have received letters from the NHS Covid-19 Vaccination Booking Service. The NHS is rolling out additional services quickly, but it is important to remember that vaccinations are by appointment only. We know that people are making contact with their local elected representatives or GP surgeries if they haven't been invited to be vaccinated yet. Please remind your networks that everyone registered with a GP who is eligible to be vaccinated will be contacted in priority order, including those who are housebound or clinically extremely vulnerable. There is no need for anyone to proactively contact their surgery.

All West Essex residents who are currently eligible to have a COVID-19 vaccination can now access a local vaccination site.

COVID-19 vaccinations are only available by appointment, either following an invitation from a person's own GP practice or a letter from the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Booking Service enabling someone to use the national booking system. Opening hours are coordinated to ensure that appointments are available when supplies of the vaccine allow.

That there are five GP-led vaccination sites working offering widespread coverage across the area.

According to the latest figures published on 21 January, 115,304 people have been vaccinated across Hertfordshire and west Essex. This includes:

- 50,815 people aged 80 or over with their first vaccination
- 47,623 people under the age of 80 with their first vaccination (this total includes care home and front line healthcare staff)

West Essex is continuing to vaccinate the over 80s, older people who live in care homes and those who care for them.

More information

We will keep the following web page up to date with new vaccination sites and information. Please visit www.healthierfuture.org.uk/covid

For Essex-wide COVID-19 vaccination information please visit <https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccine/>

For further information please email the [West Essex CCG Communications Team](#).