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COVID SPRING BOOSTER PROGRAMME 2026 UPDATE FOR PATIENTS

Eligible cohorts

The government has accepted Joint Committee Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice regarding the eligible cohorts for the spring 2026 vaccination programme. The announced and authorised eligible cohorts for COVID-19 vaccination are:

- **Individuals aged 75 years and over (including individuals who turn 75 years old by 30 June 2026).**
- **Residents in a care home for older adults (as defined through CQC registration), irrespective of the individual's age.**
- **Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed (as defined in the immunosuppression row of tables 3 and/or 4 in the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book.**

Further details on JCVI advice can be found in the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) press release [here](#) and in the COVID-19 chapter of the Green Book [COVID-19: the green book chapter - GOV.UK](#)

Spring Booster Programme dates

COVID-19 vaccinations will commence being given on **13 April 2026** and will end on **30 June 2026**.

National Booking Service Opening Dates

The national booking service and **119** telephone booking service will be open for the public to make bookings from **7 April 2026** to **29 June 2026**.

WDH Covid Vaccination Service

This will be for those patients at BeechTree Nursing Home, those who have been assessed by a WDH clinician as being Housebound and a limited number of other appointments. Patients will be invited by a Self-Book link or via Reception. Please note that the Self-Book link will only be sent once we have had our vaccination supply confirmed.

Community Pharmacy

It is expected that Community Pharmacies will also be giving Covid Spring Boosters therefore patients will be able to ring 119 to book in. Please note that we will have limited capacity in our surgeries and it is likely that patients will need to go to Community Pharmacies.