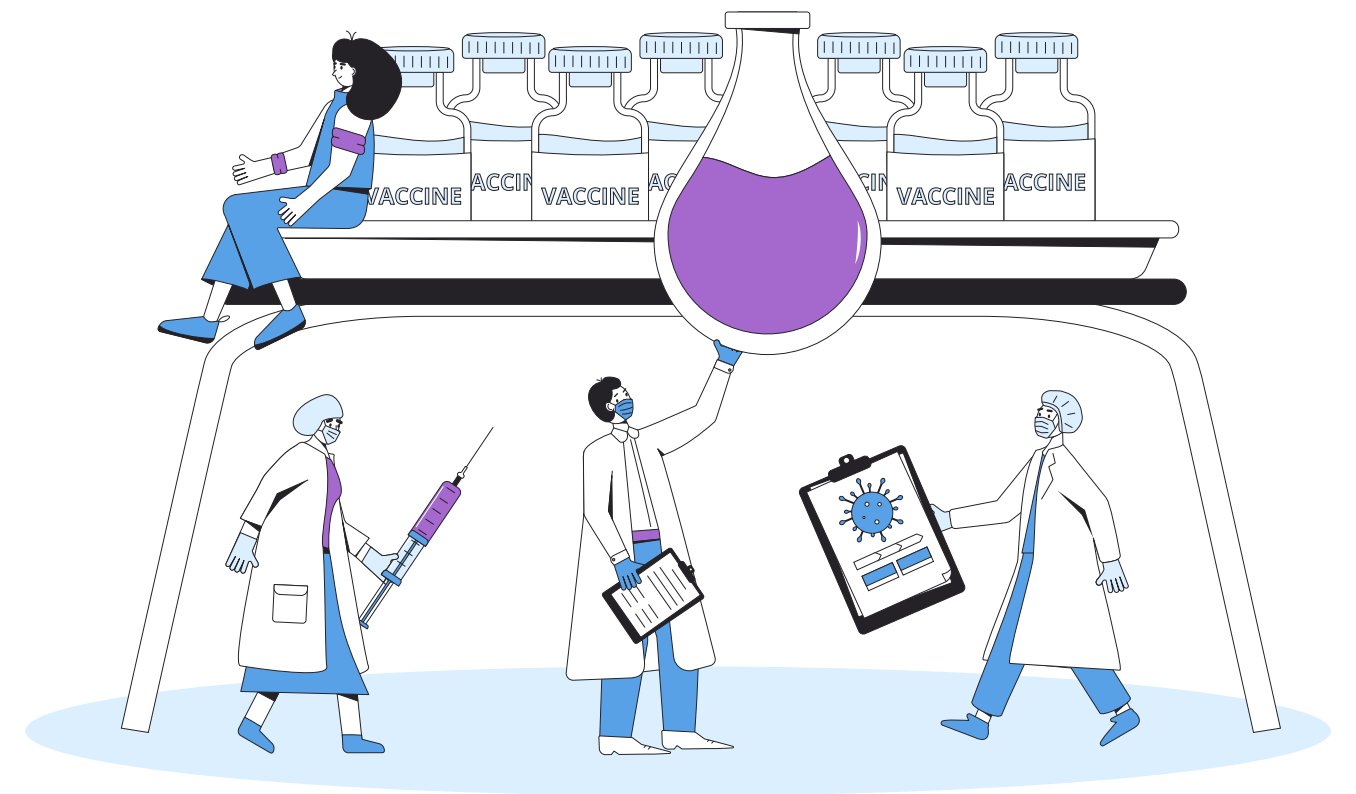


Trust the facts, get the vax

It's ok to have questions about the Covid-19 vaccine. We have put together some key information to help.

You can also come and chat to health professionals at our vaccine centre in Wokingham Library, or email our vaccine support team on: **covid.info@wokingham.gov.uk**

Remember, nobody going for their first or second jab will be questioned about why they haven't had it, the staff will be happy to see you.



There is now a dedicated Covid-19 vaccine centre at Wokingham Library

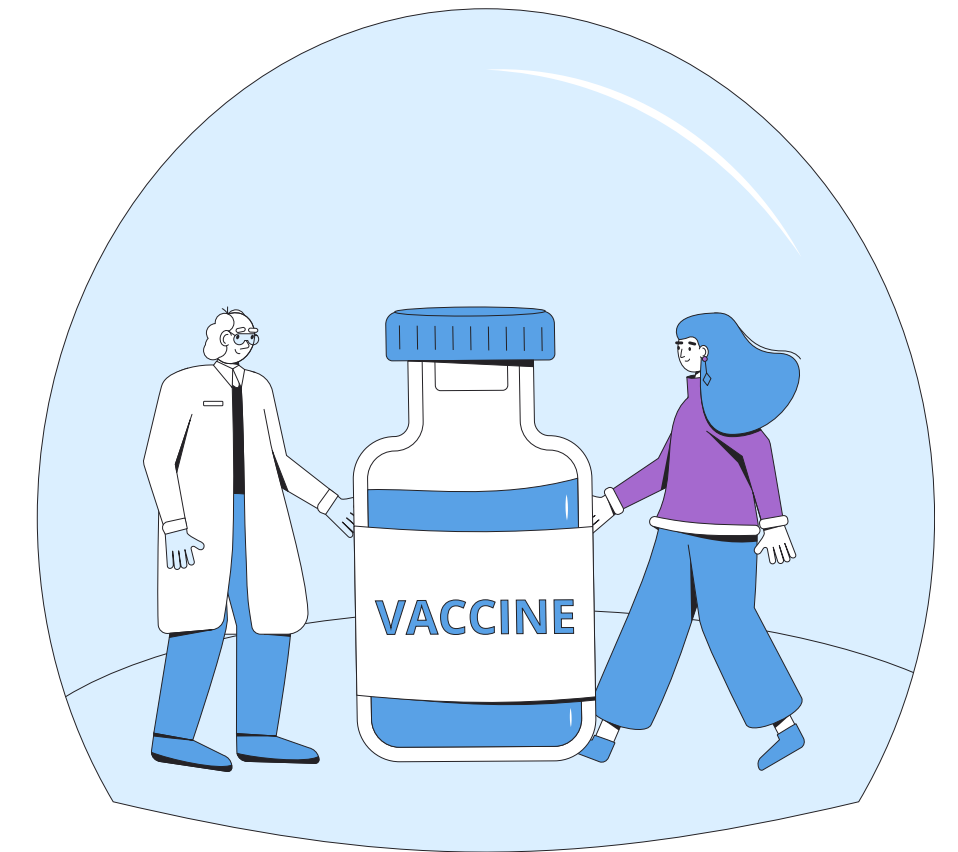
The site will open from 2pm to 7pm on Fridays and 11am to 4.45pm on Saturdays and Sundays, with no appointment necessary. A review of the site will take place at the end of March, so please make good use of it, First, second, and booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are available on site to all eligible people, including:

- Pregnant women
- 12-15 year olds
- People not registered with a GP or those without an NHS number
- People with no indefinite leave to remain status

Visitors travelling by car can park at Denmark Street Car Park, and more parking options are available across the town.

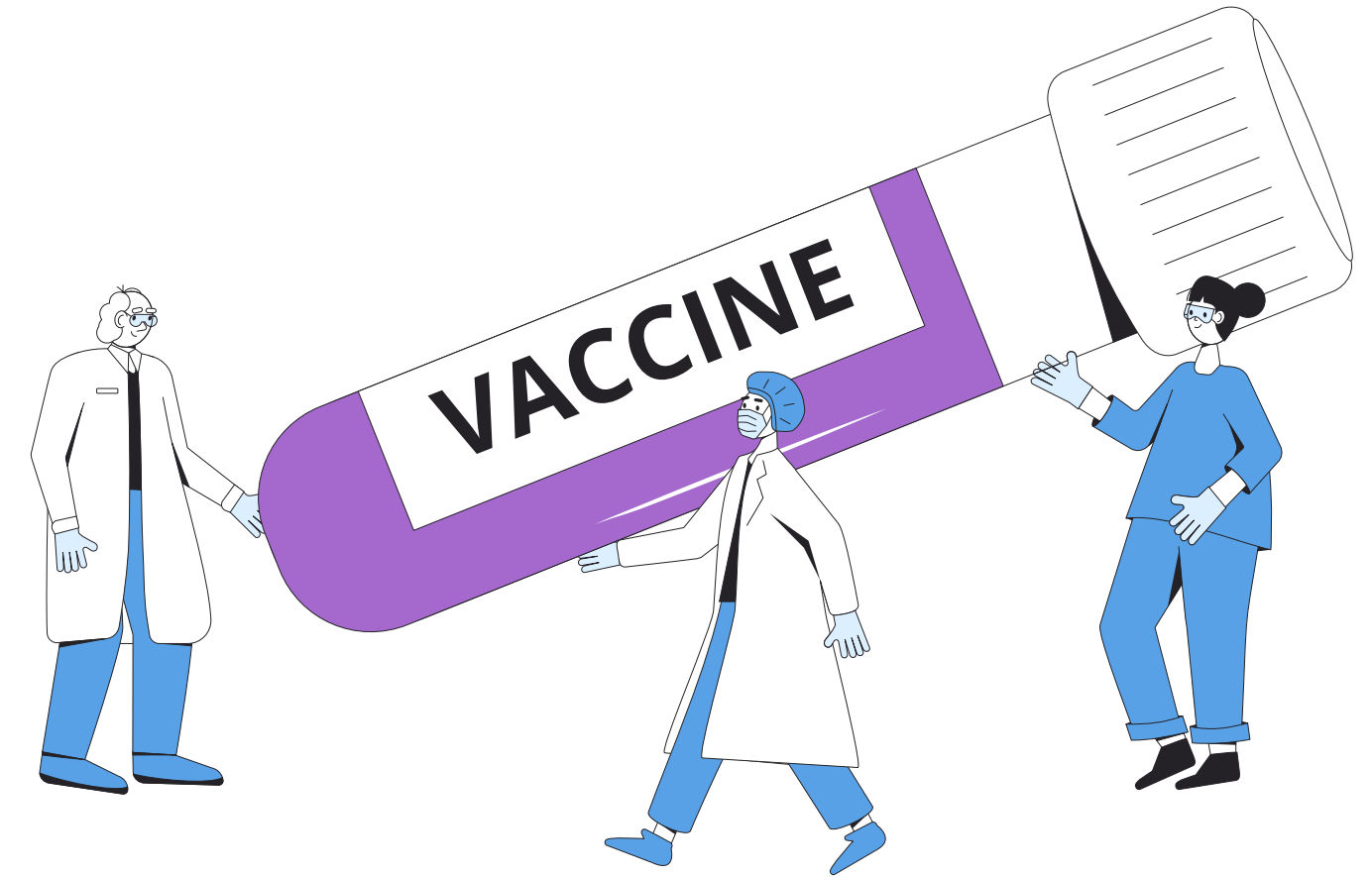
Other ways to get your vaccine:

- [Book an appointment](#) through the NHS website
- [Find a walk-in vaccination centre](#) via the NHS website

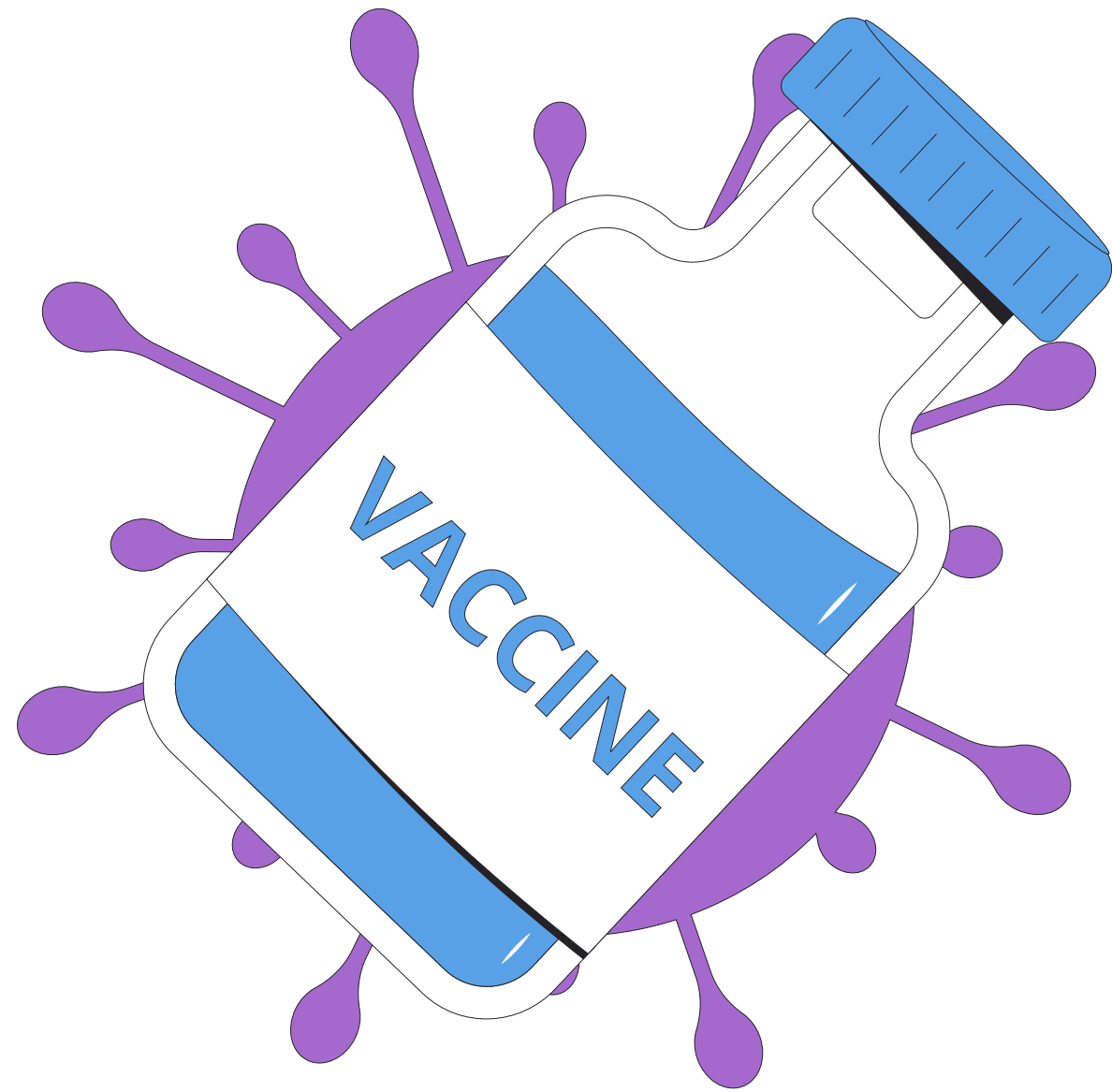


The Covid-19 vaccine has been developed and trialed in the same way as other medicines and vaccines

- As the pandemic is a global public health emergency, governments were prepared to put in lots of funding
- Time was saved by making money available quickly, recruiting participants in advance and working laboratories on a 24-hour shift rota
- Safety, governance and clinical trials have been the same as developing any new vaccine
- The different phases of the vaccine trial were run at the same time, rather than one after the other, which sped up the clinical process
- Thousands of people were recruited to take part in the clinical trial very quickly, as it was a global effort and many people wanted to volunteer
- Data from the trials was shared as soon as it was available, rather than waiting until the end



The NHS wants to help everyone to stay safe against Covid-19



Currently, everyone aged 12 or over, or aged 5-11 with (or live with someone with) a health condition that puts them at higher risk of serious illness from Covid-19, is eligible for the vaccine

People can be vaccinated whether or not they have proof of address, a GP or NHS number, indefinite leave to remain in the UK – no-one will be asked for money and the NHS won't share information for immigration purposes

All children in England aged 5-11 will be offered a Pfizer vaccine from April

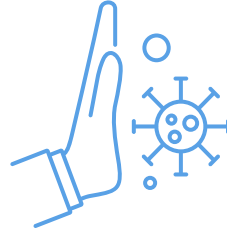
The Covid-19 vaccine is still strongly recommended



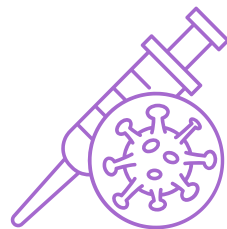
UKHSA data shows Covid-19 is making people of all ages seriously ill, short and long term, including young and previously healthy adults, pregnant mothers and their babies



Vaccination and the booster is our best defence against severe illness, hospitalisation and Long Covid from all current variants, including Omicron



People who previously had Covid should get vaccinated, as we don't know how long immunity remains after infection and it reduces over time



UKHSA data shows that people who are vaccinated are 50% less likely to develop Long Covid even if they catch the virus



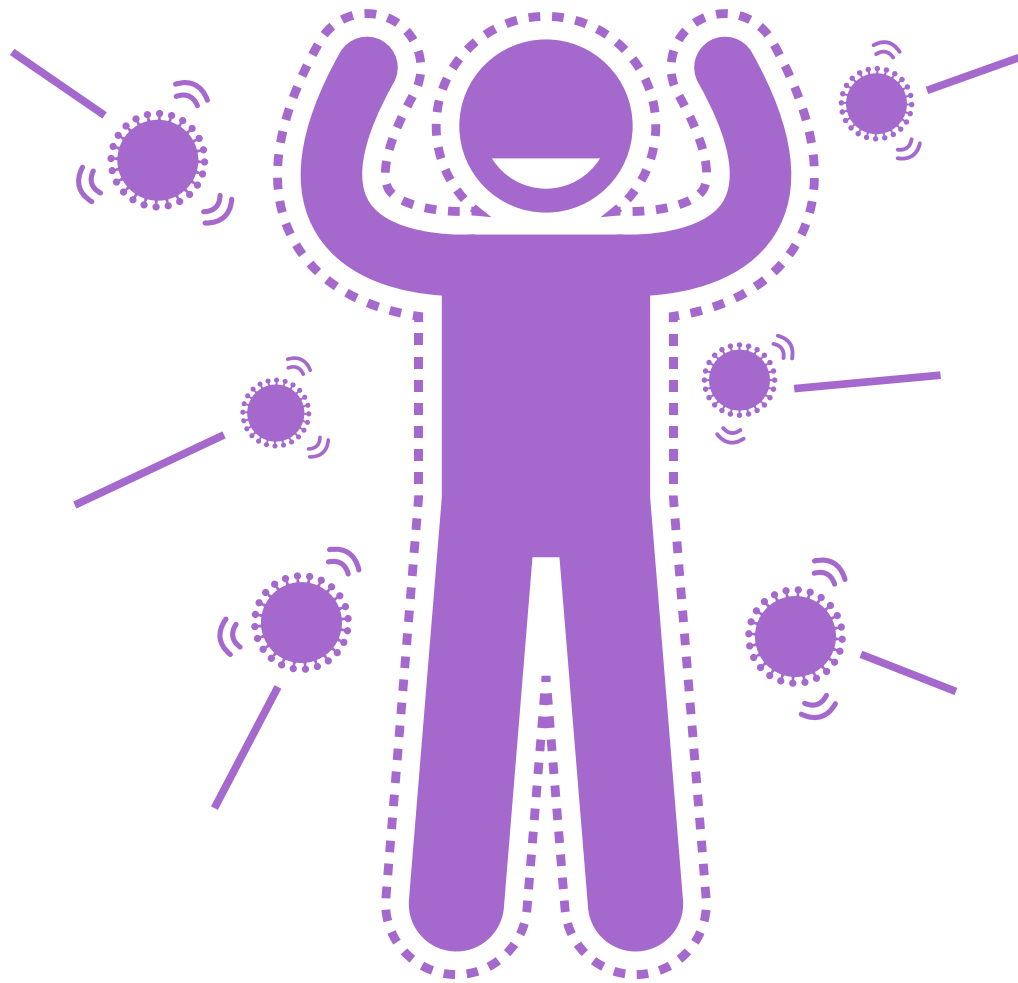
ONS data shows people who have not been vaccinated made up about 99% of all deaths involving Covid-19 in England in the first half of 2021

The booster vaccination gives longer lasting protection, and protection from Omicron

- There are many diseases where more than one vaccine is needed as immunity can reduce over time
- Having the booster helps improve the protection people have from their first two doses
- Boosting immunity should help to extend protection and may give broader protection against new variants
- The latest UKHSA data shows shortly after getting a booster, you are 85% less likely to end up in hospital than if you are unvaccinated



The vaccination will not give someone Covid-19



Vaccinations help our bodies to develop immunity to the virus that causes Covid-19, without us having to get the illness.

Different types of vaccines work in different ways to offer protection. But with all types of vaccines, the body is left with cells that remember how to deal with that virus if infected in future.

The vaccines we use in England do not contain any active Covid virus, so they cannot give someone Covid-19.

Vaccination is recommended if pregnant, breastfeeding or planning a baby



The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives recommend vaccination as the best way to protect parents and their baby from Covid-19



Vaccination against all known variants of Covid-19 has been prioritised during pregnancy as the data shows infection significantly increases the risk of harm, for both the individual and their baby



There is no evidence that the Covid-19 vaccines used in England are unsafe during pregnancy or for the unborn baby



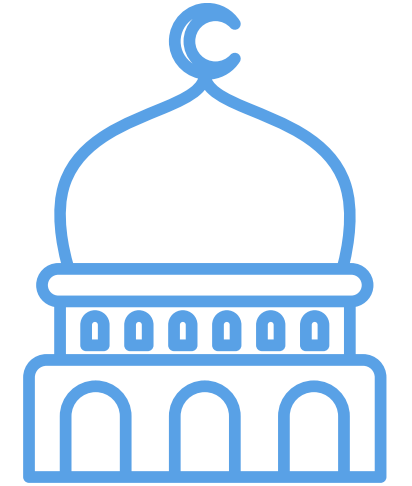
There is no evidence that they will cause any problems for those wanting to become pregnant in the future, and evidence shows that any changes in the menstrual cycle are temporary



Anyone with concerns should talk to their midwife as vaccination is strongly protective against severe disease

Many faith leaders support vaccination

Across England many imams, rabbis, clergy and faith scholars have advised people they can have the vaccination as well as hosting vaccination clinics at their venues.



The Covid-19 vaccinations used in England:

- Do not include animal products
- The amount of ethanol (a type of alcohol) used is less than that found in bread
- Do not use any new cell lines
- Are halal and kosher (as they do not contain animal products or high alcohol)



If anyone is concerned, they can check their faith's organising body website (many have messaging about vaccination), read the ingredients list for each vaccination on the MHRA website and can also talk to their health professional.



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