

Covid-19 vaccination programme in care homes

Webinar for care home managers

12 Jan 2021

Ambition for BSOL

First dose vaccination offered to all residents and staff in older persons care homes by Jan 31st

Feedback/questions from care homes

- Previous consultation events to gather feedback. Questions from homes have been addressed in FAQs and a Q&A video.
- Key points:
 - Concerns regarding IPC guidance - Lateral flow testing for vaccinators and IPC guidance for care homes to be followed.
 - Concern regarding process and timescales – GP Lead to keep care home updated
 - Care homes don't always feel they are partners. GPs asked to work in partnership to ensure process runs smoothly.
 - Staff have struggled to get the flu vaccine - staff can receive vaccine at designated sites if they are not working at the time of the care home visit
 - Can vaccination go ahead in homes with outbreaks? – There is now guidance on this – see resources section – and vaccination can go ahead with the correct measures in place and where it is safe to do so

Before the vaccination visit

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- Identify someone from within the care home to co-ordinate and liaise with the lead GP
- Identify space to vaccinate residents, staff and carry out admin
- Make sure there is access to a table for administration and a power socket
- Provide the GP with wifi codes before the visit
- Contact the GP just before the visit regarding any changes (covid positive cases/changes in numbers)

Top tips - Staff vaccinations

- Managers have an important role is providing accurate information to staff to encourage them to take up the vaccine
- Ensure staff have access to information leaflets and have an opportunity to ask questions.
- Put together a staff list of those who consent to vaccination – ensure staff have their NHS numbers to hand
- Consider the logistics of releasing staff to receive their vaccine, while maintaining staffing levels within the home.

Top tips – residents

- Gain consent from all residents and provide them with leaflets.
- Liaise with families where needed to gain consent
- Consider the logistics of where people will be vaccinated and observed, how many need to be vaccinated in their rooms (eg residents who are not mobile)
- Ensure medical details such as DOB, allergies, flu vaccs, COVID-19 histories etc are in place
- Vaccinations will be offered to all residents and staff by the PCN aligned to your care home (with liaison with the resident's GP if needed)

Top Tips – vaccination day

- Lead in the home to meet with the GP to validate the list of people to be vaccinated and update them of any changes
- Ensure residents are suitably clothed so that vaccinator can get to the arm easily
- Vaccination of staff to take place in separate area to mitigate IPC risk e.g. foyer or separate room if possible
- Keep records of staff and residents vaccinated and then update the National Capacity Tracker accordingly

Resources

BSOL vaccination website

www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk

- FAQs
- leaflets
- Consent forms
- Q&A video
- Outbreak guidance

There is a password protected staff area which includes information for care homes. The password is Uhb20-jrs