

## Questions from the Community during Session COVID-19 Session 18th January 2021

Questions	Answers
<p>How can we encourage staff to have the vaccine?</p>	<p>Thank you for your query. Deciding whether to have the vaccine is a personal choice for everyone, but it is understandable that in certain settings there may be extra pressure to encourage as many people as possible to have it, in order to protect the most vulnerable people in that setting.</p> <p>Two key strategies we would recommend to encourage vaccine uptake are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Ensuring your staff are as well informed as possible, and</li><li>2) Leading by example.</li></ol> <p>To this end, we recommend directing your staff to good quality, reliable and non-biased sources of information. Useful online resources include:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/</a></p> <p>The Kingston Council website also has information on the vaccine. See <a href="http://www.kingston.gov.uk/covid-19-kingston">www.kingston.gov.uk/covid-19-kingston</a> and go to the Covid-19 vaccine section for more information and FAQs</p> <p>It is also important to guide your staff away from misleading sources of "fake news" and encourage them to be critical of certain disreputable sources of information, such as social media.</p> <p>To lead by example, encourage managers or other members of staff who have had the vaccine to discuss this openly with colleagues to help reassure and allay their fears.</p>

<p>What provision is being made to vaccinate those who, through physical or mental difficulty, are unable to visit a centre?</p>	<p>Thank you for your query. For all patients who are housebound, vaccination will be offered via their GP, as part of community vaccination programme which is being rolled out alongside the programme delivered through hospital hubs. For this reason, it is imperative that all individuals wishing to be vaccinated are registered with a GP and, if they are unable to visit the GP practice, they must ensure this is documented in their medical record.</p> <p>Further, detailed information about the provision of Covid-19 vaccination to the housebound population can be found in Appendix E of the document linked below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/12/C1038-COVID-19-Vaccine-Deployment-in-Community-Settings-LVS-SOP-v3.2-14-January-2021.pdf">https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/12/C1038-COVID-19-Vaccine-Deployment-in-Community-Settings-LVS-SOP-v3.2-14-January-2021.pdf</a></p>
<p>How can we raise awareness of the risk of aerosol transmission/being indoors?</p>	<p>Thank you for your query. Recent research has shown that letting fresh air into indoor spaces can reduce the risk of infection from coronavirus by 70%. In order to raise awareness of this, a short film has been produced to encourage people to think about ventilation while indoors. The film can be found on Youtube at the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYZMOG2kUWg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYZMOG2kUWg</a></p> <p>Useful information about improving ventilation in workplace settings can also be found on the Health &amp; Safety Executive website:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation.htm">https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/equipment-and-machinery/air-conditioning-and-ventilation.htm</a></p>
<p>Is there any info yet on the proportion of local people declining a vaccination?</p>	<p>Thank you for your query. Unfortunately data on people declining the vaccination has not yet been made available. Data on vaccination numbers can be found at the link below. If further information is reported on in future, it is likely to be published here:</p> <p><a href="https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/healthcare">https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/healthcare</a></p>