

## Update on the vaccination rollout: 18 May 2021

As you will have seen, following the rising number of cases of the Indian variant of Covid-19, the JCVI has recommended that second vaccinations should be brought forward to 8 weeks for people in the nine priority groups who have not already had theirs. This includes people over 50, carers and those with health conditions that put them at greater risk from Covid-19.

We are working with all our vaccination centres to bring second vaccination appointments forward for people in Calderdale to ensure those most at risk get the maximum protection sooner. Anyone whose appointment needs to be moved will be contacted by the NHS to rearrange it so people do not need to contact the NHS themselves. Everyone else should still attend their appointment unless they are contacted to re-arrange it. It is really important that people have their second dose to make sure they get the maximum protection against Covid-19 and we are urging anyone who has been invited for their second dose to book their appointment as soon as possible.

First appointments will continue to be offered at all our centres, and bookings have now opened for people aged 36 and 37. People can book online without waiting for an invitation at [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or by calling 119.

We will update the conversations pack as we get further information on second doses but hope this is helpful as an update in the meantime.

Kind regards

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