



A message from Maddy...



Following last week's Government announcement, the NHS has been called upon to make an extraordinary effort to deliver a booster vaccination to everyone over the age of 18 years before the end of the year. Here in York, our wonderful teams have, once again, risen to the challenge. Working with our colleagues across the city, we've been able to act quickly on behalf of our 11 GP practices and work at scale. I'm incredibly proud to say that, by lunchtime on Monday 13 December (the day after the Government announcement), we'd already put together a city-wide plan to meet the new targets.

Last week alone we vaccinated more than 31,000 people and, this week, we hit the monumental milestone of having given half a million jabs since the York Vaccination Centre was first set up little more than a year ago.

Vaccination plans

We've set ourselves the target of giving 10,000 vaccinations per day. With the help of our partner practices and others, we've increased our capacity at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar and extended its opening hours from 6am until 10pm, seven days a week. With the support of Citywide Health, we've opened up three new satellite vaccination clinics in the city, which will be open from 8am until 8pm and will each deliver up to 1500 vaccinations per day. These satellite clinics are located at:

- Wigginton Recreational Hall (run by CityWide Health).
- Burnholme Sports Centre (run by CityWide Health).
- University of York Sport Centre, Heslington.

Appointments at each of our vaccination sites can only be booked via the [NHS website](#).

Our other services

We've asked the few remaining 12 to 15-year-olds who are awaiting a Covid-19 jab to book an appointment at the York Vaccination Centre instead, rather than going into schools to administer them.

We have temporarily moved our Paediatric Ambulatory Treatment Hub (PATH) children's clinic to Old Forge Surgery at Poppleton, so that we can have more space for our vaccination teams. However, this invaluable service will otherwise continue to operate in the same way.

We are postponing flu vaccination and Health Check clinics at the Askham Bar site for the next few weeks.

Christmas opening hours

In view of the changes outlined above, we have revised the Christmas opening hours for the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar as follows:

Friday 24 December: 6am to 3pm.

Saturday 25 December: Closed.

Sunday 26 December: Closed.

Monday 27 December: 10am to 6pm.

Tuesday 28 December: 10am to 6pm.

Wednesday 29 December: 6am to 10pm.

Thursday 30 December: 6am to 10pm.

Friday 31 December: 6am to 3pm.

Saturday 1 January: Closed.

Sunday 2 January: Closed.

Monday 3 January: 10am to 6pm.

Can you help?

We have a good bank of vaccinators, administrators and volunteers, but we need more. We have again enlisted the support of all our member practices, as well as St John volunteers, dentists and returners.

Anyone interested in working with us to meet the booster targets is asked to [email](#) us.

Spreading the word

The York Vaccination Centre has hosted local, regional and national media in recent days as we spread the word about the new arrangements and encourage everyone who's eligible to take up the offer of a Covid-19 booster.



Our values

Our team away day in early December gave us an opportunity to come together to consider our values, which are at the very heart of how we operate. I'd like to take this opportunity to share them with you:

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Open, honest and kind with everyone

Collaborative and connected with our community

Accountable and accessible to our partners

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Outstanding, courageous and agile in our work

Champions of innovation and excellence

Always there to protect, respect and care for patients

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Thank you Portakabin!

On our social media channels (see the links below), we've been running a #12DaysOfChristmas campaign to thank the many organisations and individuals who have supported our work during the last year. Special thanks must go to our colleagues at [Portakabin](#), who worked through the night last week to make sure we were ready for our clinic the following morning. Working from 10pm, they skilfully craned our third modular building on to the site and set it up ready for action.



I know that many of you will be working and volunteering far longer hours than we'd originally envisaged over the Christmas and New Year period to enable us to give booster jabs to as many local people as possible.

I'm so grateful to you all for your hard work and dedication, and wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.



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