

Covid-19 Booster Vaccination information for students on health care and Social work programmes

This is to highlight the importance of having your booster dose as soon as you are eligible (six months after your primary COVID-19 vaccination course).

Data from the ZOE COVID Study shows that the protection provided by two doses of either the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine falls over a number of months especially against the now-dominant Delta variant.

Occupational Health strongly recommend the administration of a booster dose for all healthcare and Social work students. This is particularly true for any staff who have health issues.

Where can I get my COVID-19 booster?

Occupational Health do not provide boosters.

Students can book Booster vaccinations as 'frontline' care and NHS staff. You can book 1 appointment for 1 booster dose. They can book via the [NHS booking line](#). You must take evidence that they are healthcare or social work students. You can use their NHS SMART or ID cards for this. You will need a Photo ID not online such as passport or driving licence. There is also a letter available which you can take with you. Your programme team will have posted this on a moodle site. You must not share this letter with others outside of the Programme as this would be in breach of the Standards of Conduct: Fitness to practise.

In some placement organisations they are offering students access when in placement to their staff booster vaccine rollout and students are welcome to have their Booster in this way too. It is best they use the resource which allows them the first opportunity to have the Booster vaccination.

How long do you have to leave between having a COVID-19 vaccination and your booster?

You can use this service to book an appointment for a booster dose if it's been 152 days (5 months) since your 2nd dose. You'll be offered appointment dates from 182 days (6 months) after the date of your 2nd dose.

How soon after having COVID-19 can I have my booster?

You should leave your booster at least 28 days after you had a positive test for COVID-19, or 28 days after your symptoms started.

What if I have severe allergic reactions to vaccines?

Oxford university hospitals NHS Foundation trust have successfully vaccinated over 500 people in our specialist High Risk Clinic. This clinic operates independently and is designed specifically for people with either:

- a history of systemic anaphylaxis, within 2 hours, to any vaccine
- a history of allergies / immediate anaphylaxis to multiple, different drugs, with the trigger unidentified, idiopathic (unexplained) anaphylaxis; complex reactions to medicines, or vaccines;
- a history of a systemic allergic reaction to any of the COVID-19 vaccines
- a history of an allergic reaction to any component of the COVID-19 vaccines

Please contact your general practitioner (GP) if you would like to be considered for vaccination in a high-risk setting – and, if appropriate, **your GP** can make this referral for you.

What if I have had Covid Vaccinations in another country?

Please complete the vaccination information in the googleform and PEU will be in contact with information about next steps. For your information we will be working alongside occupational health to provide you advice based on [Vaccination of those who received them overseas](#).

Isolation and increasing Covid-19 numbers:

New COVID-19 cases within patient numbers and staff are high. Please continue to take all infection and prevention precautions in placement to protect yourself and others. Never go into placement if you or your household have new symptoms of infection. Arrange for an urgent test. Most NHS Trusts will have their own testing facilities and processes for you to follow please make yourself aware of these.