

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Healthwatch website

We have created a dedicated vaccine webpage on the [Healthwatch Brighton and Hove website](#) which is being regularly updating. The website explains how the vaccines are currently being rolled-out and includes news and updates. In this bulletin we have included some of the most significant changes announced over the last week below. We also have a [Vaccine “Fact Check” webpage](#) to provide you with accurate information.

Contact us

Healthwatch is working with local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure you get the information you need. If you have a specific question, please do get in touch at office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

Information to help you understand the vaccination roll out

You can access some answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the vaccine by clicking [here](#). You can also read this ‘[fact check](#)’ page which tackles some of the biggest concerns and inaccuracies.

To help you understand more about the vaccination roll out and what to expect, a series of videos have been produced which are available below:

How will I get my jab? (animation) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bh4DLdKD6uw>

I have received a letter, what do I do? (animation)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ame-eJ4RUSU>

How will I be invited? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtDEiOK46GM>

What is a vaccination centre? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izprZWWYe9w>

In addition:

[Click here](#) to access an Easyread guide to being vaccinated

[Click here](#) and [here](#) to access translated materials about the vaccine

[Click here](#) for British Sign Language resources

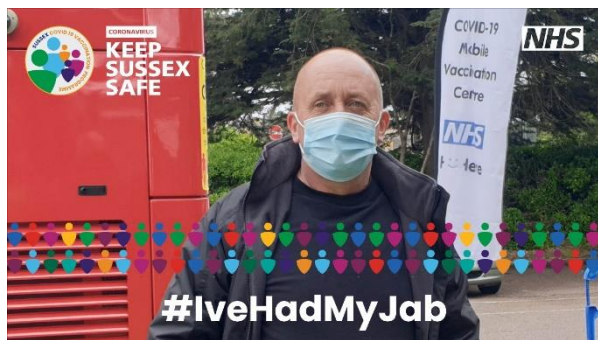
Have you had the COVID vaccine? We would like to hear from you about your experience. Please email office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

Or contact the team leading the roll out sxccg.commsresponseteam@nhs.net

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A. Anyone over 18 can now get their vaccination



Anyone aged 18 and over, those clinically extremely vulnerable, those with an underlying health condition, and unpaid carers are all currently eligible.

People aged 39 and under who are eligible and pregnant women will be offered the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine in line with updated JCVI guidance.

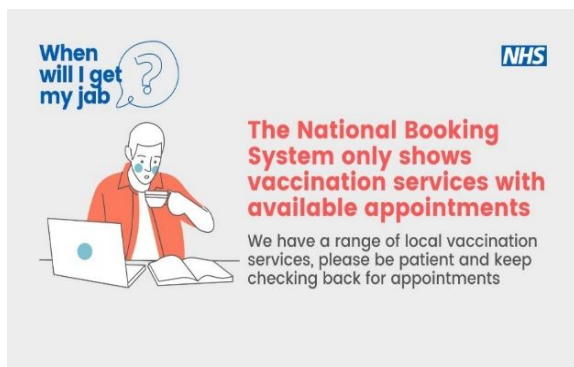
This opening up to the final cohort of people comes fewer than 200 days since the NHS made history by delivering the first Covid vaccine.

Already, around eight in 10 adults have had their first dose while more than half have had their vital second dose, meaning they have maximum protection from Covid-19.

You can [book your jab online now through the national booking service](#) or by calling 119 free of charge. The service will show you available appointments with the vaccine that is recommended for you. This may be at a larger vaccination centre, GP led service or a community pharmacy-led sites. It may mean that some services closer to you do not show, if they don't have the vaccine recommended for you. You may also be contacted by your GP led vaccination service directly to arrange an appointment.

If you have no way to get to your appointment, or know someone who can't, you can book free transport for a Covid-safe return journey. You need to book your appointment first, then [find details of how to book your transport](#).

B. Booking via the National Booking System



The National Booking System both online at nhs.uk/covidvaccine or over the phone by calling 119 only shows services with available appointments. If a vaccination centre currently does not have any available appointments, it will not show up in the list when you log into the system. We encourage eligible people who have been invited to receive their vaccination to keep checking the National Booking System for appointments.

C. Dates for upcoming community clinics

The community team reaching out to those who are eligible and yet to have their vaccine hits the road again this week.

Visit our ambulance vaccination service, the details are below:

The mobile vaccination service will be on/at:

- Saturday 19 June. 10:30-2:30, St Peter's Church, York Place, Brighton, BN1 4GU.
- Sunday 20 June. Brunswick Square, Hove, BN3 1EJ
- Weds 23 June, 11.00-16.00 - Tesco Superstore, Church Road, Hove BN3 2DL
- Thurs 24 June, 11.00-16.00 - Lower Place Car Park, Lower Place, Newhaven BN9 9FA
- Friday 25 and Saturday 26 June, 10.30-14.30 - St Peter's Church, York Place, Brighton BN1 4GU
- Sunday 27 June, 10.30-14.30 - Brunswick Square, Brighton BN3 1EJ.

Pre-booked appointments are available for anyone eligible. Limited drop-in appointments are also available.

The mobile vaccination units are intended for anyone over the age of 40, clinically vulnerable or an unpaid carer, who is unable to make it to the larger vaccination sites such as the Brighton Centre or Racecourse.

Getting the vaccine in the community is easy; just bring one form of ID (photo ID not required) and NHS number, if known.

How to book: Call 0300 303 8060 (drop-in is also available)

View a list of who is eligible for the COVID vaccine on the [NHS website here](#)



A visit to the vaccination bus

D. Vaccine buddies

You can now refer to Together Co Vaccine Buddies, a service to accompany and reassure people who are anxious about attending their vaccination appointment. The Buddy will call the person ahead of the appointment to introduce themselves and will then meet them at the relevant vaccination centre - this includes the Racecourse, Brighton Centre, and MVUs. A phone call after the appointment will also be offered.

To refer, email socialprescribing.togetherco@nhs.net with the title Vaccine Buddies. You can also call on 01273 229 002 and leave a message.

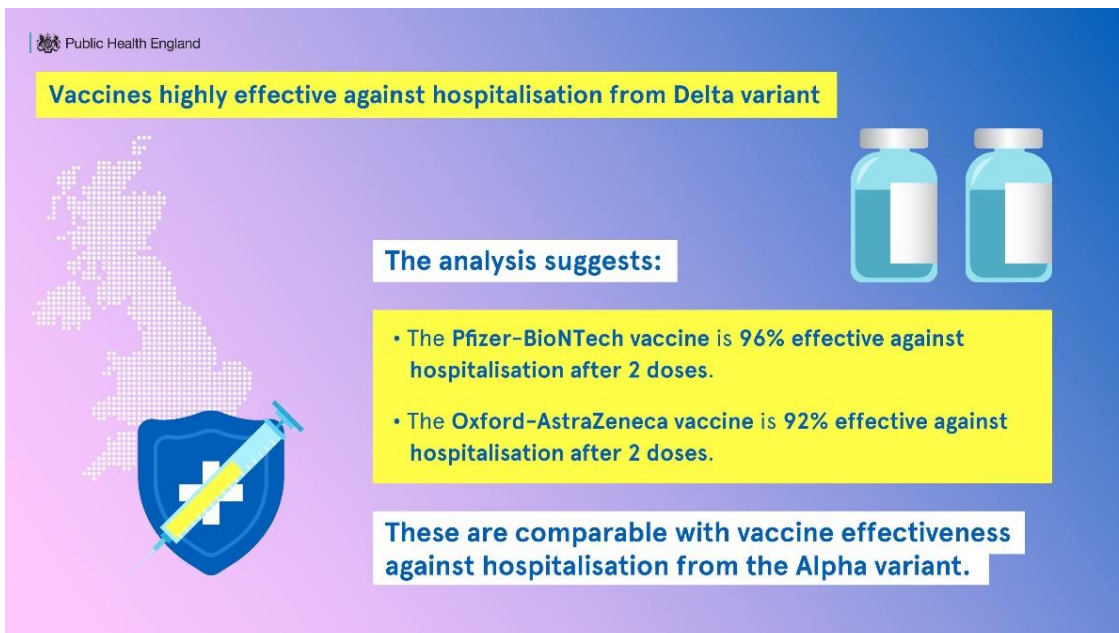
Together Co. will ask for the following information:

- Person's name, age, address and mobile number
- Summary of need
- Date and venue of vaccination appointment if already arranged - we prefer 5 days' notice if possible
- Anything the Buddy needs to know that would help them be sensitive to the person's situation.

Please note that they cannot offer transport or mobility support.

Buddies will have a letter showing that they are from Together Co that they can show to vaccination centre staff and the person referred.

E. Local NHS urges people not to delay second doses



Public Health England

Vaccines highly effective against hospitalisation from Delta variant

The analysis suggests:

- The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is 96% effective against hospitalisation after 2 doses.
- The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is 92% effective against hospitalisation after 2 doses.

These are comparable with vaccine effectiveness against hospitalisation from the Alpha variant.

As the largest ever NHS vaccination programme enters its final stages, the local NHS is urging local residents to remember to get their second dose.

People aged 40 and over are now able to have their second jab from eight weeks after their first - moving it forward from the original 12 week period. This extends the group after people aged 50 and over were able to do this last month.

If you have booked your appointments through the national booking system, you can use the website or call 119 to move your second dose forward.

If you had your first vaccination from a GP led team, you will be contacted as quickly as possible to rearrange your second dose.

Whether you are moving it forward, or have an appointment booked, everyone is urged to attend their second dose appointment.

Research this week showed how important the second jab is at protecting people against the Delta/Indian variant.

Studies have found the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to be 96% effective against hospitalisation after two doses, while the Oxford-AztraZeneca is 92% effective.

To date more than 1.1 million people in Sussex have received their vaccination, and more than 800,000 have had both doses.

F. Need confirmation of your COVID vaccinations?



The [NHS App](#) is now available to use as a vaccine passport (as from Monday 17th May 2021).

A paper version will also be available by calling 119.

Please do not telephone your GP Practice to ask about the vaccine passport as they are unable to provide vaccine passports and it's essential we leave phone lines free for people who need medical assistance.

The NHS App is separate to the [NHS COVID-19 App](#), which is used for contact tracing.

You can already use the NHS App to book appointments, repeat prescriptions and see your full medical records.

Your vaccine passport will only show when you have had both doses.

If you don't have the NHS App, [download the NHS App](#) now. It will record when you have had both doses of the vaccine and automatically create a vaccine passport which will be available from Monday 17 May 2021.

If you are planning to travel, please register to use the NHS App at least two weeks before travelling.

The paper letter should be requested at least five days after a second vaccine and can take up to five days to arrive so make sure to leave plenty of time if you need it to travel.

You can read more:

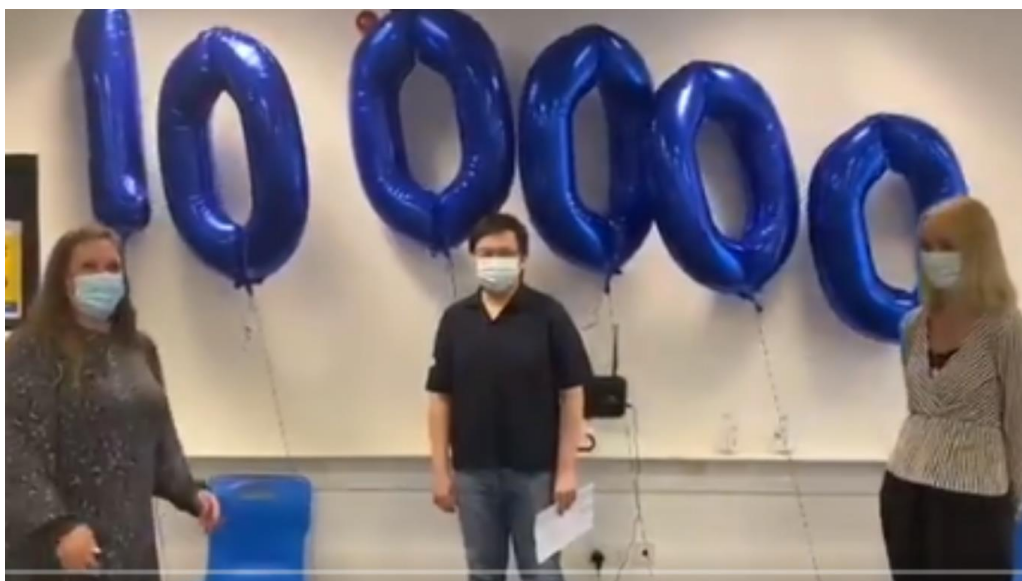
- [NHS App help and support](#)
- [Demonstrating your vaccine passport](#)
- [Healthwatch website](#)

G. COVID facts, and answers to common queries

[Covid Vax Facts](#) details answers from expert, independent doctors and scientists about the most common concerns raised by the public. You can read the answers to [key questions](#) currently in the news or pose your own questions for a response.

You can also get answers to frequently asked questions [here](#) and check some common myths about the vaccine [here](#).

H. Incredible milestone reached at Brighton Racecourse



Today, the HERE GP Federation team has reached 100,000 vaccinations given to people in Brighton and Hove.

The team have been running the vaccination service at the Brighton Racecourse, as well as mobile services with the vaccination ambulance and bus, and housebound vaccinations.

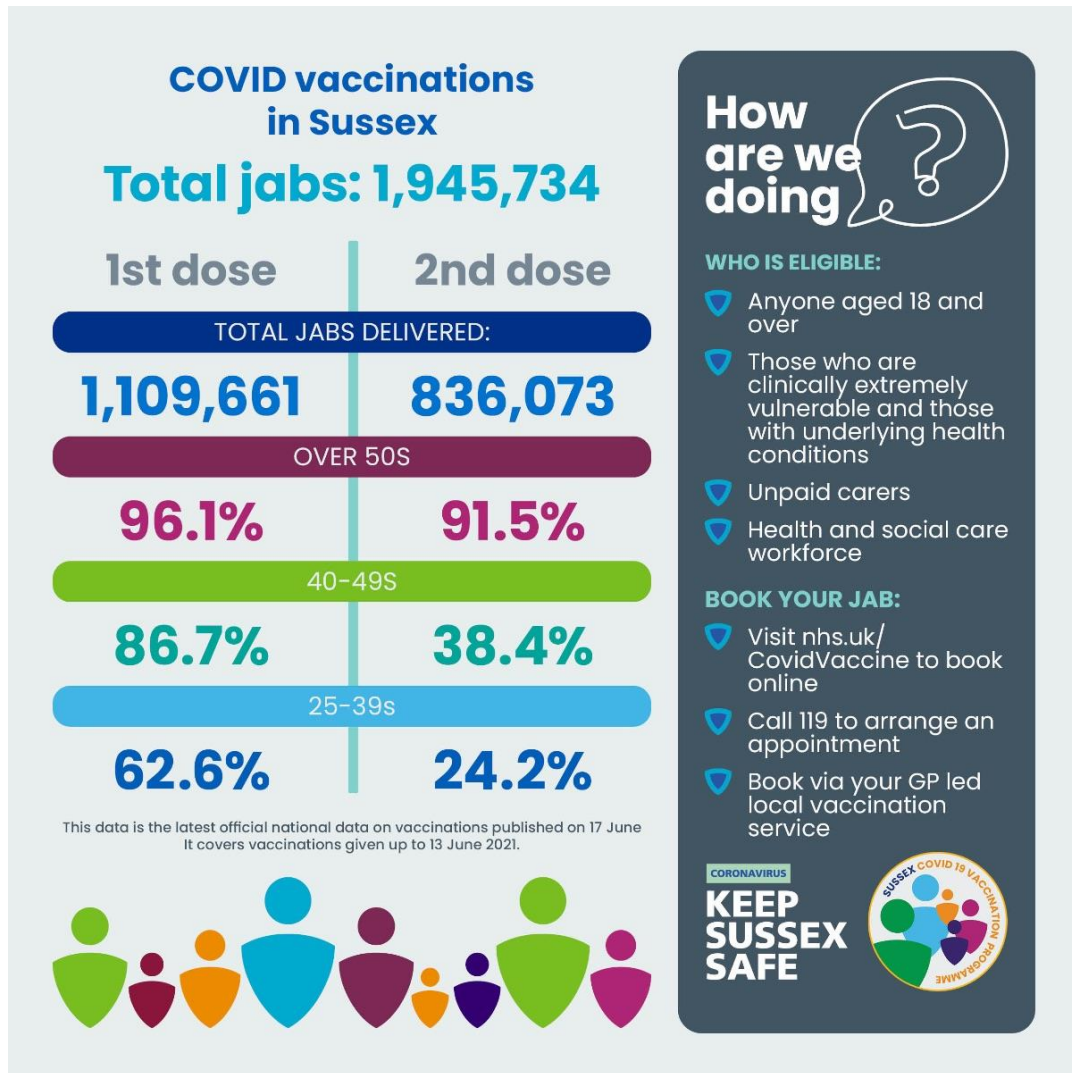
Amy Galea, Senior Responsible Officer for the Sussex Covid-19 Vaccination Programme said:

"The whole team at the Brighton Racecourse vaccination service have been incredible over the last six months and reaching this remarkable milestone of 100,000 delivered is testament to their tireless work and commitment to make a difference to everyone that lives in and around Brighton and Hove.

Alongside their work at the Racecourse, teams of clinicians, administrators and volunteers have also worked to bring the vaccine out to communities in the city to make sure everyone gets the opportunity to have their vaccination. They have been on the road for weeks, continuing this week, making every effort to reach every part of the city.

As this weekend all adults become eligible for the vaccine, the work of HERE with Brighton and Hove GP practices at the Racecourse and the mobile service is absolutely critical so that everyone can receive this vital protection. Our thanks to them for all of their work and congratulations to everyone for this incredible achievement for people in the city."

I. Progress to date



J. How to get your vaccine - in different languages

English	To book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments go to www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or phone 119 which will have interpreters available on request.	For more information in other formats, and languages other than English, go to: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Arabic عربي	، انتقل إلى COVID-19 لحجز مواعيد اللقاح ضد www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination أو اتصل برقم 119 الذي سيوفر مترجمين فوريين عند الطلب.	لمزيد من المعلومات بتنسيقات ولغات أخرى غير الإنجليزية، انتقل إلى http://bit.ly/adultguide
Bengali বাংলা	আপনার কোভিড-১৯ টিকার অ্যাপয়েন্টমেন্টের বুকিং এর জন্য	অন্যান্য প্রকরণ এবং ইংরেজী ব্যতীত অন্য ভাষাতে আরও তথ্য পেতে এখানে যান:

	www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination এ যান বা ১১৯ নম্বরে ফোন করুন যেখানে অনুরোধ সাপেক্ষে দোভাষী পরিষেবা সুবিধা পাওয়া যাবে।	http://bit.ly/adultguide
Spanish Español	Para reservar sus citas de vacunación contra la COVID-19, vaya a www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination o llame al teléfono número 119, donde tendrá intérpretes disponibles previa solicitud.	Para obtener más información en otros formatos e idiomas distintos del inglés, visite: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Farsi فارسی	برای رزرو قرارهای واکسیناسیون کووید-19 خود به www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination مراجعه کرده یا به شماره 119 زنگ بزنید که بنا به درخواست، مترجم همزمان در اختیار دارند.	برای اطلاعات بیشتر در فرمتهای دیگر، هر زبان دیگر به غیر از انگلیسی، به اینجا مراجعه کنید: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Gujarati ગુજરાતી	તમારી કોવિડ-19 રસીકરણની એપોઇન્ટમેન્ટ બુક કરવા માટે www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination પર જાવ અથવા 119 પર ફોન કરો જેઓ વિનંતી કરવાથી દુભાષિયા ઉપલબ્ધ કરાવી આપશે.	ઇંગ્લીશ સિવાયના અન્ય સ્વરૂપો અને ભાષાઓમાં વધુ માહિતી માટે, અહીં જાઓ: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Hindi हिन्दी	अपनी COVID-19 टीकाकरण अपॉइंटमेंट की बुकिंग करने के लिए www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination पर जाएं या 119 पर फोन करें जहां अनुरोध पर दुभाषिए उपलब्ध होंगे।	अन्य प्रारूपों, और अंग्रेजी के अलावा अन्य भाषाओं में अधिक जानकारी के लिए इस वेबसाइट पर जाएं: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Kurdish سۆزانی	بۆ سازکردنی مەوعید بۆ کوتان دژی کۆفید-19 www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination سەردان بکە بۆ یان تەلەفون بکە بۆ 119 که وەرگیری زانانیان هەمیه به داواکردن	بۆ زانیاری زیاتر به شیوازی تر، وه به زمانی تر: جگه له ئینگلیزی، سەردان بکە بۆ http://bit.ly/adultguide
Nepali नेपाली	तपाईंको COVID-19 खोप एपोइन्टमेन्ट लिन www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination मा जानुहोस् वा 119 मा फोन गर्नुहोस् जहाँ अनुरोध गर्दा दोभाषेहरू पनि उपलब्ध हुनेछन्।	अन्य स्वरूप, र अङ्ग्रेजी बाहेक अन्य भाषामा थप जानकारीका लागि, यहाँ जानुहोस्: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Punjabi ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਟੀਕਾਕਰਨ ਅਪਾਇੰਟਮੈਂਟਾਂ ਬੁੱਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ ਜਾਂ 119 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ	ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ, ਇਸ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ: http://bit.ly/adultguide

	ਜਿੱਥੇ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕਰਨ 'ਤੇ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਣਗੇ।	
Polish Polski	Aby umówić wizytę na szczepienie przeciwko COVID-19, należy udać się na stronę www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination lub zadzwonić pod numer 119, pod którym na żądanie dostępni są tłumacze ustni.	Więcej informacji w innych formatach i innych językach jest dostępna na: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Romanian Română	Pentru a vă programa pentru vaccinarea împotriva COVID-19 accesați www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination sau apelați numărul de telefon 119, care vă poate pune la dispoziție interpreți disponibili la cerere.	Pentru mai multe informații în alte formate și alte limbi în afară de limba engleză, accesați: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Somali Soomaali	Si aad u qabsato ballantaada tallaalka COVID-19 aad www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination ama taleefoon u dir lambarka 119 khadkaas oo laga heli karo turjubaano marka la weydiisto.	Macluumaad dheeraad ah oo ku saabsan qaabab kale, ama luqado kale aan Ingiriis aheyn, aad: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Albanian Shqiptare	Për të rezervuar takimet tuaja të vaksinimit COVID-19 shkoni në www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination ose telefononi numrin 119 i cili do të ketë në dispozicion përkthyes sipas kërkesës.	Për më shumë informacion në formate të tjera dhe gjuhë të tjera përveç anglishtes, shkoni te: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Tagalog Tagalog	Para mai-book ang iyong mga appointment sa pagpapabakuna laban sa COVID-19, pumunta sa www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination o tumawag sa 119 na kung saan may maaaring tumulong na mga interpreter kapag hiniling.	Para sa higit na impormasyon sa iba pang mga format, at mga wika maliban sa Ingles, pumunta sa: http://bit.ly/adultguide
Urdu اُردُو	کوویڈ-19 کے حفاظتی ٹیکے لگوانے کے لیے اپنی اپوائنٹمنٹ بک کرنے کے لیے www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination پر جائیں یا 119 پر کال کریں جہاں پر درخواست کرنے پر مترجم دستیاب ہوں گے۔	دیگر فارمیٹس، اور انگریزی کے علاوہ دیگر زبانوں میں معلومات کے لیے جائیں http://bit.ly/adultguide
Chinese 中文	欲预约您的 COVID-19 疫苗接种，请访问 www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination 或拨打 119，可根据要求提供口译员服务。	欲获其它格式及英语以外其它语言的更多信息，请访问： http://bit.ly/adultguide



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