



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council

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Top stories today:



Walk-in vaccination clinic available at Bath & West this weekend

Residents in Somerset who have not yet had their Covid vaccination are being invited to attend a special drop-in clinic at the large vaccination centre at the Bath and West Showground in Shepton Mallet.

All eligible adults who have not yet had a first dose or booked a slot through the National Booking Service (NBS), can come along to the vaccination site any time between 10am and 6pm on Saturday 12 June and Sunday 13 June.

The walk-in clinics will operate at the Bath and West Showground this weekend, in addition to any existing pre-booked vaccination appointments. People who have a confirmed booking slot for either first or second doses,

should continue to attend their bookings as planned.

After the weekend walk-ins, people should book as normal before attending the site.

There is a broad range of vaccination sites in Somerset on offer through the NBS including large vaccination sites, GP-led community sites and an increasing number of new pharmacy-led sites. People can book both first and second doses in advance by calling 119 or visiting:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

This week, the Government announced that anyone aged over 25 can now book their COVID jab through the NBS. Vaccinations also continue to be available for anyone in priority groups 1-12 who have not yet taken up the offer of a vaccine.

All Somerset vaccination sites are following the latest JCVI preference to provide an alternative to the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine for adults under the age of 39, without underlying health conditions.

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Lockdown update expected soon

Confirmation from the Government about what will happen to the roadmap out of lockdown on 21 June is expected next week.

Whatever happens, it is vitally important that everyone stays aware of the risk that Covid-19 still poses. With big sporting events to look forward to, and the potentially more transmissible Delta variant circulating please keep following the guidance – hands, face, space, fresh air.

It's also important to keep taking the rapid tests that are freely available to anyone without coronavirus symptoms in Somerset.

If you are opting to take your rapid tests at home, please remember to register your test result within 24 hours on the GOV.UK website or by calling 119.

Reporting your test result is important because it helps to:

- reduce infection rates in the community
- protect people at higher risk of infection
- prevent and reduce the spread of the virus.

If your rapid test result is positive, you need to:

- self-isolate immediately
- book a follow-up PCR test (which is analysed in a laboratory) on the GOV.UK website or by calling 119.

Those isolating may be eligible to access the test and trace support payment scheme, which provides a £500 payment to help during their isolation.

Full information, including how to apply for the £500 grant can be found below.

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Clinton's Covid catch-up

As many people are aware, GP practices have been experiencing a very busy period over the last few weeks and as a result there are a very high number of patients trying to contact them.

This means there are currently longer waits for routine appointments than usual at some practices. The NHS in Somerset is doing all it can to reduce waiting times but know there are many people needing healthcare help.

This week's Clinton Covid Catch-up film looks at what this means for you and



Men's Health Awareness Week

As part of Men's Health Awareness Week (14 – 20 June), Dave Partlow, Somerset County Council Adult Social Care Strategic Manager, talks about the emotional rollercoaster of working in high stress, frontline jobs, how he dealt with that pressure and his introduction to the Five Ways of Wellbeing – principles of support he was already unconsciously using in his life.

Throughout the pandemic, Dave has supported care providers with advice and guidance, worked with Public Health colleagues on managing and supporting providers through outbreaks, supported the management and provision of PPE, supported the care sector with testing, and managed the care sector vaccination programme.

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Support for Somerset residents

Help is available for anyone in Somerset who may need additional support. The five councils in Somerset have been working together since the first lockdown to provide a single phone number for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus-related support.

Residents are reminded they can call 0300 790 6275 if they need any help themselves or are concerned about relatives or neighbours. Lines are open seven days a week between 8am and 6pm.



Reduce the risks and follow advice

It's vital everyone acts to reduce their own risk, and the risk to others, from getting ill with coronavirus.

There's really important information available to help Somerset residents, businesses and visitors take all-important precautions.

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