

COVID-19 Vaccine Update No 45

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'Week of walk ins' continues in West Sussex



More than 50 walk in vaccination sessions have taken place in Sussex this week to make it as easy as possible for people to receive their vaccination. Many more are planned for the rest of the week with sessions across West Sussex.

At community centres, supermarkets and in town centres, the pop up clinics are open for first, second and booster vaccinations.

No appointment is needed and people can come at any time during the session. They have been well received and people have come forward for their first vaccines as well as those needing their top up booster.

We encourage anyone who is yet to have their vaccine – whichever it may be – to find a walk in session close to them and attend in the coming days.

The teams are also able to answer any questions that people may have – if you are not sure, or you have questions, come and meet the team and they can talk to you about it. There is no pressure to have the vaccine on the day; they are keen to answer your questions.

The best protection against COVID-19 remains the vaccination

[See the latest list of walk in sessions in your area](#)

Hospital vaccination services confirmed until February

As part of the Week of Walk ins we have been delighted to offer walk in vaccination services on our hospital sites.

They have been so successful to reach both patients and staff, that it has been confirmed that these services will continue for the next two weeks.

The services are located at:

- Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton: Main entrance, Barry Building, Eastern Road.
- St Richards Hospital, Chichester: Vaccination bus in the car park by the main outpatients building
- Worthing Hospital: Vaccination bus in the Lyndhurst Road car park

They are open 11am to 4pm and no appointment is needed.

The clinics are a collaboration between University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (UHSussex) and the vaccination providers – Innovations in Primary Care and HERE GP Federations – who are running the services.

Dr Charlotte Hopkins, Chief Medical Officer at UHSussex said: “We know vaccination is the best way of keeping ourselves, our patients, our loved ones and our colleagues safe from getting severely ill with Covid. We also know that finding the time to get vaccinated isn’t always as easy as it sounds.

“I’m very grateful to the teams who are making this possible and to everyone who makes the decision to get vaccinated. Increasing the vaccination rate across Sussex will help us avoid hospital admissions due to Covid and reduce pressure on our services, helping us make sure we can provide the care people need, when they need it.”

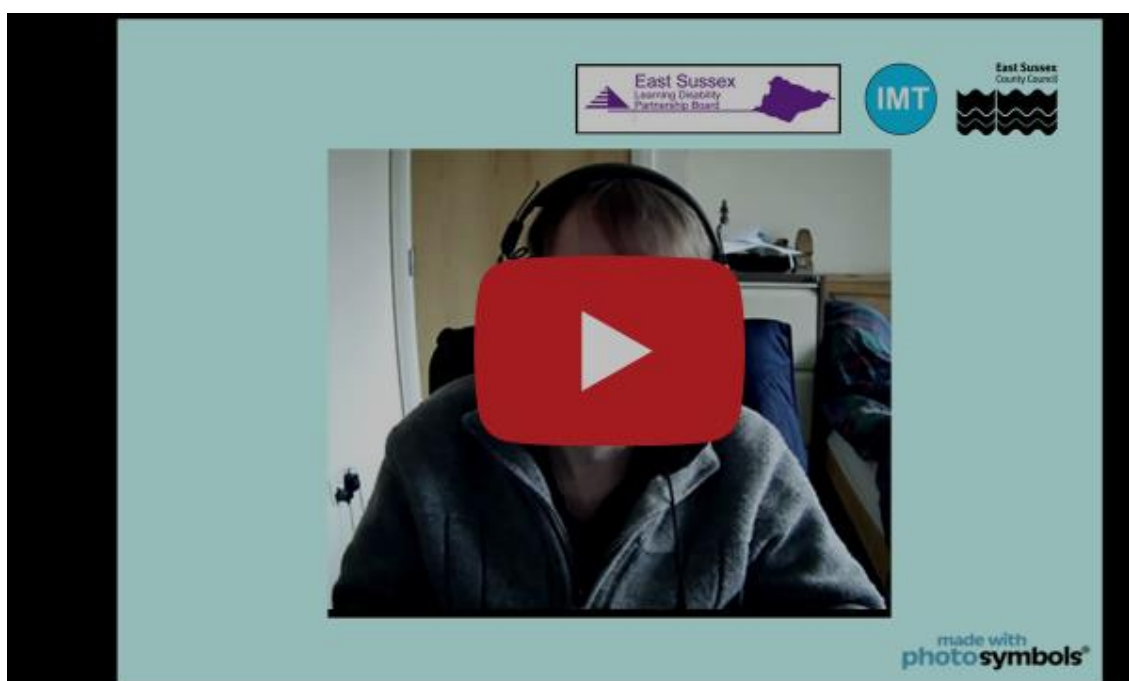
Quiet session taking place next week

A dedicated vaccination session is taking place this month for anyone with a learning disability and anyone who would benefit from a quiet space and more time to get their COVID-19 vaccination.

The clinic, which is being organised by GP Federation, HERE, is being offered to people living in Sussex who are currently eligible for the vaccine and who may need more time for their appointment, or who has extra access needs where a quieter and calmer environment would help support them to receive their vaccination.

It is taking place on Saturday 29th January at the Brighthelm Centre in Brighton. It is a booked session, so please call 0300 303 8060.

Watch a video about the COVID-19 vaccine:



Still have questions?

If you are still not sure on why you should have the vaccine or have questions, please see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which answer the most common

questions we hear from local people. <

There is also a range of [downloadable resources](#) with videos and helpsheets in different formats and our community languages.

If you have any questions that aren't answered here, you can also contact our Vaccine Enquiries Team and they will be able to help and support you with the information you need:

- Email sxccg.vaccineenquiries@nhs.net
- Call our vaccine enquiry phone line: 0800 433 4545 (open 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday).

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions please contact Patrick Brady – Email plb11@btinternet.com Mobile 07977 50643