



# 01 February 2024

Dear colleagues,

This bulletin provides need-to-know information from the national COVID-19 vaccination deployment team, supporting Vaccination Centres (VC), Local Vaccination Services (LVS) and Hospital Hubs across the country to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

If you have any queries, please contact your SVOC who can escalate via the SVOC/RVOC escalation route.

To access links in this bulletin please join the [COVID-19 Vaccination Programme - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#). Previous editions of the bulletin are [here](#).

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## Cross-programme updates

### [NEW: Spring COVID-19 vaccination campaign + contracts](#)

In preparation for a Spring COVID-19 vaccination campaign, the end date of the current COVID-19 vaccination contracts will be extended from 31 March 2024 to 31 August 2024. Please note we are expecting final JCVI guidance on a Spring campaign soon. Providers must let their local commissioner know by 22 February 2024 if they are able to continue delivering the COVID-19 vaccination service until 31 August 2024

The enhanced service specifications and Standard Contract Schedules have been updated and are published here:

- [General Practice Enhanced Service Specification](#) and [PCN Grouping Collaboration Agreement](#)
- [Community Pharmacy Enhanced Service Specification](#)
- [Standard Contract Schedules](#)
- [Standard Contract Schedule 2A – Detained Estates](#)

This includes updated payment arrangements from 1 April 2024. A process will be announced shortly for the award of COVID-19 vaccination contracts from 1 September 2024 onwards. We will share further information about this soon.

### [REMINDER: Campaign Closure and Year-Round Pathway Operations Note](#)

An Operational Note was shared on 23 January 2024 to provide regions, systems and sites with their actions for the closure of the campaign on 31 January 2024 and the ongoing offer of the vaccine on a case-by-case basis to individuals who are severely immunosuppressed. It can be found on FutureNHS [here](#). The note covered:

- Legal mechanisms for administration
- Pausing or hibernating sites
- Stock management
- Clinical assurance dashboard
- Decommissioned / paused vaccines
- Ongoing vaccination
- Other seasonal or routine immunisations

### **NEW: COVID-19 vaccinations FutureNHS content to move**

Please note the **COVID-19 FutureNHS workspace will be unavailable on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

All content in this workspace is being transferred to a dedicated page on the [Vaccinations & Screening workspace](#). Further comms will be coming to all users explaining the change.

You will be able access the new COVID-19 page on the V&S workspace [here](#). **This link will go live on Monday 5 February 2024.**

### **NEW: Help us with the next phase to design Point of Care systems used to capture and report on various vaccination data**

As this is a new phase in the project we need to verify your data and consent even if you have been previously involved.

We are working to improve the experience of staff involved with using Point of Care (POC) systems to capture and report on vaccination events. This next phase will involve supporting the ongoing design & development of the working end-to-end service based on what we discovered during the previous two phases of the project.

**We will be conducting a series of 30 - 60 minute research sessions over Microsoft Teams soon, if you'd like to take part, please complete the short form [here](#).**

### **NEW: Stock Management**

Following the end of the Autumn/Winter campaign on 31 January, sites should submit their final stocktake by 7 February. If a site is pausing or hibernating prior to this date, a stocktake must be completed before it is paused. If a site is continuing to vaccinate as per the year-round vaccination pathway, a stocktake should be completed every seven days. Sites should mark their stocktake as "zero" if they have no XBB vaccine left.

## Further national links and resources

### **Operational notes:**

You can find all the latest operational notes on FutureNHS [here](#).

You can find communications resources on FutureNHS [here](#).

### **Previous bulletins:**

Previous editions of these bulletins can be found [here](#).

### **Other Resources:**

[Coronavirus vaccinations](#): Our Digital team helps you access up-to-date information, training and onboarding guides related to the tech and data solutions that are supporting the Covid-19 and seasonal flu vaccination programmes.

[COVID-19 Vaccination Programme workspace](#) provides members with access to key documents, resources, webinar recordings and case studies. There is also a discussion forum for members.

[Equalities Community of Practice](#), with bespoke tools, resources and content for engagement and practice in supporting and learning from people and partners within underserved communities and equalities groups.

[Supply and Delivery Hub](#) helps you access key information in a timely way and helps support you to deliver your local vaccination service. Here you will find the latest delivery information alongside the latest supply chain and customer service FAQs and other helpful information.

**All COVID-19 vaccination queries for national teams should be escalated via the SVOC/RVOC/NVOC process. Current SVOC email addresses can be found [here](#).**