

(COVID) Community Champions

Briefing

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COVID-19 Data – National & Local

- Surrey's [COVID-19 Intelligence Summary Report](#) is published every Tuesday.
- [National data](#) on cases, vaccine, deaths is updated daily, also available in easy-read version
- [Public Health England Campaign Resource Centre](#)
- **COVID-19 Cases & Deaths**
 - The ONS estimates that the percentage of people testing positive for COVID-19 decreased in England in the week ending 23rd April 2022. It is estimated that **2.2%** of the population in England and **2.3%** of the population in the South East had COVID-19
 - The estimated **R number** for the South East is **0.7 to 0.9**. There is a high degree of uncertainty around this estimate due to highly variable transmission across the region.
- **COVID-19 Vaccinations**
 - Up to 2nd May, **965,921 (85%)** people aged 12+ in Surrey have received the 1st dose of a vaccination for COVID-19, and **923,753 (81%)** people in Surrey have received the 2nd dose. **764,267 (67%)** people aged 12+ in Surrey have received a booster or third dose of a vaccination.
- **COVID-19 Hospitalisation**
 - COVID-19 hospital admissions have decreased in Surrey and in England, with **171** in Surrey hospitals this week (2nd May to 8th May).

Key Message: COVID-19 infections may be receding in the UK - but that does not mean that the virus has gone away.

Latest insight of COVID-19 impacts on lifestyle

- According to the [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS), almost 4 in 10 (39%) adults across Great Britain reported always or often maintaining social distancing and over half (57%) reported wearing a face covering when outside their home (27 April to 8 May 2022).
- Since removal of the legal requirement to isolate, 51% reported fully complying with isolation advice (28 March to 2 April 2022), a significantly lower proportion than those reported in early March 2022 (64%) and February 2022 (80%).
- Over two-thirds of people previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV people) were no longer shielding in April 2022 but were taking extra precautions. Around one in eight (13%) reported continuing to follow shielding advice.



Share: If you feel unwell or have temperature, please stay at home, if possible. The advice is to stay at home for five days, which is when you will be most infectious.

COVID-19 Vaccination

Local Vaccine Information

NHS Surrey Heartlands CCG	Frimley Health & Care ICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequently Asked Questions• Vaccination Programme Updates• Vaccination Sites• Vaccination helpline (not booking service): 0300 561 2500 9am-4pm (Mon-Fri) syheartlandscg.vaccination@nhs.net• Twitter: @SyHeartlandsCCG• Facebook @NHSSurreyHeartlandsCCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequently Asked Questions• Vaccination Programme Updates• Vaccination Sites• Twitter: @FrimleyHC• Facebook: @FrimleyHealthandCare

COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Study

- The latest results from the [COV-BOOST trial](#), led by University Hospital Southampton, show that a fourth dose mRNA booster vaccine is safe and boosts antibody levels - even higher than that of a third dose.
- In this study, 166 people who had received a third dose of Pfizer, following Pfizer or AstraZeneca initial doses in June 2021, were randomised to receive full dose Pfizer or half dose Moderna as a fourth dose. These were approximately seven months after their third dose.
- While pain at vaccination site and fatigue were the most common side effects, there were no vaccine-related serious adverse events, and fourth doses were safe and well tolerated.
- A second booster – fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine – is currently offered in the UK (Spring Booster) to those aged 75 or over, [people living in care homes for older people](#), and those over the age of 12 who are immunosuppressed. Visit [nhs.uk](#) for more information.

Spring Booster

You are eligible for a Spring Booster if you are:

- Aged 75 years old or over
- Aged 12 years old or over with a weakened immune system

People are advised to wait 6 months since their previous dose to get maximum protection from a spring booster.

Book your COVID-19 vaccination [on-line](#), call 119 or visit a [walk-in vaccination facility](#).



Share: Those eligible for the spring booster vaccine can book at pharmacies, vaccination centres or GP practices across Surrey. To book visit [NHS.UK](#) or call 119, [walk-ins](#) also available.

COVID-19 Testing

Order a [free NHS COVID-19](#) test or call 119 if you're [eligible](#).
[SignVideo](#) is a free online British Sign Language interpreter service for 119.
[Finding and Choosing a COVID-19 Test Provider – Guidance](#)

May Measure Month – High Blood Pressure

High blood pressure puts extra strain on your heart and blood vessels – this is called hypertension. Over time it can lead to a number of health problems including heart attacks, stroke and kidney disease.

A third of adults in the UK have hypertension and don't realise they have it. It can be a silent killer as usually there are no symptoms, so knowing that you may have high blood pressure and taking steps to manage it could save your life.

There are a number of ways that you can manage high blood pressure and lead a normal, healthy life. It's important to understand what blood pressure numbers mean, what levels are safe, and how to measure your blood pressure, for example at home or maybe at your local pharmacy – and also how to work with your GP practice if your blood pressure is high.

For more information visit [NHS Southeast Clinical Networks](#) and take a look at the films to hear more advice from the medical team and useful tips and advice.



Share: When was the last time you checked your blood pressure? Many people at risk don't even know they have high blood pressure, knowing your number could save your life. Visit [NHS](#)

Have your say - Shaping Pharmacy Services in Surrey

A draft pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) has been developed following the feedback received through the Pharmacy and Chemist Services in Surrey survey.

The PNA sets out what pharmaceutical services are currently offered and assesses whether these meet current and future needs of the population of Surrey.

On behalf of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board, we would like to invite you to take part in the consultation stage of the process. The consultation seeks to ensure the information presented is accurate and that the conclusions we make are appropriate.

Your answers to our consultation will help inform our final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022, to be published by 1st October 2022, which looks at health needs in Surrey, the level and accessibility of pharmacy services and how these will be maintained and developed in the future.

Take part by reading the [Draft PNA](#) and completing the survey online using this link: [PNA Survey](#). The consultation closes on the Tuesday 12th July 2022. If you have any questions or comments on the PNA, please contact us via email public.health@surreycc.gov.uk or call 020 8541 7976



Share: We'd like to hear what you think about our draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which sets out our needs for pharmacy/chemist services across Surrey. Find out more [surreysays.co.uk](#)