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Good News for Lincolnshire - Covid-19 vaccination Programme has begun in earnest

Healthwatch Lincolnshire is pleased to confirm the positive news that with the opening of more vaccination sites this week, it will mean there are 15 local sites available in Lincolnshire for residents to access their Covid-19 vaccination.

The public will be asked to attend one of the vaccination centres listed below, these most importantly have been set up to comply with health and safety requirements including social distancing. It is worth noting that unfortunately at this stage not all 85 GP surgeries in Lincolnshire are able to offer the vaccination at their surgery.

“At the start of 2021, this is the news we all wanted to hear” said Pauline Mountain, MBE, Chair of Healthwatch Steering Group. Pauline went on to say, *“getting our most vulnerable residents vaccinated against Covid-19 as soon as possible is vital, not only helping them, their families and carers to stay safe but also helping to reduce the pressures on all our frontline workers, with the opening up of these 15 vaccination centres this should now be possible”*.

Healthwatch is urging residents not to telephone their GP Surgery for information about when they are likely to be invited to receive their vaccination. *“We understand that many people are keen to get vaccinated but please don’t call your GP surgery, all this is doing is blocking the phone lines of already stretched services”* said Dean Odell, Healthwatch Contract Co-ordinator. Dean went on to say, *“Please don’t worry, everyone will be offered a vaccination and when it is your turn you will definitely be contacted and given a date, time and venue where to go”*. Also, we recommend that you don’t just turn up at one of the vaccination centres without receiving your booking confirmation, if you do you will be turned away.



The 15 local sites (as of 12/01/2021) will all be up and running by the end of this week and will include:

1. Louth County Hospital, Louth
2. Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham
3. Waddington Branch Surgery, South Lincoln
4. St Marys Practice, Stamford
5. Franklin Hall, Spilsby
6. Ruston's Sports and Social Club, Lincoln
7. The Sidings Medical Practice, Boston
8. Portland Medical Practice, Lincoln
9. Lincoln County Hospital
10. Pilgrim Hospital, Boston
11. The Storehouse, Skegness
12. Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln
13. Springfield's Conference Centre, Spalding
14. John Coupland Hospital, Gainsborough
15. Marisco Medical Practice, Mablethorpe

We are also aware that one of the larger vaccination sites that is still to be announced will be in Boston, this should be up and running within the next couple of weeks.

If you want to read more about the vaccination programme. Healthwatch England have produced a useful factsheet. This should provide you with much more information about the various vaccines being administered and should provide answers to many of your questions. You can download it [here](#).

More information about getting vaccinated will also be found on your own GP Surgery website or by visiting:

[Latest update on Covid-19 vaccine sites in Lincolnshire - Lincolnshire CCG](#)

[Lincolnshire Resilience Forum | Facebook](#)

If you have any further queries or concerns please contact:

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

The service can be contacted at; Tel: 0300 123 9553

Email: LHNT.LincsPALS@nhs.net

Calls via Text relay are welcome

The service is open 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays).

Alternatively you can contact Healthwatch Lincolnshire on 01205 820892 or email: info@healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk

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Notes to Editor

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