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| **Covid-19 vaccination programmeEast Sussex update30 April 2021** |

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| **Progress to date** |

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| Total Covid vaccinations in Sussex: 1,314,464 |

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| **90% of the most vulnerable have now received their first dose and more than 40% have had their second.** As progress continues to be made across our area to roll out the Covid vaccination, the latest stats show the incredible numbers of people who have now received their vaccine. Of the first nine priority cohorts, 90% have now received their first dose and this continues to go up as more outreach clinics and dedicated sessions take place. In addition, with the focus on second doses, 40% of these groups have also now had their second jab with thousands booked in for their appointment this week. One particular group where there has been a clear focus has been residents in care homes and the programme is on track to have vaccinated 80% of care homes by the end of this week. > [Read more on the progress of the programme](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/) |

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| **In the news: study finds one dose of vaccine halves transmission** |

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| Covid-19 vaccine |

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| A new study has shown that a single dose of a coronavirus vaccine can reduce household transmission of the virus by up to half.Those given a first dose of either the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccines - and who became infected three weeks later - were between 38% and 49% less likely to pass the virus on than unvaccinated people, Public Health England has found.In the study, protection against Covid was seen from about 14 days after vaccination, with similar levels of protection regardless of age of cases or contacts.Read more: [Covid: One dose of vaccine halves transmission - study - BBC News](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-56904993) |

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| **I am now eligible and have gone online to book my appointment but can only see vaccination centres in London, do I have to travel that far?**The National Booking System both online at [nhs.uk/covidvaccine](http://nhs.uk/covidvaccine) or over the phone by calling 119 only shows services with available appointments. If a vaccination centre or service currently does not have any available appointments it will not show up in the list when you log into the system. Currently there are a limited number of first dose appointments available in Sussex in line with vaccine supply. We have been assured that this is a short-term issue and we encourage eligible people who have been invited to receive their vaccination to keep checking the National Booking System for appointments.  This is only in relation to first dose appointments and second dose vaccination deliveries are continuing across Sussex and we encourage everyone to attend your second dose appointments when it is your turn. |

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| **More information** |

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| Much more information about the vaccination programme is available on the NHS website, including details of the [services available in each area](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/covid-19-vaccination-sites/), [latest data](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/jabometer/), [stakeholder briefings](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/stakeholder-briefings/), answers to [frequently asked questions](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/faqs-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/) and links to all the national leaflets and materials.Thank you for your support in helping to keep our local communities updated and informed about this fast-moving and unprecedented vaccination programme.> [Find more information about the Sussex COVID-19 vaccination programme](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/) |

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