



## **The Covid-19 Spring Booster is still available**

**NHS London and Age UK London** are working together to promote the Covid-19 spring booster vaccine for those most at risk including the over 75s, older care home residents and those who are immunosuppressed aged 12 and over. So far over 79% of those eligible have had the spring booster in England according to the latest data from the [UK Health Security](#) and over 4.4m people in total have had the second booster.

The NHS COVID vaccination booster programme began in March 2022 and continues to be available to ensure the most vulnerable Londoners are given the best protection. ONS figures show that infection rates in London are still high including in older groups. This will be the fourth vaccination for many people of eligibility.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation has advised a spring jab should be offered around six months on from their previous dose.

### **Dr Oge Ilozue, GP and Senior Clinical Adviser to the London Covid-19 Vaccination Programme said:**

“Vaccination is our best wall of defence against COVID-19 and the extra top up from a dose of the Spring booster jab is vital for people in certain high-risk groups including those over 75 so I would encourage everyone who is eligible to book their appointment now. Booster jabs are widely available from local pharmacies and vaccination centres while appointments can be booked via the NHS website. We must not forget COVID-19 still is circulating in the community.”

In a recent event jointly run by Age UK London and NHS London aimed at groups supporting older people, and especially encouraging the BAME community, a Q&A session answered all of the questions provided about the spring booster. A recording of the event podcast including all the answers given is [here](#).

### **For further information press information and to set up interviewees please contact**

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Interviews can be arranged with Dr Tony Burch, Trustee for Age UK London and Former GP

**Editor's Notes:**

The NHS is inviting people when they are due for a spring booster vaccination to come forward.

**Eligibility**

Those eligible for the Covid19 spring booster includes:

- People aged 75 and over
- Older care home residents

**Thousands of sites are delivering the Spring Booster Vaccine including:**

- Community pharmacies
- Vaccination centres
- Hospital hubs
- Appointments can be booked on the NHS website
- If you cannot go online then you can book by phoning 119
- Local NHS teams are offering vaccinations in care homes
- Immunosuppressed people can self-declare on the national booking service