

UNPAID CARERS INVITED TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Who is being invited?

Unpaid carers are being invited to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as part of priority group 6.

Anyone that meets one of the following criteria will automatically be invited:

- Is identified as a carer in their GP record.
- Is in receipt of Carer's Allowance.
- Is known to Bury Council following a Carer's Assessment, or
- Is registered with Bury Carers' Hub.

Unpaid carers are being contacted in phases. Please wait to be contacted by the NHS, and then book an appointment as soon as possible.

What about carers not known to local services?

We know there will be many unpaid carers that are not known to local services.

Unpaid carers can request that their GP patient record is updated to note their carer status. This will ensure that eligible people are invited to receive the vaccination at the right time, and that their carer status is recorded for the future. This will have longer term benefits such as being called for the flu vaccination. Carers UK has produced a useful [template letter](#) to help with this.

In relation to the COVID vaccination, what is the definition of an unpaid carer?

Unpaid carers are defined by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) as:

“Those who are eligible for a Carer's Allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID-19 mortality and therefore clinically vulnerable.”

Those clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 include:

- Children with severe neuro-disabilities.
- Clinically Extremely Vulnerable people.
- Adults who have underlying health conditions such as chronic respiratory, heart or neurological disease or immunosuppression. For a full list please refer to [this document](#) (table 3).
- Those who need care because of advanced age.

If you need support, Bury Carers' Hub can help

Not everyone sees themselves as a 'carer'. For many people 'caring' is part of being a partner, a son or daughter, a parent or a friend.

For any adult carer who thinks they might be eligible to receive the vaccine, but doesn't receive Carer's Allowance or have their carer status recorded with local services, and would like a little support to have their carer status noted, Bury Carers' Hub can help.

The Hub provides a single point of access for adult carers who are caring for an adult Bury resident. The Hub provides information, advice and a wide range of specialist support designed to help carers continue in their caring role for as long as they choose to, reducing the impact the caring role can have on their own health and wellbeing.

Get in touch by phone: 0300 303 0207
(calls charged at local rate)

By email: enquiries@burycarershub.org.uk

Or online: [Bury Carers Hub](#)

I'm a young carer, am I eligible to receive the vaccination too?

Young carers aged between 16 and 17 are also eligible to receive the vaccine. Young carers known to local services will be invited and offered a vaccination locally. Any young carer not known to local services but who might be eligible can get support from Bury's Young Carer Service. They can complete a young carer's assessment and support them in their caring role. Referrals to the service can be made online:

[Bury Young Carers webpage.](#)