

Covid-19 Booster vaccinations 21st September 2021

We have now received confirmation that the COVID-19 booster vaccinations are going ahead for priority groups 1-9 per the diagram below. This is those people aged 50+, residents and staff in care homes, health and social care workers and those clinically vulnerable. It is the same cohorts that are eligible for this year's flu vaccination.

As before we need to work through the priority order starting with groups 1 & 2 and will work through the groups. We will contact you to invite you for your vaccination as soon as you become eligible. Please note there must be at least 6 months between your last COVID-19 vaccination and this 3rd booster dose.

We are advised that all patients will be receiving the Pfizer vaccination, regardless of the vaccination they had last time so there will be the requirement to wait on site for 15 minutes after you have been vaccinated.

All Covid-19 vaccination clinics will take place at the Riviera Centre in Torquay as before as this allows us to get through over 1,500 patients per day whilst social distancing. There is also lots of parking on site and adequate clinically trained staff to observe during the waiting period. We will be running clinics Monday to Friday 0830-1715 commencing Monday 27th September. Please do not turn up without having a booked appointment as we will not be able to accept walk-ins during these clinics.

At risk 12-15 year olds

We are running a special session for clinically vulnerable 12-15 year olds on Tuesday 21st September, 1600-1730 and those eligible will be contacted and offered an appointment.

Healthy 12-15 year olds

The programme to vaccinate the healthy 12–15 year olds will be a school-based programme, the same as flus for this cohort. We are unable to vaccinate this cohort at the Riviera Centre and any queries should be directed to the school immunisation team.

