

Hertfordshire Local Resilience Forum Stakeholder Update 6 May 2022

A message from Alex Woodman, Executive Director Community Protection & Chief Fire Officer



Dear colleague,

I'm pleased to highlight this week the very proactive and pragmatic COVID-related messaging from our LRF organisations. Services are working hard to get information to the public that will help us feel safer and more confident as we get on with living with the virus.

In our digital age, there can be concerns that people who aren't connected to online sources of information can miss out on essential news. To make sure that no-one is left behind, leaflets and flyers on a range of subjects are being distributed directly to those who need it most. Find out more below. If you'd like any more information about these resources, or any ideas or networks that would benefit from receiving this sort of information, please email enquiries@healthierfuture.org.uk

COVID vaccination update

Vaccination of primary school aged children – walk-ins this weekend.

Staff at our large vaccination centres are looking forward to welcoming children and their parents to this weekend's walk-in clinics, with child-friendly activities designed to make sure that being vaccinated is a positive experience for everybody. Parents, carers and eligible siblings who attend with their 5-11 year-olds are now welcome to take up the opportunity to have their vaccinations at the same time, if they would like to do so.

Our first walk-in sessions for this age group will take place tomorrow morning (Saturday 7 May) at our area's five large vaccination centres, in Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Stevenage, Harlow and Letchworth Garden City. An additional children's pop-up session in Hatfield, where vaccination uptake is comparatively low, will take place on Sunday 8 May at Queensway Health Centre, between 2pm and 4.30pm.

Find the walk-in sessions available in and around you on our new district-by-district guide at this address: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/covid-19-vaccinations-near-you>

More appointment slots are available via the national booking site, nhs.uk/covidvaccine, or you can ring 119 to book an appointment.

New NHS health flyer hitting Herts households soon

An easy-to-read guide highlighting the best ways to get health support and advice will be delivered across Hertfordshire and west Essex over the next few weeks.

The two-sided leaflet gives residents information about GP services, NHS 111 and local pharmacies. It's designed to ensure that those who are less likely to be online have up to date health information and are encouraged to seek health services when they need them. To maximise the impact of this information campaign, the leaflet will be distributed in postcode areas where residents are more likely to turn to Accident and Emergency services when they have a health need.

Living with COVID information for clinically vulnerable people

The second phase of Hertfordshire County Council's 'Living Safely with COVID' campaign focusses on residents considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable, who may be more cautious about getting out and about now that restrictions have been lifted. An information leaflet has been created to provide advice and reassurance, which is being printed and distributed this week.

14,000 copies of the leaflet will be distributed by Royal Mail, 5,000 will be distributed by partner organisations, including HILS and Communities 1st to the target population, and libraries are being provided with 1,000 more to display along with the other Living with COVID campaign assets.

You are welcome to view and download a copy of the [Living with COVID toolkit](#) for yourself.



Thank you.