

Covid Vaccination Update

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Covid Vaccination Update for Practices Friday 26 February

Timing of second doses

For the Astra Zeneca vaccine, clinical evidence supports giving the second dose ideally at 12 weeks. Second doses should not be given earlier than 8 weeks unless clinically indicated for someone starting immunosuppressive treatment. It is therefore recommended that practices schedule second doses for as close to 12 weeks as possible and ideally within a 10-12 week window. It is recognised that in some exceptional cases due to scheduling constraints in practices it may be necessary to schedule some people from 8 weeks.

Where the 12 week period is missed for any reason (for example a scheduled patient is unable to attend due to self isolation) the second dose should be given as soon as possible and you do not have to restart the course.

(Dr Syed Ahmed, NHS GGC Immunisation Coordinator)

Vaccine Delivery

Thank you very much for all your webropol returns which have been enormously helpful in planning second dose vaccine supply. Vaccine delivery to practices will be based on the number of second doses required as advised in the returns. It is expected that this will be in boxes of 80 doses and volumes will therefore be rounded up to the nearest 80. There will be separate supply of vaccine to housebound teams.

First doses were delivered to practices over a 6 week period in multiple batches; this will be consolidated into fewer deliveries over a shorter period for second doses to support planning – in most cases 2 deliveries per practice with one in March and one in early April. We will confirm delivery dates and volumes as soon as possible so that clinics can be planned.

Where a practice already has some vaccine remaining this will be taken into account in the volumes for the next delivery. In a small number of cases practices have significant remaining supply – this may be required to support first doses where there is an urgent requirement in advance of the second dose programme starting. Practices will be contacted directly about this if relevant, and planned deliveries adjust to ensure second doses are covered.

Once practices have completed their second doses and any “ mop up “ they should link with the housebound teams to ensure remaining vaccine is used and not wasted

Indemnity

Please see attached Scottish Government Circular

Queries

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Email -

An updated version of the 'where to direct queries' list was circulated earlier in the week, and will be re-issued on a regular basis when there is new information. Group 6 patients continue to be invited for vaccination.

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On behalf of the NHSGGC Covid Vaccination Population Delivery Group