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THE VACCINE BUS IS COMING: COUNCIL ANNOUNCES TWO POP-UP COVID VACCINATION SITES

An NHS 'Health on the Move' Covid-19 vaccine bus will be at Asda Lower Earley on Saturday 17, Sunday 18 and Monday 19 July, and Norreys Church on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 July, as the council pushes to get even more residents vaccinated in line with restrictions easing.

Residents can get their first or second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at these sites; with the Asda Lower Earley site open 11am to 4pm on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July, and 1pm to 6pm on Monday 19 July. The bus at Norreys Church will be open 1pm to 6pm on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 July.

120 doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be available each day and given on a first come-first services basis - there is no need to book in advance. Those hoping for a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine must have an eight-week gap since their first and bring their vaccine card with them.

People are encouraged to bring proof of age. Anyone not able to get a jab at these sites can still book their first or second dose of the vaccine through the [NHS website](#).

Cllr Charles Margetts, executive member for health, wellbeing and adult social care, said: "Following the success of our pop-up vaccination clinic at Bulmershe Leisure Centre last month, we're really pleased to be bringing the NHS vaccine bus to the borough this weekend. Especially with restrictions easing from next week.

"Our data tells us that uptake of the vaccine is lower in these areas, so we've worked proactively with the NHS to make it as easy as possible for local people to come and get vaccinated. Everyone in the borough can also continue to book in for their first or second doses of the vaccine at nearby mass vaccination sites through the NHS website."

Please note, there is no parking available at the church; it is asked that visitors are considerate and do not cause any obstructions in the surrounding residential area. The church is based on Norreys Avenue (RG40 1UU).

“As we head into the busier summer months and engage in more social activities, it’s really important that all adults over the age of 18 come forward for the vaccine,” said Cllr Margetts. “Doing so ensures you have maximum protection against this nasty virus; helping to slow the spread and keep everyone safe. Let’s all continue to play our part and enjoy the summer safely.”

Residents are encouraged to keep up with their [twice-weekly lateral flow tests](#) to check they aren’t infected and spreading the virus unknowingly; as well as getting a [PCR test](#) if they develop any symptoms.

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Further information:

1. More from Cllr Charles Margetts on Charles.Margetts@wokingham.gov.uk