

Media Release

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Almost 9,000 people received booster or primary vaccine doses last week, as islanders embraced efforts to accelerate the booster programme.

A total of 7,652 people attended the Community Vaccination Centre in the last seven days, with a further 1,277 attending three GP practices for their booster on Saturday as part of a successful joint initiative between Primary Care and the States of Guernsey. This is almost 3,000 more doses than our previous busiest week.

The joint initiative resulted in Saturday being the busiest day, with 2,691 people receiving their jab in total across the CVC and three GP practices.

Deputy Tina Bury, Vice-President of the Committee for Health & Social Care, which is responsible for the vaccine programme, said:

‘These are incredible numbers and show the strength of the community’s response to our efforts to accelerate the booster programme. We are trying to give as many people as possible the opportunity to receive their booster dose by the end of the year, with the vast majority of people having the opportunity by mid-January. We are running a combination of walk-ins and appointments until the 23rd December and will then move to solely walk-ins, which have proved very popular as these significant numbers demonstrate.

‘In conjunction with the booster programme, we are also continuing to run our evergreen programme for anyone who for whatever reason decided against receiving the vaccine but has now decided they want to have it. Should you fall into this category, please be aware you can attend any walk-in clinic. If you are unsure, medical professionals are also on hand to offer advice and discuss any concerns with you before you make your decision.’