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Opportunity for 5 to 11-year-olds to have first dose COVID-19 vaccine ends on 3 September as focus turns to autumn boosters

Bailiwick children aged 5 to 11 years have until Saturday 3 September to have a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Second doses for this age group will also only be widely available until this date, although limited availability to have a second dose will continue until Saturday 26 November.

The 5 to 11 years COVID-19 vaccination programme has been delivered on a short-term basis in accordance with the guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JVCI). Some 433 doses have been administered to this age group to date.

There are approximately 60 children that have just had a first dose who are now eligible for their second, and they are being encouraged to come forward for this by Saturday 3 September. Vaccinations for 5 to 11s will be available at Lukis House on Saturday 27 August and Saturday 3 September. Parents and guardians of children wishing a vaccine should book an appointment by calling the Vaccination Contact Centre on 01481 220001.

The Autumn COVID-19 Booster Programme gets underway on Monday 5 September at Raymond Falla House in Burnt Lane, the new location for the Community Vaccination Centre. Second dose for 5 to 11s will still be available every other Saturday afternoon at Raymond Falla House until Saturday 26 November.

Following the latest guidance from the JVICI, the Committee *for* Health & Social Care has agreed that the following Bailiwick residents will be offered a COVID-19 booster this autumn:

- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Those aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group, including pregnant women
- Those aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Those aged 16 to 49 who are carers
- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Front line health and social care workers

Letters will be sent to those who are eligible for a COVID-19 booster inviting them to make an appointment to attend the CVC at Raymond Falla House or at their normal doctor's surgery. All appointments, whether for Primary Care clinics or the CVC, will be made through the States' Vaccination Call Centre. Details will be included on the invitation letter.

Islanders are reminded that they cannot have a booster until 28 days have passed since a positive LFT. Those aged 12 to 17 will need to wait 12 weeks.