

## **Access to COVID-19 Vaccine for Adults who are Shielding and their main Adult Carers**

NHS records indicate that due to your health condition, you have been advised to shield at home to keep yourself safe. As such you have been prioritised for vaccination.

Your GP practices will be contacting you soon to attend for your vaccination, if they have not already done so.

Your main unpaid carers (if they are aged between 16 and 69 years of age) might also be eligible for a vaccination. Anyone who is 70 or over should already have been invited in for a vaccination. By 'unpaid carer' we mean family members and friends who regularly support you due to your disability, where you need this support and would struggle without them. **Please share this email with your unpaid carers.**

Your unpaid carer will need to register for the vaccine by contacting Carers Count on 0300 012 0231 on Monday to Friday, 9:30am-2:30pm, or by email at: [vaccinations@CarersCount.org.uk](mailto:vaccinations@CarersCount.org.uk)

They will then pass the information on to the Vaccination Programme team, and your carer will then receive a letter, text or an email inviting them to book an appointment via the National Booking System.

Please note if your main unpaid carers are over 18 and receive Carers Allowance or the Carer component of Universal Credit they will receive a letter directly from the NHS national programme and will be able to book a vaccine using the National Booking System [link](#). If they are registered as a Carer with their GP they will receive an invitation for a vaccination from their GP. Otherwise they should register with Carers Count using the details above.

Best wishes

The Kirklees Vaccination Team