



**Healthy London
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Webinar: Living with COVID: keeping staff and residents safe in homelessness settings

London Homeless Health Partnership

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Adapting to living with COVID – agenda

Agenda:

Clinical update and reminder about protecting high-risk groups

LCRC guidance on COVID infection prevention and control in homelessness settings

Vaccination uptake update

Local borough snapshot

Provider perspective – practical advice/steps beings taken

Q&A

Housekeeping:

- This session will be recorded and available to watch back via the HLP COVID-19 resources page
- Attendees are in listen-only mode and can submit questions through the meeting chat box

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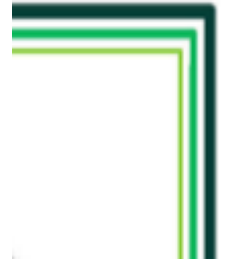
Living **Safely** with Covid-19



Local system working



End to free testing in homeless settings...

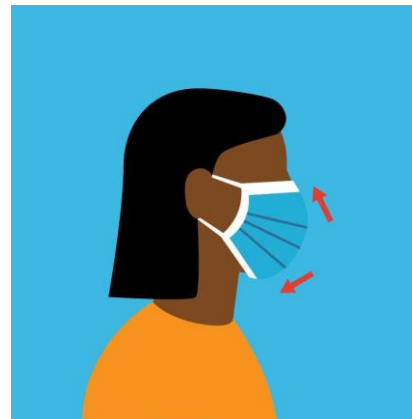


Self-Contained Accommodation

Vaccination - Keeping this on the agenda



Staff testing, or support to be on sick leave



Accommodation for symptomatic people sleeping rough

Cohorting

Outreach

Inclusion Health: COVID Vaccination Programme in London

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Sarah Kaddour- StR in Dental Public Health

James Martin – Consultant, NEL CSU

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Why is it important to vaccinate health inclusion groups?

- High underlying clinical vulnerability levels in this group mean high risk of hospitalisation and death
- High risk of outbreaks in shared accommodation settings
- New variants

**Vaccines continue to remain our best line of defence:
vaccines are highly effective**

- We continue to provide doses 1, 2 and the booster
- The spring booster (dose 4) COVID vaccination: older people and those with a weakened immune system.

Cumulative vaccinations in London

(12th April 2022)

	Total number Cumulative reported across London ICSs	In week doses	Uptake	
			Local intelligence	Nationally calculated denominator
First dose	10,372	+86	68%	66%
Second dose	7,009	+76	46%	45%
Booster dose Uptake as a % of 2nd dose	2,138	+63	31%	

Source: London ICS SitRep return

This data has caveats and should not be shared widely - only with permission from NHSE/I.

What is working well? (Groundswell report)

Communication

- Clear, appropriate, and accessible information about vaccines
- Highlight that vaccines **are free** and people have a right to access them
- Building trusted relationships to support making an informed decision

Flexible models of delivery

- Access to vaccinations is flexible and timely
- Outreach or in-reach models- Role of peer workers and staff who may be in a trusted position to offer support and information
- Holistic offer through a pop-up or health event
- Opportunistic vaccinations

Tips to promote vaccination uptake?

Coordinated response

- Co-ordinated work with partners: Public health, rough sleeping and housing leads, volunteers, ICS
- Motivation: not static and may change over time and therefore it is important that we offer doses 1, 2 and the booster vaccines
- Ideally offering a health event that includes wider health promotion and checks, the offer of vaccination, foodand a bit of fun!
- Fast pass: people have been given a fast pass to track people quickly at vaccination sites so they are prioritised
- Please check the NHS England website to locate vaccination sites in London

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/our-work/covid-19-vaccination-programme-2/covid-19-vaccine-sites-in-london/>

How can you support the vaccination programme?



- ✓ **Prioritisation** of health inclusion groups for COVID vaccinations
 - ✓ buy-in of service teams appears linked to higher uptake. Staff are encouraged to get vaccinated.
- ✓ **Partnership** working with public health, LA, CCG, voluntary sector
 - ✓ working with your vaccination borough lead to jointly plan and actively monitor offers and uptake
- ✓ **Provision**
 - ✓ support data collection and vaccination which can be recorded on CHAIN
 - ✓ support the planning of a vaccination 'outreach' or 'drop in' with providers, and work in advance to encourage vaccination. Use peer support where possible
 - ✓ outreach teams/staff have a key role **identifying, encouraging and escorting individuals to 'drop in'/walk-in sites**

Everybody has the opportunity to get vaccinated and no-one should be left behind

- **Groundswell** - have produced resources including leaflets and a video:

<https://groundswell.org.uk/the-covid-19-vaccine/>

To order resources: email ozgur.gencalp@groundswell.org.uk or becky.evans@groundswell.org.uk

- **Doctors of the World**

Resources available in 31 languages

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-vaccine-information/>

- **NHS England/Improvement**

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/our-work/covid-19-vaccine-communication-materials/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

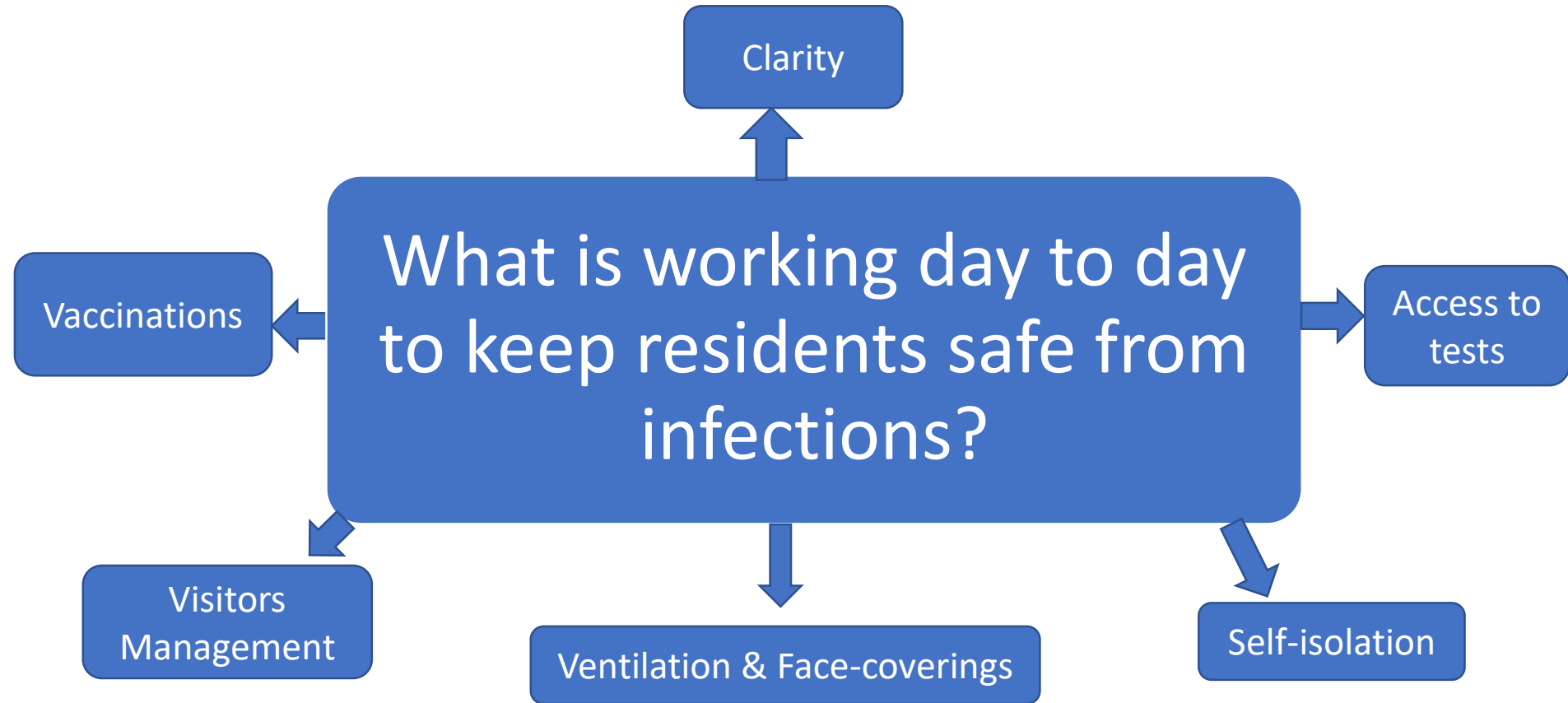
- **Healthy London Partnership**

<https://www.healthylondon.org/our-work/homeless-health/covid-vaccination-toolkit-for-homeless-health/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

Provider Perspective: Operational Guidance

Kathleen Dolby – Service Development Manager, North Region

Practical Measures



Advice for encouraging self-isolation for confirmed positive cases

- Relationships & staff support
- Access to guidance
- Increased contact
- Food & entertainment provision
- Additional cleaning support & access to PPE
- Flexible partnership working

Any further questions?

Please drop me an email:
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Further information

Guidance can be found on HLP's COVID-19 response page:

<https://www.healthy london.org/our-work/homeless-health/covid-19-resources/>

COVID-19 vaccination toolkit:

<https://www.healthy london.org/our-work/homeless-health/covid-vaccination-toolkit-for-homeless-health/>