

# **Central Mersey Local Optical Committee**

## Vaccine information for optical staff

The LOC has identified 4 potential sites for Optometrists, Dispensing Opticians, CLOs, and their staff members to receive COVID vaccines.

St Helens Totally Wicked stadium

### **Vaccine used: Astra/Zenica**

Dear Colleague,

Please see below an invitation to book your COVID-19 vaccination at Totally Wicked Stadium, St Helens in the next few weeks. As a frontline worker, you are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 at work.

Getting your COVID-19 vaccination as soon as you can, should protect you and may help protect your family and those you care for. Like all other medicines and devices, the COVID-19 vaccination has been granted regulatory MHRA approval to ensure it is safe and effective.

The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19 infection, and two doses will reduce your chance of becoming seriously ill. However, you will need to continue to follow the guidance in your workplace, including wearing the correct personal protection equipment and taking part in any screening programmes.

With high rates of COVID-19, it is more important than ever to help stop the spread of coronavirus, to avoid pressure on the NHS and to keep our workforce healthy.

Booking your vaccination appointment:

The COVID Vaccination Hub is in the Totally Wicked Stadium, McManus Drive, Peasley Cross Lane, St Helens. WA9 3AL

Please click on this link to book your appointment via this link <https://sthelensknowsleyhospital.nhsbookings.com/v2/#>

You will receive an email confirmation with a QR code which you must present at your vaccination appointment. The QR code can be printed off or displayed on your smart phone and will be scanned as you arrive at The Vaccination Hub.

You will receive follow-up advice and information during your appointment, and you will be booked in for your 2nd vaccination prior to leaving. Due to the number of staff requiring a vaccination, it is important that you arrive on time for your appointment. It would also be helpful if you could have your NHS Number available when you attend for your vaccination.

Kind regards,

STHK Vaccination Team

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## Warrington Hospital

### **Vaccine used:**

We have had confirmation that practices in Halton and Warrington can access vaccination slots at Warrington hospital. Please complete the following online form for all members of staff:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bGui-muevkOS9wYIF1X6NuPONHlpo1Nv1YjUOwx2lpUMeg0U1ZTOUxCTVNQUE43MTICMVIZMEdHVy4u>

Primary Eye Care will collate the information for us and send it on to arrange your appointments. This form will also ask for the LOC to retain some contact details to expand and update our LOC database, so we can continue to reach all our colleagues with our communications. The form will not request this from support staff, and you can decline to provide this, if so wished. Please be assured that all other data collected will be deleted once the process is complete and the LOC complies fully with GDPR.

## Broadgreen Hospital

### **Vaccine used: Pfizer**

I have had confirmation from the vaccination team there that this facility is available for optical professional and support staff and appointments can be booked via the following link:

<https://liverpoolheartchest.nhsbookings.com/v2/>

The link is active now and once a slot is booked, a ticket is sent to the email address provided, along with further instructions, including a consent form to download and fill in. Staff will need to take along their completed consent form and photo ID to the appointment.

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Aintree NHS Hospitals Trust

**Vaccine used: Pfizer**

Dear Colleague,

You are invited to book your vaccination at Aintree University Hospital, Clinical Sciences Centre, Longmoor Lane, Fazakerley, Liverpool, L9 7AL.

Please click on this link to book your appointment <https://aintreeuniversityhospital.nhsbookings.com/v2/>

Please note that the booking system does not currently recognise non-English NHS numbers. Therefore, if you have a Welsh, Scottish or Irish NHS number or you do not have an NHS number, please let me know and I will arrange for the Vaccination Hub to contact you direct to arrange your appointment.

You will receive an email confirmation with a QR code which you must present at your vaccination appointment. The QR code can be printed off or displayed on your smart phone and will be scanned as you arrive at The Vaccination Hub; **It would also be helpful if you could have your NHS Number available when you attend for your vaccination.**

You will receive follow-up advice and information during your appointment, and you will be booked in for your 2nd vaccination prior to leaving. Due to the number of healthcare staff requiring a vaccination, it is important that you arrive on time for your appointment.

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## Further vaccine information

Please seek medical advice from your GP before you book your appointment if you have known allergies or previous anaphylaxis problems, are pregnant or think you may be pregnant and/or have any general concerns about having the vaccine.

Please do not book your appointment if you have tested positive for COVID in the last 4 weeks.

Please do not pass this information on to anyone else, we are working hard to vaccinate everyone as soon as possible, and each staff member will be contacted for an appointment individually. Anyone who does not meet the vaccination hub's access criteria will be turned away at the door.

You can find out why vaccination is safe and important

here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/why-vaccination-is-safe-and-important/>

**NB: Everyone applying for vaccination will ideally need to provide their NHS number, which can be found on a GP Repeat Prescription list or an NHS letter. Once you have located it, I would strongly advise keeping a note of it on your phone for future reference. More information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/what-is-an-nhs-number/>**

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LOC Chairman

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