

COVID-19 Spring 2025 Vaccination Surveillance in Northern Ireland

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Data were correct at 04 May 2025.

1 Summary

- A total of 32,460 COVID-19 Spring 2025 vaccinations have been administered between 07 April 2025 to 04 May 2025.
- COVID-19 vaccination uptake is highest in care home residents (23.5%) and those aged 75 years and over (19%).

2 COVID-19 Spring 2025 Vaccination Campaign

The COVID-19 Spring 2025 vaccination campaign commenced in Northern Ireland on 07 April 2025 and will continue until 30 June 2025. The campaign is delivered by a number of providers including GP, community pharmacy and Health and Social Care Trusts. The total number of vaccinations administered to 04 May 2025 is 32,460. Vaccine uptake in Spring 2025 is highest in care home residents (23.5%) and those

aged 75 years and over (19%) (Figure [2.1](#)).

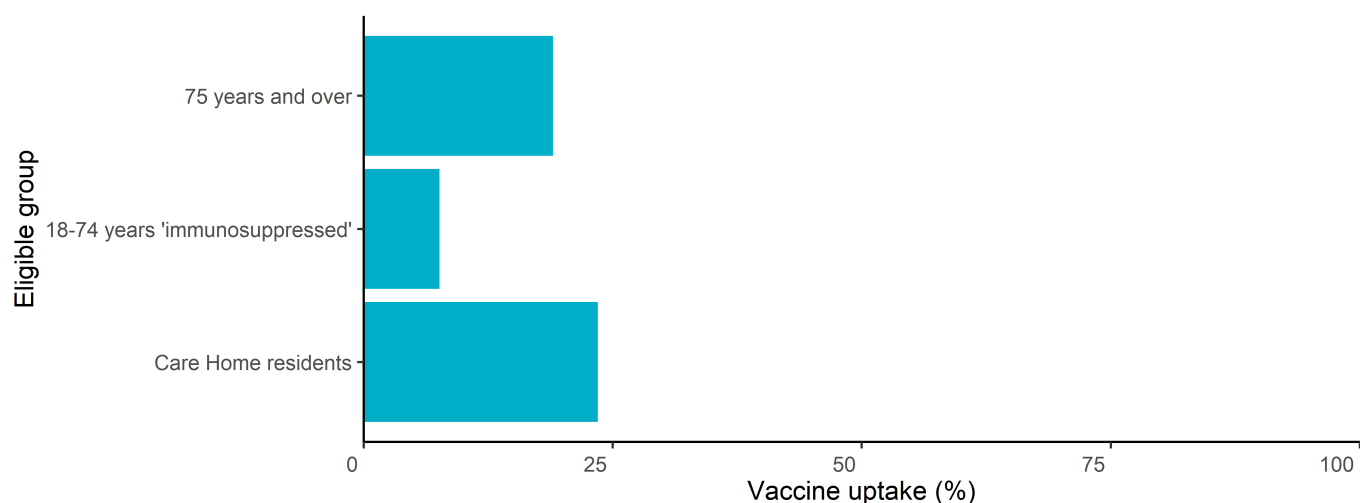


Figure 2.1: Cumulative COVID-19 Spring 2025 vaccination uptake by eligible group in Northern Ireland.

3 Eligibility for vaccinations

The Green Book is published by UK Health Security Agency and provides information for public health professionals on immunisation, including COVID-19 vaccination ([The Green Book | Immunisation against infectious disease](#)). Considering this advice and that of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the Chief Medical Officer in Northern Ireland issues a letter for the COVID-19 Spring campaign outlining who is eligible for vaccination under the current programme. For more information on the vaccination programmes in Northern Ireland, including eligibility for vaccination, please visit [Health NI | Spring 2025 Booster Vaccination Campaign](#).

4 Methods

Data is presented to the end of the last reporting week for COVID-19 Spring 2025 vaccinations, Sunday 04 May 2025.

All vaccinations are recorded on the Northern Ireland Vaccine Management System (VMS).

Data is provisional and accurate at the time of extraction. Data lags exist between data of administration of the vaccine and date of recording on VMS or CHS. Eligible groups are not mutually exclusive and individuals may be counted in more than one group. Individuals may have more than one eligibility criteria for vaccination, however most will only have one reason for vaccination recorded on VMS. This will impact estimates of vaccine uptake.

4.1 Definitions and data sources

Vaccine uptake (%) is defined as the number of vaccinations administered (numerator) divided by the eligible population (denominator). Vaccine uptake is included in this report for those eligible groups in which a denominator is available.

COVID-19 Spring 2025 vaccination is defined as any vaccination recorded on the Northern Ireland Vaccine Management System (VMS) administered from 01 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

4.1.1 Adult vaccinations by age group

Age for adult vaccinations is based on age at end of programme, 30 June 2025. The age group based population is based on the NISRA mid-year estimate (2021).

4.1.2 Immunosuppressed individuals

Individuals who are 'immunosuppressed' are determined using the reason for vaccination 'immunosuppressed', as populated on the VMS. The population who are 'immunosuppressed' is determined using data from the national General Practice Intelligence Programme (GPIP) extracted at the beginning of the Autumn/Winter 2024/25 programme. Vaccine uptake for the adult 'immunosuppressed' population is estimated in this report.

4.1.3 Care home

Care home residents are those recorded as a care home resident with a valid RQIA care home registration number on VMS. The care home resident population is based on the beds occupied reported in the Northern Ireland RQIA Census of Bed

5 Supplementary tables

Table 1: Number of COVID-19 Spring 2025 vaccinations and cumulative vaccination uptake by eligible group in Northern Ireland.

Eligible group	Number vaccinated	Population
75 years and over	28,779	151,548
18-74 years 'immunosuppressed'	2,871	37,658
Care Home residents	3,174	13,490

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