

Health Secretary's statement on COVID-19

Today (20 October), the Health Secretary, Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, gave a statement on COVID-19 and provided an update on the vaccination programme and the work of the government's antivirals taskforce securing two new COVID-19 treatments

In his statement, he confirmed that the national booking service will be opened up to younger teenagers to book their COVID-19 vaccinations outside of school.

He reminded people to take up the offer if they are offered a booster COVID-19 vaccine.

He also highlighted the importance of ventilation, wearing masks in crowded indoor spaces and hand washing.