

Vaccination Transport

“I don’t have my own transport as I am unable to use ordinary public transport due to my disability (temporary or permanent) or health restrictions. How can I get to the venue that will give me my vaccination?”*

Who can help	What help is available
<p>Family and friends – Covid19 precautions in place</p>	<p>Parking will be available on site at most venues or have a drop off point.</p>
<p>You can also contact any of the below organisations to see if they are able to assist, with most having a charge or donation request in place.</p> <p>(Have to hand the date, time, venue and location of your vaccination appointment, before calling.)</p>	
<p><u>Bedfordshire Good Neighbour & Village Care Scheme Network - Central Beds. (GNS)</u> </p>	<p>Look for the voluntary group in your town or village from the list and call to ask if they have drivers available. You will need to pay for the journeys to the centres as volunteers are paid their mileage expenses. You can ask what the cost will be when you call.</p>
<p><u>Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) Community Transport team</u></p>	<p>See their website to find out which areas they cover as this service does not cover those in the south of the county. You don’t need to sign up as a ‘Member’ (currently shown on their website) for vaccination journeys but a donation is requested to the BRCC Transport Team, to support their work.</p> <p>Require minimum of 2 days' notice. No mobility scooters but do take walkers and wheelchairs.</p> <p>They have extended their operating periods AND will take to Milton Keynes, Luton & Dunstable, and Stevenage.</p>

	<p>All vehicles have been made as Covid-secure as possible. Socially distant seating, screens to separate the clients from drivers, masks, hand sanitiser, disposable seat covers, regular cleaning regime that includes both daily of grab rails, headrests, etc and occasional anti-bacterial spraying by an outside organisation.</p> <p>To book or if you have any questions, contact Parvin or Naomi on the bookings line on: 01234 834933, 9am-4pm Mondays-Fridays, or email communitytransport@bedsrcc.org.uk</p>
<p><u>South Beds Dial-a-Ride</u></p>	<p>South Beds Dial-a-Ride have lottery funding to provide FREE transport to Dunstable and Toddington vaccination centres.</p> <p>Their minibuses all have clear screens protecting passengers from the driver and vice versa, employ reduced capacity enabling proper social distancing, and are cleaned at least daily.</p> <p>All minibuses have a tail lift for wheelchair users, and are accessible to all, with drivers enhanced DBS checked and fully trained.</p> <p>Call 01582 235454 for help and more information, weekdays 08:00-16:00 (subject to availability).</p>

Live in Leighton Buzzard area? These services will drop and collect passengers from the front entrance of the rugby club.

Buzzer Buses (Dial-a-ride)

Covering Leighton Buzzard, Linslade and surrounding villages.

The transport operates Monday to Friday from 9am until 5pm.

You should book at least 24 hours ahead so that they can have the correct number of drivers working. (Must book Friday for Monday appointment).

The £10 membership fee will not apply for these one-off journeys. (People travelling will be made temporary members FOC to comply with licensing requirements.)

Leighton Buzzard Voluntary Patient Transport (LBVPT)

They ask users of the service to give their driver a donation towards the cost of the journey.

Their service covers the main hospitals in the local area (Luton and Dunstable, Milton Keynes, Stoke Mandeville, Bedford, High Wycombe and Amersham) as well as other locations where outpatient clinics are held.

**** There will be mobility aids - wheelchairs at the centres but you are recommended to take your own if you are able to do so.***

I'm able bodied but don't have access to transport. What should I do?

You can use any of the following means of transport. You will need to pay for the journeys to the centres if using public transport, if applicable, or local taxis.

<p>Family and friends – Covid19 precautions in place</p>	
<p>Public transport</p>	
<p>Live in Leighton Buzzard area?</p>	
<p><u>Arriva Buses</u></p>	<p>Arriva Buses will ensure that the No.32 bus will drop and collect passengers from the front entrance of the rugby club.</p>
<p>Taxis/ mini cabs</p>	<p>See the list of <u>licensed private hire operators in Central Bedfordshire</u>. If you don't usually use taxis/ mini cabs, check <u>Central Bedfordshire Council's Passenger Information</u> for guidance on what to look for.</p>
<p><u>Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) Community Transport team</u></p>	<p>See their website to find out which areas they cover as this service <u>does not</u> cover those in the south of the county.</p> <p>You don't need to have limited mobility to use the service, in this instance only.</p> <p>See the same organisation details above for further details.</p>

Uber

Uber has pledged to offer free taxi rides to or from all Covid vaccine hubs. The firm will cover up to £15 of passengers' trips to help the most vulnerable receive their covid jabs. Those wishing to use an Uber taxi will need to enter the correct promotion code for the mass-vaccination hub they are travelling to in the app, ahead of booking their journey.

Trips must start or end at one of the seven vaccine centres, the nearest mass vaccination centre to Central Bedfordshire is Stevenage.

Passengers heading to get their jab will be able to claim their free trip until February 28, 2021. Subject to availability. If you don't currently have an Uber account, you can sign up to Uber [here](#).

Did you know the CCG have a vaccination website with [FAQs online](#) about any queries you might have?