**Travelling to the Rutland Vaccination Centre & Guidance for Volunteer Drivers**

The best way to travel to the vaccination centre is by private car.

If you have a vaccination appointment, you can park for free in the car park outside the Council offices during your appointment.

If do not have access to private transport there are a number of travel options, including the Voluntary Action Rutland Car Scheme, the details for these can be found on our [website](https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/health-and-family/health-and-nhs/health-and-support-services/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations/#:~:text=Travelling%20to%20the%20Rutland%20vaccination,Council%20offices%20during%20your%20appointment)

When volunteering to drive friends and neighbours etc. to the vaccination centre there are a number of factors to consider and our NHS colleagues have recommended reading the information provided on their NHS Volunteer Responders website – [‘Patient Transport Volunteer’](https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/print-guide---patient-transport-volunteer---16)

There are a number of key points to note and further guidance links;

* **Data protection & confidentiality** - Keep any data secure (e.g. patient name and address) and treat other people’s information in the same way you would want yours to be treated
* **Safeguarding** - Many of the roles that volunteers will carry out in their local communities do not raise safeguarding issues and do not need a DBS check - in agreeing with a local resident to transport them to the vaccination centre this is an arrangement of two consenting adults. If you're concerned about the safety and welfare of an adult in Rutland you should contact our Adult Social Care, Prevention and Safeguarding Team straight away by calling 01572 758 341 or you can complete an online [form](https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/health-and-family/adult-social-care/report-a-concern-for-an-adult/)
* **Safety when travelling in the car** – The most up to date guidance on safety when travelling in the car can be found on the following government [website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#private-cars-and-other-vehicles)
* **Lockdown rules** - during lockdown volunteers are allowed to transport patients
* **Vehicle Insurance** - At the start of the Covid19 Pandemic the advice changed in response to need and the Association of British insurers advised as follows: *NHS Volunteer Responders and others who are volunteering to help their communities during the coronavirus outbreak****do not need****to contact their insurer to update their documents or extend their cover.*