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Dear Imam XXX

As-salamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh

**COVID-19 vaccination – thanks for all of your help raising awareness about vaccination**

With Eid al Fitr a very recent and happy memory, we write to thank you and the mosques across XXXX for helping to protect our communities from coronavirus. Through sharing information about vaccination from trusted sources, signposting people to their nearest vaccination centre or hosting vaccination clinics, the leadership of our collective Muslim communities continues to make a huge difference in helping to save lives through vaccination – we could not have got this far without you.

Unfortunately, while restrictions put in place during the pandemic have been lifted, COVID-19 is still circulating and putting people at risk of serious illness. Furthermore, it is now time to boost the immunity of our most vulnerable. In March, the NHS invited people aged 75 and over, those aged 12 and over who are immunosuppressed, and residents of older adult care homes, to get their COVID-19 Spring Booster. Immunity wanes over time and this second booster will help to increase people’s own immunity to the virus.

This is particularly important this month. Those who still need their Spring Boosters are being strongly encouraged to book an appointment by 30 June to give maximum protection ahead of winter when viruses circulate most.

Across XXXX, the uptake of the Spring Booster among some of our communities of Pakistani and Bangladeshi heritage is below average. We know some of those observing the holy month of Ramadan chose to wait until the month of fasting had concluded before taking their booster. We know you are doing great work to protect our communities, reminding people that vaccination is safe and effective, and that the NHS will welcome them for their vaccination whether it is their first, second, or booster dose. This is helping to save lives every day and it is important that we keep it up as we try to get as many people vaccinated as possible in June. People can book at [www.nhs.uk/COVIDVaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/COVIDVaccination).

You can download information guides on the Spring Booster in [English](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterforpeopleover75leaflet) ([www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterforpeopleover75leaflet](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterforpeopleover75leaflet)), [Urdu](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterguideforover75surdu) ([www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterguideforover75surdu](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterguideforover75surdu)) and [Bengali](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterguideforover75sbengali) ([www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterguideforover75sbengali](http://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Scovid19springboosterguideforover75sbengali))

Additional translations are also available as well as other formats including braille and an audio version. Visit [the spring booster resources at Health Publications for full details](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-spring-booster-resources). (<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ArticleSearch.html?sp=Sreset&keyword=spring+booster>)

If you or members of your congregation have further ideas about what more would help to make people aware of the opportunity to get their vaccine, please do get in touch with us. Working together, we can continue to help members of our community to protect themselves and each other from this virus.

 Kind regards,

Wa alaykumus salam wa rahmatullah

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